

LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was preceded by an informal discussion with representatives from CML, Countryside Properties and GLHearn in relation to a proposal for development at Oval Park.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2014 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Andrew Tween, Irene Allen, Vicky Anfilogoff and Richard Perry
In the Chair: Councillor Andrew Tween
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: 3 members of the public and District Councillor Mark Durham

14/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr. Palmer and District Cllr. Bass.

14/02. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 3rd December 2013 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

14/03. Declarations of Interest

No interests declared.

14/04. Matters for information from previous meetings

13/121. Ditch along front of Essex Water Company land – Clerk to confirm that email sent to Priti Patel in December had been received.

13/136. Solar Farm visit – It was noted that Lightsource Renewables intend to re-apply. Cllr. Durham had visited the Wilburton Solar Farm and reported that the visual impact there is fairly limited and noise from cooling fans is minimal. Approval for solar farms in Maldon District Council area in the future would depend on its situation in the landscape and boundary treatment.

13/150. Salt Heap lay by – It was noted that work to close the lay by has not yet commenced. It was also noted that roadside car sales at this site are still ongoing. Cllr. Durham agreed to provide the email contact at Maldon District Council.

14/05. District Councillor's report

- Maldon District Local Development Plan – Planning and Licensing Committee and Full Council meetings held in December had approved the final draft plan. Counsel's opinion had been sought and in his opinion the draft plan is sound.
- Budget – Work continues on 2014/15 figures. To balance the budget, Maldon District Council will have to use £335,000 currently held in reserves.
- Tidal Surge, December 5th 2013 – A rest centre had been set up at the Plume School to accommodate residents evacuated from Heybridge, Heybridge Basin and Althorne. Council officers, councillors and parish clerks had been contacted to help man the rest centre.

14/06. Public Question Time

- Trees in Ulting Lane are leaning across road – Clerk to contact Mr. Carter and Highways.
- Potholes outside White Gables, Witham Road and Sugarmill Cottages, Ulting Lane to be reported to Highways.

14/07. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received.

ESS/MAL/13/001134 – The construction and operation of a new effluent underground pipeline from Cuton Lock, Chelmsford to Langford Treatment Works, Maldon. Associated development includes modifications/alterations to the existing pipeline and a number of temporary works/provisions including construction compounds, laydown (storage) areas and accesses. Langford Waterworks, Hatfield Road, Langford.

HAZ/MAL/13/01054 – Modification of application HAZ/MAL/95/00600: To reduce the amount of chlorine held on site to 9.9 tonnes. Langford Water Treatment Works, Hatfield Road, Langford. An email from Mr. Robottom was noted.

b) Planning decisions received.

ESS/MAL/13/01134 (ESS/59/13/CHL) – Notification that a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development at a) above was determined by Essex County Council. (See www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning)

14/08. **Correspondence**

a) European Commission - Review of existing VAT legislation on public bodies and tax exemption in the public interest consultation. Clerk to respond to ACRE by 14th February 2014.

b) It was noted that the Parish Council is now classified as a micro-business. Clerk to contact Eon.

General correspondence to note:

- Maldon District Council Schedule of Meetings 2014/15 received.
- Flooding from surface water, groundwater, open ditches, culverts or drains. Emails to be sent to flood.protection@essex.gov.uk

14/09. **Finance**

a) The following payments were authorised:-

Mrs. J. Clemo	£312.50	Clerk's expenses
Mrs. J. Clemo	£16.17	Re Ulting Lane and map for Neighbourhood Plan
Northumbrian Water Ltd	£50.00	Coach House rent

b) A payment of £90.54 to A&J Lighting Solutions relating to the two failed streetlights was noted.

c) Consideration of Annual Parish Precept 2014/15 – A precept of £6700 was agreed. This includes £1000 towards the Neighbourhood Plan and £1000 towards Langford churchyard fence repairs, other general expenditure to remain similar to the previous year.

14/10. **Proposed Langford Boundary Change**

A letter received from Heybridge Parish Council was noted. Cllr. Anfilogoff queried whether the proposed boundary could be changed to reduce the perceived area of land which would be transferred to Langford but it was agreed that this was not feasible as the majority of the land under discussion is already part of Langford Parish. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Heybridge Parish Council stating that neither parish council would benefit from the proposed boundary change; the beneficiaries would be those Heybridge residents who feel that they have more of a sense of identity with Langford than with Heybridge.

14/11. **30mph Speed Limit. Langford**

a) Clerk had sent the summary traffic count figures to Priti Patel but had not received a response. It was agreed that the clerk would follow this up.

b) An article about the 30mph speed limit in the Maldon Standard was noted.

14/12. Grass cutting

- a) It was noted that the clerk had organised the retrieval of the Parish Council mower from Mr. Robinson.
- b) The clerk had been notified that the Iseki mower requires servicing and had obtained quotations from three local horticultural firms. It was agreed that Cllr. Tween would speak to Ernest Doe & Sons to see whether a further discount was available.

14/13. Trees at Ulting Lane

The clerk had thanked Mr. Marks who had removed the dead branches.

14/14. Replacement trees at Village Hall

The Tree Officer had confirmed that two new lime trees are required to be planted. It was also noted that she had recommended that the stumps should not be allowed to reach any significant size due to the amount of decay present.

14/15. Ulting Closed Churchyard

The clerk had written to Father Stephen and the Archdeacon of Colchester but no response had been received as yet. A member of the public suggested that a notice stating "Beware of snakes," might deter unwanted visitors. Clerk to relay message to Mr. Tomlins.

14/16. Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that the clerk should apply for a place on a Planning Camp to be held in Oxford from 3rd to 5th April.

14/17. Confirmed Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates had been confirmed:

7 th January	1 st July
4 th March	2 nd September
1 st April + Langford Parish Meeting	21 st October
20 th May (Annual) + Ulting Parish Meeting	2 nd December

14/18. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

14/19. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th March 2014** at Langford & Ulting Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: