

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21st JULY 2020.

Present: Councillors Anfilogoff, Allen, Ashby, Magness and Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Anfilogoff
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: District Councillor Jarvis, County/District Councillor Durham and 3 members of the public at various points of the meeting.

20/112. Apologies for absence

None received.

20/113. Minutes of the previous meeting

- a) The minutes of 16th June 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and agreed. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting.
b) The minutes of 30th June 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and agreed. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

20/114. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

20/115. District Councillor's report

Cllr. Jarvis reported the following:

- Accounts – on track this year.
- Budget – Reserves to be used to manage additional expenses and loss of income as a result of Covid-19; funding support from government has not been confirmed.
- Bradwell B Consultation (20/00157/FUL) – Council voted against soil testing planning application based on the preservation of historical sites, serious concerns about harm to nature and noise. Residents have broad concerns over size of project.
- High Street social distancing - still in place with new initiatives being considered to get businesses operational again.
- Green Bins 'capacity issue' – A 4th lorry has been contracted to increase collection capacity.
- Leisure Centres –The Council is supporting their opening in early August with ongoing support to be reviewed in October.
- Land North and West of Knowles Farm, Wycke Hill (15/01327/OUT), a strategic site was refused due to removal of relief road.
- Election costs – A review of election costs and boundaries is due to be held before the next Parish Election

Cllr. Durham reported the following:

- Oval Park planning application – Will go to a full Council meeting, probably September or October.
- Locality Fund – Individuals and community groups can also apply. Projects for the positive benefit of the community will be considered. Clerk checked if subscription to Zoom would be considered.
- Essex County Council – All meetings scheduled have taken place virtually. Financial impact included temporary mortuary at the Park and Ride.
- Devolution – Government to publish White Paper later this year.

At this point Cllr. Jarvis left the meeting.

20/116. Public Question Time

Not required.

20/117. Matters for information from previous meetings

20/83c) County Broadband – Cllr. Magness and the clerk had met three representatives to discuss various issues connected with the installation of FTTP in the Parish. Clerk awaits email responding to the concerns raised. Cllr. Durham requested copies of email correspondence.

When the meeting reconvened Cllr. Magness was unable to rejoin the meeting.

Councillors agreed that items 20/122. and 20/123. would be taken next as Cllr. Durham had to leave the meeting.

20/122. **Hoe Mill bridge** – After problems with the concrete bollards, anti-ram bollards are to be installed which will require a night time closure. Cars continue to park on the double yellow lines but Community Protection officers are due to attend at busy times. It was noted that the bridge would not be repaired anytime soon.

20/123. **Ulting Closed churchyard**

An emergency PCC meeting was held on 26th June and it had been agreed that the churchyard gate would be locked at peak times when overwhelming numbers of people were anticipated.

Cllr. Magness returned to the meeting at this point and the Chairman outlined the items he had missed.

Cllr. Durham expressed concern that the river bailiffs had not been policing the river. Anti-social behaviour concerns are being addressed by the Community Protection Team who are liaising with Essex Police. It was noted that the PCC had permission to put up fences on the upriver and riverbank boundaries.

20/118. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received:

COUPA/MAL/20/00593 - Change of use of agricultural buildings to 2No. dwellinghouses (Class C3). Outbuilding At Stock Hall Farm, Hatfield Road, Ulting. The Council recommended refusal for the following reasons: The outbuilding is adjacent to the curtilage of Stock Hall, a Grade II listed dwellinghouse and close to several Grade II listed agricultural buildings within Stock Hall's curtilage. The south wall of the outbuilding is contiguous to the boundary of Stock Hall. The adjacent agricultural buildings in Stock Hall farmyard itself are still in use and the activities associated with them may have an adverse impact on the amenity of future occupants. Access to the site is along a narrow, unmade track with a ditch either side and there are no passing places. The existing building would not be capable of functioning as a dwelling without the proposed works and the works proposed to convert the building are considered to go beyond what might reasonably be described as a conversion. As stated in the Building Condition and Structural Assessment Report, which does not appear to have been updated since the building was assessed in September 2016, the building would require major upgrading, alteration and refurbishment works. The building has fallen into further disrepair over the ensuing period and in all practical terms the development would be akin to starting afresh with only a modest amount of help from the original building. The Parish Council is also concerned about safety issues caused by the additional traffic that will be generated as it joins and leaves Hatfield Road which has a speed limit of 60mph. The access track is almost opposite the entrance to Oval Park which is busy during peak rush hour times. In addition, a planning application for a further 8 business and 60 residential units at Oval Park was submitted to Maldon District Council at the end of April 2020. This will substantially increase the amount of traffic on this dangerous stretch of road which has already seen more accidents over the last year.

LBC/MAL/20/00655 - Demolish existing single-storey side and rear extensions to original building and replace with single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension. Internal alterations to form new door openings for access. Black Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to support this application but noted that the property and the adjoining property had originally been 4 cottages.

DD/MAL/20/00712 - There is a twin stemmed Poplar at the above address, one stem has failed. The remaining stem is leaning into a field that is used as a car park when Ulting Wick is open to the public. We would like to remove the remaining stem to make it safe. Ulting Wick, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was noted.

b) Planning decisions received:

FUL/MAL/20/00327 - Proposed extension and associated internal alterations to the Museum of Power. Museum Of Power Steam Pumping Station, Hatfield Road, Langford was approved.

HOUSE/MAL/20/00408 - Single storey rear extension and patio. 7, Ulting Lane, Langford. (Amended description) was refused.

TCA/MAL/20/00535 - T1 & T2 Conifers - trim back overhanging branches by 2m. T3 Conifer - fell – 2, Church Cottages, Witham Road, Langford was allowed to proceed.

20/119. Correspondence

- a) Don't let 'Clothing Go to Waste' – Due to Covid-19 several charities have suspended the servicing of their clothing banks at the moment and charity shops are not taking donations. As an alternative see: <https://www.essectextiles.co.uk/> (for kerbside collection)
- b) Parking Ulting Lane west/Anti-social behaviour – Email received from resident concerned about inconsiderate parking in passing places. Clerk had advised that the Police should be contacted if the road is obstructed and that anti-social behaviour should also be reported to the Police (see Item 20/119f) below).
- c) Community Speed Watch Group - A resident who is concerned about speeding in Langford had expressed interest in setting up a group. Anyone who is interested, please contact the Clerk.
- d) Bridleway from Red Lodge to Maypole Road – Email received from resident concerned about car parking on bridleway/blocked ditches which cause flooding onto Witham Road. Clerk to report to Highways.
- e) Request for extension to 40mph speed limit on Witham Road – Email received from a resident after a serious head on collision recently. Cllrs. agreed this should be included on the next meeting agenda.
- f) Contacting the Police - Single Online Home is a national web service that offers forces in England and Wales various digital opportunities around online reporting and Live chat (7am-11pm), enabling members of the public to 'self-serve'. This is an alternative to dialling 101. See: <https://www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-b/report-antisocial-behaviour/>
- g) Remote meetings – Notification that MDC will continue to operate committees remotely had been received.
- h) MDC Air Quality Action Plan 2020-2025 was approved by Councillors at a meeting on 2nd July 2020.
- i) Proposed adoption of the Essex Recreational Avoidance Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document – Notification that Chelmsford City Council will be considering the adoption of this document at its Policy Board meeting on 16th July 2020 and then at its Cabinet meeting on 8th September 2020 had been received.
- j) Recognition of Service Awards - The Maldon District Coronavirus response team are aware that there are hundreds of people who have actively supported the community and individuals and want to recognise and celebrate community action. The public can nominate individuals and organisations to be included in recognition of their contribution to the community using this link: <https://www.maldoncvcs.org.uk/corona/recognising-the-community/>
- k) Superfast Essex Programme Update - July 2020 had been received.
- l) Infrastructure Delivery Plan Workshop – Cllr. Anfilogff had attended a workshop on 20th July 2020. Cllrs. to consider infrastructure that proposed CIL could be used for.

120. Finance

- a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
RCCE	£44.00	£8.80	£52.80	Annual membership fee
Mrs J Clemo	£20.18	£0.46	£20.64	Postage/Toner/Information board present

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

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (July 2020)
SSE	£4.32	£0.21	£4.53	Streetlight electricity (June 2020)
SSE	£32.05	£1.60	£33.65	Streetlight electricity (June 2020)

- c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of June 2020.

20/121. Community Orchard Information Board

Cllrs. agreed to meet at the Village Hall on 28th July at 7.30pm to consider position of the board.

20/122. Hoe Mill bridge

See above.

20/123. Ulting Closed churchyard

See above.

20/124. Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that once the plan is finalised, MDC will start the HRA screening opinion and 5 week consultation with the statutory consultees. Clerk to make changes agreed prior to the next meeting.

20/125. Unauthorised work to trees in Langford

Cllr. Ashby had notified Maldon District Council about works on a tree and suspected poisoning of a tree in Langford Conservation Area. The Parish Council agreed to write to residents in the Conservation Area asking them to be vigilant. It was noted that permission from Maldon District Council was required before any work could be carried out on trees in the Conservation Area.

20/126. Affordable Housing

Update received from RCCE Rural Housing Enabler. Hastoe are currently in discussion with the landowner and an architect to discuss the potential site and the feasibility of the land.

20/127. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

20/128. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th August 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date