

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2025 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Jenny Clemo, Kathy Palmer and Lester Magness
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Temporary Clerk: John Clemo

One member of the public present

25/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Ashby and District Councillor Morgan.

25/02. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 10th December 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

25/03. Declarations of Interest

None received.

25/04. County and District Councillor's reports

No report available, see apologies.

Councillor Magness joined the meeting.

25/05. Public Question Time

Concern was expressed about a Maple Tree which had fallen onto the B1019 below Stock Hall entrance. It had been randomly cleared to the side, then a "passer-by" had taken the logs. It was suggested that other trees along the stretch of road may be in a similar condition, the roadside being the responsibility of ECC highways.

25/06. Matters for information from previous meetings

The temporary clerk reported on the emails and correspondence over the Christmas period, there being less than usual. It was noted that at the moment the Parish Council had made no decision to book the Community Engagement Team for this year.

See below ECC Highways response to deteriorating footway at Hoe Mill.

No progress on the Ulting Village sign to date.

ECC Highways had responded that the 2 issues reported needed no immediate action. To avoid wasting clerical time in the future, parishioners would be encouraged to make their own reports, with the necessary photographs, to ECC Highways. Link added to website.

25/07. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications noted:

24/00973/WTPO - TPO 06/23 T1 Ash - Monolith (reduce to main stem) to 4 metres. Church of All Saints, Ulting.

24/00974/HOUSE and 24/00975/LBC - Retrospective application for a rear dormer. The Homestead, Maldon Road, Langford. No comment required.

24/00990/TCA - T2 - Elden tree - fell. Church of All Saints, Ulting.

25/00002/TCA - Common Alder - Fell. T4 Lime - Reduce to 10m. T5,T6,T9,T10 & T11 Limes - Reduce to 7m. T7 & T8 Lime - Reduce to 8m. Church of St Giles, Langford.

b) Planning decisions received:

None received.

25/08. Correspondence

a) Passenger Transport – Love your Bus Grant Fund. The initiative providing Parish and Town Councils with the opportunity to secure grants of up to £50,000 for projects aimed at increasing bus patronage and enhancing local services was noted.

b) National flood and coastal erosion risk assessment update noted– The Environment Agency published [new data showing 6.3 million properties in England are based in areas at risk of flooding from one or a combination of rivers, the sea and surface water](#).

See: www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk

25/09. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£131.25	£26.25	£157.50	Grass cutting Ulting churchyard Q3
Mr J Clemo	£342.89	£2.66	£345.55	Clerical Services

b) The following direct debit payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance January 25
SSE	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC	Streetlight electricity
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c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of December 2024.

d) Income and Expenditure – Noted that quarterly finance report showing actual spend was favourable against budget for the period 1st April to 31st December 2024.

25/10. Langford Churchyard and Ulting Churchyard Tree Work – Three contractors would be approached for quotations for work to Ash tree at Ulting closed churchyard, as this should be done in 3 months. The clerk would write to Hatfield Peverel Parochial Church Council to ask for a contribution from the Church as the tree is on the boundary between the two areas of responsibility.

25/11. Grass cutting Ulting Church - Quotation accepted for Ulting Church grass cutting.

25/12. Items from the councillors

Footpath from Ulting Lane to Museum of Power had been ‘scraped clear’. Did this now need Tarmac covering renewed? (See above re ECC Highways)

25/13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7:30pm.

25/14. 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.

25/15. New Clerk

Had accepted the position offered and a start date agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: