

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19th JULY 2022 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Colin Ashby, Kathy Palmer and Lester Magness  
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen  
Clerk: Jenny Clemo  
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan

**22/106. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff

**22/107. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2022 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**22/108. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

Councillors agree that the District Councillor's report would be received as the next item on the Agenda.

**22/110. County and District Councillor's report**

a) It was noted that weekly Members Briefing: General Updates and the Latest on the 'Homes for Ukraine' Scheme had been circulated by email.

b) Cllr. Morgan reported the following:

- Customer Services has not been performing well and steps are being taken to recruit staff to fill vacancies.
- Levelling Up and effect on Maldon District – One of the aims is to modernise the planning system to give communities more say in what is built. S106 and CIL to be replaced by a new Infrastructure Levy.
- Local Highways Panel – Clerk to send Parish Council requests to Cllr. Morgan who will be attending the next meeting of the panel.

c) Cllr. Durham had requested nominations for potholes requiring repair.

**22/109. Matters for information from previous meetings**

22/78. Dead elm trees, Crouchmans Farm Road – It was noted that the trees had been felled.

22/96. Chlorine leak – No response received from Northumbrian Water.

22/96. Community Speedwatch – It was noted that a training session would take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd September. Please contact the clerk if you would like to attend.

22/96. Dead and dying trees on Ulting Lane green – Essex & Suffolk Water had not dealt with this because the employee responsible is on sick leave.

22/98b) New Code of Conduct Training – The clerk had attended the informative session on 28th June 2022.

22/98e) Essex Police Rural Community Engagement Team to attend November meeting.

22/100. Draft List of Local Heritage Assets for Langford and Ulting – Conservation Officer to liaise with Cllr. Allen.

**22/111. Public Question Time** (limited to 15 minutes if required).

- Black pipe over Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation – The Chairman had received a phone call from a resident who was concerned about the disturbance caused by groups of youths who are jumping into the river from the pipe. In addition to the noise and litter, up to 15 cars have been parking along the narrow lane. Clerk to write to Northumbrian Water and Essex Waterways.

**22/112. Planning Matters**

a) Planning application received.

**22/00728/TCA** - T1 May - Remove approx. 4m from top. Shorten the length (approx. 1-1.5m) of the upper branches. Shortening the length (approx. 2m) of the lower branches. Make a smooth cut where

the branch was dropped 2 weeks ago to shed water off and stop pooling/rot. The Old Vicarage, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

b) Planning decisions received.

**22/00388/FUL** - Construction of a new fish pass at Langford Sluice. Land North Of Langford Mill, Maldon Road, Langford was approved.

**22/00559/HOUSE** - Proposed rear dormer to second floor. Hillcrest, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was approved.

**22/00591/HOUSE** - Proposed single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing garage & storage with reconstruction of two storey garage with habitable accommodation over. Cedar House, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was refused.

c) Planning application withdrawn:

**22/00511/LBC** - Erection of a garden room outbuilding. Bridge Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford.

#### 22/113. Correspondence

a) Hoe Mill bridge update received. See: [Hoe Mill Bridge webpage](#).

b) It was noted that Braintree District Council had received the final report from the Planning Inspectors setting out their conclusions on the soundness and the legal compliance of Section 2 of the Braintree District Local Plan. The Inspectors' report concluded that, subject to main modifications set out in the Appendix of that report, the Braintree Local Plan Section 2 2017–2033 was sound, legally compliant, and capable of adoption. See: [www.braintree.gov.uk/S2InspectorsReport](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/S2InspectorsReport)

c) The Essex County Harvest Festival – An invitation to attend had been received from Canon Janet Nicholls on 25th September, 3.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral. Cllr. Allen to attend.

#### 22/114. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
RCCE	£44.00	£8.80	£52.80	Annual membership
Lavenham Press	£335.00		£335.00	Newsletter
Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	£183.27	£36.66	£219.93	Mower oil and filter change

The clerk queried the payment to Lavenham Press which had increased by £20.00 with no notification. Cllr. Allen to make enquiries.

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
SSE	£6.04	£0.30	£6.34	Streetlight electricity (June 2022)
SSE	£37.48	£1.87	£39.35	Streetlight electricity (June 2022)
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (July 2022)

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

d) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 30th June 2022 was noted.

e) 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

#### 22/115. Dog Waste Bin, Ulting Lane

It was noted that Northumbrian Water had received the request to site a dog waste bin on their land very positively by the Operations Team. Clerk awaiting Essex & Suffolk Water requirements before proceeding further.

#### 22/116. Ulting Village Signs

Two quotations had been received. It was agreed that a decision on which quote to accept would be deferred to the next meeting.

#### 22/117. Conifer Trees, Ulting Lane

a) Two quotations had been received. It was agreed that a decision on which quote to accept would be deferred to the next meeting.

b) Advice from tree surgeon to fell four of the conifers was discussed. Clerk to submit application to remove these.

**22/118. Code of Conduct**

a) Councillors had reviewed the updated Code of Conduct recently adopted by Maldon District Council previously circulated by email.

b) The Parish Council agreed to adopt the updated Code of Conduct.

**22/119. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

**22/120. Dates of future meetings**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at St. Giles Church, Langford.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: