

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
20th FEBRUARY 2024 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Colin Ashby, Cllr Kathy Palmer
and Jenny Clemo
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Justine Atterbury
There were 3 members of the public present.

24/15. Apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were subsequently given by District Councillor Simon Morgan.

24/16. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 16th January 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24/17. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

24/18. County and District Councillor's report

There were no reports received.

24/19. Public Question Time

There were concerns raised on the following application - **23/00838/FUL** - S73A application for the change of use of one acre of the land for exclusive use for the purpose of commercial dog training. *Land South West Of Stammers Farm Ulting Lane Ulting Essex.* Residents raised concerns about the ongoing and sustained noise from the dog whistles and firecrackers which had taken place over the past two years and the negative impact on change of use in the conservation area.

24/20. Matters for information from previous meetings

23/120. Replacement Noticeboard for Langford & Ulting Village Hall

It was noted that the replacement noticeboard had now been installed. Councillors thanked the Langford and Ulting Village Hall Committee who had donated £1900.

23/114. Public Question Time Hoe Mill

It was noted the request for the extension of the double yellow lines to the South East Parking Partnership was in draft and residents' signatures of support were being sought.

22/131. Ulting Village Sign.

It was noted that a suitable post for the sign had been sourced from the resident at Hoe Mill Lock and arrangements were being made.

23/204. Current banking arrangements.

It was noted the Clerk had taken the signed papers and her personal identification to the Chelmsford Barclays Branch. These were sent off to the relevant team by Chelmsford Barclays. An e-mail had been received from Barclays following this confirming the receipt of the application but requesting the Clerk takes in her personal identification. The Clerk is unable to speak to Barclays as she is not authorised. She is still unable to access the accounts.

24/11. Repairs to Langford Churchyard Fences –

It was noted the successful supplier had been informed and the fence was being manufactured.

24/12. Ulting Churchyard Tree Work –

It was noted the successful contractor had been informed. It was noted that any delay to the permission on the monolith tree will mean that nesting insects will be active again and the work will be further delayed. The work on the second ash tree had been scheduled for March. It was hoped that the TPO consultation would be considered by the Northwest Area Planning Committee on the

6th March.

24/21. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

23/00871/FUL/MAL - Proposed alteration of existing access and construction of grasscrete track including bridge and eel screen equipment at the existing River Blackwater intake.

Land North Of Langford Bridge Maldon Road Langford Essex

There were no objections.

23/00838/FUL - S73A application for the change of use of one acre of the land for exclusive use for the purpose of commercial dog training.

Land South West Of Stammers Farm Ulting Lane Ulting Essex

It was agreed to recommend the refusal of planning permission, for the reasons listed below:

Access to the site is poor from a single track country road. Visibility to and from the site is poor.

Unless parked within the boundary of the field parking would impact on the road creating a potential hazard. It is felt the change of use would have a negative impact on the flora and fauna of the conservation area. The noise from the whistles and firecrackers used in gundog training have previously been reported as an issue by local residents and training 7 days per week would give no respite from the noise. The penned off area which this application refers to is frequently flooded and inaccessible. There have been reports of increased dog waste bags being left along the road from the site and there are concerns that this will increase if permission were granted.

24/00034/FUL - Proposed installation of new window with security shutters to main entrance elevation

Langford And Ulting Village Hall Maldon Road Langford Maldon

There were no objections and the parish council fully supported the application.

24/00078/FUL and **24/00079/LBC** – Work to stable

Stables Langford Hall Witham Road Langford

There were no objections.

24/00002/FUL - Part garage and car port conversion to annex used recreationally by the main dwelling

5 John Thresh Way Langford Maldon Essex

There were no objections.

24/00063/LDE - Claim for lawful development certificate to confirm that development commenced not later than 3 years from the date of the decision, in accordance with Condition 1 of planning permission reference 19/00253/FUL

Oak Trees Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon (Application subsequently withdrawn)

The parish council raised no objection but wished to make the following comment: The parish council did not support this application when it was originally submitted. The view of the parish council had not changed.

b) Planning decisions received:

23/01147/LBC and **23/01147/LBC** - Single storey side/ rear extension and alterations to fenestration. Internal alterations. Repair to roof. Repair to brickwork and render. New vehicular access with driveway.

The Homestead Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS APPROVED

23/01037/FUL - First floor rear and side extension to existing garage with dormers in roofspace

Mill Cottage Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS REFUSED

23/00957/LDE - Claim for lawful development certificate to confirm that development commenced not later than 3 years from the date of the decision, in accordance with Condition 1 of planning permission reference 19/00253/FUL

24/22. Correspondence

- a). The King's portrait scheme for Parish Councils – It was agreed to take up the Government offer of a portrait of the King for the Langford and Ulting Village Hall.
- b). Essex Minerals Local Plan Review – It was noted that there were no sites proposed for Langford or Ulting.
- c). University of Essex Annual Meeting and Summer Reception 2024 – 27th June 2024 – was noted.
- d). Outpatient Health Services in Maldon consultation. It was agreed that councillors should respond individually to the consultation.
- e). Rural England Prosperity Fund – was noted.

24/23. Finance

- a) Authorisation of payments to:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| MDC | £122.25 | £24.45 | £146.70 | Grounds maintenance Oct – December 2023 |
| Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance | £185.00 | | £185.00 | Spring 2024 Newsletter |
| MDC | £20.27 | £4.05 | £24.32 | Community Engagement Team |

- b) Confirmation of direct debit payments to:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
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| A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd | £17.12 | £3.42 | £20.54 | Streetlight maintenance (January 2024) |
| SSE | | | | Streetlight electricity (December 2023) |
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It was noted the invoice for December from SSE was late in arriving and would be reviewed at the March parish council meeting.

- c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of January 2024.
- d) Income and Expenditure –The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 31st December 2023 was noted.

24/24. Grass cutting Ulting Church – The quote for the continuation of Ulting Church grass cutting from Maldon District Council was agreed.

24/25. Streetlights – The quotation from SSE for the continuing supply of electricity to the Langford streetlights was agreed.

24/26. Accidental damage to gravestone Ulting Church – The Accidental damage to gravestone Ulting Church by Maldon District Council was considered. It was agreed to request that MDC consulted with a stone mason and implemented a solution to repair the damage.

24/27. Chelmer Valley Landscape Group – The update was noted. It was agreed that although the parish council supported the work of the group, in future they would like to be consulted in matters directly involving the parish.

24/28. **Parish Litter Pick** – It was agreed that the next parish litter pick would be scheduled for 16th March 2024, meeting at the Village Hall.

24.29. **Self-watering Planters** – It was agreed not to purchase any self watering planters.

24/30. **Resignation of the Clerk** – The resignation of the Clerk was accepted. It was agreed that the post would be advertised immediately and dates for interview were set. The Clerk agreed to remain in post until the end of April to allow time to appoint her replacement.

24/31. **Items from the councillors** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)
There were no additional items for the next agenda.

24/32. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: