

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2021.

Present: Councillors Anfilogoff (by telephone), Allen, Ashby and Magness  
In the Chair: Councillor Allen  
Clerk: Jenny Clemo  
Also present: Councillor Jarvis

**21/01. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Palmer due to a household emergency and Cllr. Durham.

As Cllr. Anfilogoff was unable to connect to the internet, it was agreed that Cllr. Allen would chair the meeting.

**21/02. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of 15th December 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and agreed. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

**21/03. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**21/04. County and District Councillor's reports**

Cllr Jarvis reported the following:

- Accounts –2019/20 accounts signed off. Fees for 2020/21 currently being negotiated. 2020/21 accounts will be most impacted by Covid-19 related issues
- Budget 2021/22 – Strategy and Resources committee to make recommendations for consideration at an Extraordinary meeting of the Council on 23rd February. Focus to be on prudence as Covid-19 had made a significant impact on Council income plus the additional costs incurred in supporting the Leisure Centres and Covid measures
- New Maldon Promenade Garden Play Area – a fully funded project from developer contributions (Section 106) due to be completed by May 2021
- Leisure Centres - Ongoing support and closure options under regular review
- Covid-19 High Street Recovery Plan
  - One-way system - proposals still under debate
  - Concern regarding HGV traffic on Market Hill
  - Latest lockdown measures thwarting any immediate recovery plans
- Vaccination centre – MDC offices have been transformed to provide this service
- Grants available – business grants – apply online
- Bradwell B Consultation –appeal lodged by the applicant regarding MDC's refusal to grant application for ground-testing sites
- OUT00427 – Oval Park – to be considered by MDC Planning under delegated authority has not yet been determined

Cllr Allen thanked Cllr Jarvis for attending the meeting. Cllr. Jarvis left the meeting at this point as he had to attend another meeting.

**21/05. Public Question Time** (limited to 15 minutes if required).

- Flooding Witham Road – clerk to report to Highways
- Hoe Mill – Blocks along raised footway lying in carriageway. Clerk had reported to Highways.

**21/06. Matters for information from previous meetings**

20/193 – Local Highways Panel Request Baytree Cottages – Clerk had submitted request 4th February 2020 and Cllr Durham had confirmed receipt. Awaiting response from follow up email sent after December meeting.

20/196a) Flooding – It was noted that Cllr Ashby holds the Emergency Plan and equipment.

20/196c) Essex Climate Action Commission Interim Report circulated to councillors.

20/196d) Maldon & Heybridge Harbour Association – Cllr Allen’s contact details forwarded.

#### 21/07. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received:

20/01093/FUL - The erection of temporary 4 foot high lightweight stock wire fencing along the river bank to prevent access to and from the river. Church of All Saints, Ulting. The Parish Council agreed to support this application. Access to the river here has caused significant erosion to the riverbank and could endanger the church from flooding.

b) Planning decisions received:

None received.

#### 21/08. **Correspondence**

a) Chelmer Landscape Valley Group – Next meeting to be held virtually on 25th January 2021. Cllr Magness to attend.

b) Parish Clerk Forum – Next meeting to be held virtually on 20th January. Clerk to attend.

c) Update on generic design assessment of UK HPR1000 nuclear power station design circulated to councillors by email for information.

d) A12 to A120 widening scheme – Update circulated to councillors by email.

#### 21/09. **Finance**

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
Mr A Marks	£38.97	£7.79	£46.76	Mower petrol
Mrs J Clemo	£8.55	£1.41	£9.95	Ulting Lane green

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (Jan 2021)
SSE	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC	Streetlight electricity (Dec 2020)
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c) Bank Reconciliations – Deferred due to Tier 4 restrictions.

#### 21/10. **Precept 2021/22**

The Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £8700. The cost of producing the newsletter, £950 was included and the provision of a new dog waste bin, £300 at Ulting Lane. It was noted that there could be a shortfall of up to £4000 depending on the cost of work to trees identified in the next tree survey. Clerk and Cllr Magness to research other ways parish councils can raise funds.

#### 21/11. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Regulation 16 consultation will probably commence 15th January for six weeks, concluding 26th February 2021.

#### 21/12. **Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan Reg 14 and Village Design Statement consultations**

See:

[https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20048/planning\\_policy/8112/community\\_led\\_planning\\_and\\_neighbourhood\\_plans/5](https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20048/planning_policy/8112/community_led_planning_and_neighbourhood_plans/5)

#### 21/13. **County Broadband**

Update and presentation on the issues experienced in Ulting to be held virtually on 19th January 2021 at 7pm was noted.

#### 21/14. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Due to an increase in criminal activity in neighbouring parishes, the co-ordinator of Woodham Walter Neighbourhood Watch has asked whether Langford and Ulting have a group. The Parish Council agreed that this would be worthwhile and will advertise for volunteer coordinators in the next newsletter.

21/15. **Items from the councillors** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)  
Reports from councillors

21/16. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 16th February 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date