

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness and Kathy Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan and two members of the public.

23/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ashby and Anfilogoff.

23/02. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2022 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23/03. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

23/04. County and District Councillor's reports

Cllr. Morgan reported the following:

- A proposal to reduce the number of Planning Committees from three to one, at a recent full MDC meeting, was not successful.
- There is a growing move to devolve services provided across neighbouring Councils to maximise efficiencies.
- Funding approved for new Environmental Health Officer.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Morgan for attending the meeting. Cllr. Morgan then left the meeting.

23/05. Public Question Time

- A resident asked where the Parish Council precept came from. It was noted that this is included in the Council Tax paid by residents to Maldon District Council.

23/06. Matters for information from previous meetings

22/166e) Section 106 contribution – The clerk had emailed JTS Partnership to request a contribution towards replacing the streetlights. Request had been passed on to Maldon District Council.

22/168. Streetlights – It was noted that the clerk had managed to get two quotations. The other suppliers are currently not taking on new business contracts. Clerk to confirm with SSE, why kWh used in contract differ from the Unmetered Supply Certificate.

22/169. Newsletter quotations – The Chairman was awaiting a further quotation.

22/171. Local Highways Panel requests – Clerk had resubmitted requests for the following:

- a) Reduction in speed limit from 60mph to 40mph between the Langford village gateway, Hatfield Road and the Ulting village gateway near Elm Cottages, Hatfield Road.
- b) Reduction in speed limit to 30mph between the village gateways (B1019) and the 40mph speed limit sign in Witham Road (B1018). It was noted that both were in validation on the Awaiting Funding list.

23/07. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

PROW/MAL/22/00324 - Permanent diversion of PROW 19 and PROW 17. Land At Broad Street Green Road And Langford Road And Maypole Road, Great Totham. Amendment to description was noted.

b) Planning decisions received:

22/00523/RESM - Reserved matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for the construction of 262 residential units with associated access, parking, servicing and landscaping (Phase 2 only) on approved application 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development, Land At Broad Street Green Road And Langford Road And Maypole Road, Great Totham was approved.

22/01099/ADV - The temporary display of advertisements comprising; 3 No. freestanding non-illuminated flagpole adverts, 1 No. double-sided free standing non-illuminated advert and 1 free-standing non-illuminated single sided advert, Land At Broad Street Green Road And Langford Road And Maypole Road, Great Totham was approved

22/00933/FUL - Conversion of redundant grain store (Building B) to create 2 no. residential units, Outbuildings Stock Hall Farm, Hatfield Road, Ulting was refused.

23/08. Correspondence

a) Chlorine leak – In response to a query from a resident, advice had been received from Essex & Suffolk Water. *‘At Essex & Suffolk Water, Langford, we use hazardous chemicals in the treatment process. These are subject to strict operational and maintenance procedures with appropriate safety measures. Our safety systems work correctly and the sirens are tested weekly on Friday at 10am. In the event of hearing the alarm (not test), please go indoors and close all doors and windows. ESW will contact and inform you of the “all clear”.’*

23/09. Finance

a) The following payment was authorised:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|-------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------|
| Mrs J Clemo | £17.73 | £1.75 | £19.48 | Ulting Lane green |

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|
| A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd | £17.12 | £3.42 | £20.54 | Streetlight maintenance (Jan 2023) |
| SSE | £6.22 | £0.31 | £6.53 | Streetlight electricity (Dec 2022) |
| SSE | £39.06 | £1.95 | £41.01 | Streetlight electricity (Dec 2022) |

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify the bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of December 2022.

d) The following cheque was raised and will be ratified at the next meeting:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Maldon District Council | £99.75 | £19.95 | £119.70 | Grasscutting Ulting churchyard |

23/10. Precept 2023/24

The Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £12,075. The main reason for the increase is due to the cost of providing streetlighting in Langford.

23/11. New Register of Interests Form

Reminder noted.

23/12. Exclusion of the Public and Press

It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it includes information relating to individuals. Members of the public left the meeting.

23/13. New Clerk

Update on recruitment progress subsequent to offer made.

23/14. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Newsletter quotations.
- Streetlights.

23/15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: