

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
16th JANUARY 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.

24/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were given by District Councillor Simon Morgan.

24/02. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 12th December 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24/03. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

24/04. County and District Councillor's report

There were no reports received.

24/05. Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public.

24/06. Matters for information from previous meetings

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

It was noted that the replacement noticeboard would be ordered once the payment had been approved.

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.

23/115. Ulting Lane. It was noted that CML Microsystems had now completed the work on the Scots pine trees in Oval Park. It was agreed to write to CML microsystems to thank them.

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 Cllr Jenny Clemo had been granted access to online banking. The Clerk had now received papers to complete for her to have access. Cllrs Allen and Magness signed the simple servicing authority. The Clerk will take the papers for authentication to the local branch. Barclays have sent £100 in compensation for the poor customer service they have given the parish council and Cllr Clemo has given feedback on their poor performance.

24/07. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

23/05155/DET - Compliance with conditions notification 22/00840/FULM

(Erection of building for Sui Generis purposes, together with car parking, servicing areas and landscaping) Condition 14 - External lighting strategy. Condition 19 – Archaeological assessment. Condition 20 - Programme of archaeological work.

Condition 22 - Construction environmental management plan. Condition 23 - Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy.

Oval Park Northwest Plot Hatfield Road Langford Essex

It was considered that the application was a technical consultation and as such the parish council had no comments to make.

b) Planning decisions received:

23/01024/WTPO- A2 - (TPO- 4/86) - Group of Pine Trees - Crown reduction by 2m. Lateral reduction to eastern and southern sides by 2m.

CML Microsystems Limited Oval Park Hatfield Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 6WG- APPROVED

23/01035/TCA - T12 - Ash - Fell. T13 - Ash - Reduce by 3m (back to previous cut points). Remove major deadwood over 5cm in diameter and 1m in length over churchyard.

Church Of All Saints Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon Essex CM9 6QU PART ALLOWED - PART REFUSED

23/00994/LDE - Claim for lawful development certificate for existing replacement insulated flat roof with flat roof windows, reduced glazing, red brick piers to match existing half height brick work and white painted timber windows and French doors

Old Post Office Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon Essex CM9 6QU APPROVED

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

Oak Trees Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon Essex CM9 6QU WITHDRAWN

24/08. Correspondence

- a). Ride London – It was noted that Ride London had launched their funding scheme.
- b). Public Path Changes – 23/00519/PROW – The consultation was noted.
- c). Visit Essex – survey on tomorrow tourism- The survey was noted.

24/09. Finance

a) Authorisation of payments to:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Greenbarnes	£1933.54	£386.71	£2320.25	Noticeboard

b) Confirmation of direct debit payments to:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (December 2023)
SSE	£9.83	£1.98	£11.90	Streetlight electricity (November 2023)
SSE	£23.27	£1.16	£24.43	Streetlight electricity (November 2023)

It was noted the invoice for December from A&J Lighting Solutions had now been received and it was reviewed alongside the January invoice.

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of December 2023.

24/10. Budget 2024/25 and precept –

The 2024/25 revised budget and budget reserves were considered. It was agreed to set the precept at £13,500 (12%). This included £1,250 for Langford only for streetlights in Langford. It was noted that Maldon District Council had agreed to include a note with the council tax bill to

explain that the percentage increase looked unusually high due to them collecting a lower precept in 2023-24.

ACTION

To include an article on the precept and what the parish council funds in the next newsletter.

Chair

24/11. Repairs to Langford Churchyard Fences –

It was agreed to accept the quote from Go Green Landscapes following confirmation that the quote was for oak fencing. It was agreed that Cllr Ashby should review the remaining fencing to enable a programme of future works.

ACTION

Cllr Ashby to review the remaining fencing to enable to programme of future works. *Cllr Ashby*

25/12. Ulting Churchyard Tree Work –

It was noted that the consultation for TPO status for T12, the monolith ash tree had been received by the Clerk three days before the deadline (having been sent to the incorrect address for the parish council). An objection had been submitted to Maldon District Council, alongside an objection from the Diocesan Office. It was noted that amended quotes to reduce the monolith tree to 4m as per the MDC tree report had been received from two of the three contractors who had originally quoted for the work. It was agreed to award the work to South Hanningfield Tree Surgeons on this occasion. It was agreed to submit an application to carry out the reduction to 4m after a decision on the TPO status was taken. It was noted that the T12 the monolith ash tree was on the boundary line between the closed churchyard and the car park (which was maintained by the Ulting Church. It was agreed to contact the church to request that they contribute to the overall cost for the tree.

ACTION

To contact Ulting Church to request a contribution to the work on the monolith ash tree. *Clerk*

24/13. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no additional items for the next agenda.

24/14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: