

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
9th JANUARY 2018 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Vicky Anfilogoff, Colin Ashby, Kathy Palmer and John Clemo
In the Chair: Councillor Vicky Anfilogoff
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: Two members of the public

18/01. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Allen who was unwell, (received by email after the meeting).

18/02. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of 12th December 2017 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

18/03. Declarations of Interest

No interests declared.

18/04. Matters for information from previous meetings

17/173. Streetlights – It was noted that the streetlight opposite Bridge Cottage was not working. The clerk had notified A&J Lighting Services Ltd.

17/191f) Data Protection Act – It was noted that the clerk had completed registration with the Information Commissioner.

The Chairman reassured residents that the Parish Council takes their concerns seriously and conducts its business in a proper manner.

18/05. District Councillor's report

Apologies received from Cllr. Bass. No report received.

18/06. Public Question Time

- It was reported that workmen had been seen looking at the damaged section of the bridge over the River Blackwater.

18/07. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:-

None received.

b) Planning decisions received:

AGR/MAL/17/01319 - Prior notification for an agricultural barn comprising bolted timber portal frame structure relocated from another farm. Home Farm, Maypole Road, Langford. Prior approval required and granted.

c) Planning appeal notification received:

APP/X1545/W/17/31894 re COUPA/MAL/17/00427 - Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (C3), and for associated operational development. Barn A, Middlefield Barns, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. It was agreed that further comments including the impact on the neighbouring chicken farm business, the consequences of future avian flu outbreaks and possible access concerns and that the site is adjacent to old gravel pits, some of which were subsequently used for landfill and one that is now a stagnant lake would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Councillors asked the clerk to inform Northumbrian Water Plc about the appeal.

18/08. Correspondence

- a) Superfast Essex Countywide Parish Engagement Event to be held 22nd January 2018 at Anglia Ruskin University commencing 7.30pm. Cllr. Palmer and the clerk to attend. Clerk to invite Mr. Burroughs.
- b) Essex and Southend-on-Sea Waste Local Plan to 2032 – The adoption of the plan which forms part of the Essex Development Plan and replaces the Waste Local Plan adopted in 2001 was noted.
- c) Growing a Rural Community Survey – Not required.
- d) Parish Trigger – It was agreed that an insert explaining the new system would be included in the February newsletter. It was also agreed that a letter would be sent to Priti Patel MP subsequent to the chairman contacting Woodham Walter Parish Council's chairman. Cllr. Anfilogoff to liaise with the clerk.

18/09. Finance

- a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mrs J Clemo	£7.32	£1.46	£8.78	Ulting Lane grass cutting

- b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
e.on	£33.01	£1.65	£34.66	Streetlight electricity (Jan 2018)
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£19.25	£3.85	£23.10	Streetlight maintenance (Jan 2018)

- c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer was unable to verify the bank reconciliation for the month of December 2017 as the bank statements had not been received.
- e) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 31st December 2017 was noted.

18/10. Precept 2018/19

The Parish Council agreed to set a precept of £7650. The cost of producing the newsletter, £950 was the only major additional expenditure. Reserves were increased by £750, (churchyard fence repairs) and £500, (future election expenses - as advised by Maldon District Council) with all other expenditure remaining similar to the previous year. The Chairman thanked the clerk for preparing the figures.

18/11. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Anfilogoff had nothing to report.

18/12. Transparency Fund

The Parish Council agreed the application for a grant to cover the clerk's hours spent updating the website in compliance with the Transparency Code.

18/13. Streetlights

Four quotations had been received but the clerk was waiting confirmation of the price quoted by Southern Electric. It was agreed that a decision would be made at the next meeting.

18/14. Tree Hazard Survey

Cllr. Ashby reported that all of the works necessary had been carried out at the Village Hall. It was also noted that the works to trees in both closed churchyards were all low/medium priority. Cllr. Clemo agreed that he would inspect Ulting closed churchyard. Cllr. Ashby had inspected Langford closed churchyard. It was noted that the survey recommended annual re-inspections as the trees are all in high risk zones.

18/15. Planning Applications

- a) Maldon District Council's decision to stop providing Parish Councils with paper copies of planning application documentation for applications validated from the 1st April 2018 was noted.
- b) The Parish Council agreed that the clerk would write to Maldon District Council as councillors were concerned that some residents would not be able to access plans online due to poor broadband speeds in the parish. In addition, the Parish Council does not have the ability to print documents greater than A4 size which would mean additional clerk's hours downloading documents so that they would be available at Parish Council meetings.

18/16. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

18/17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: