

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
18th JULY 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Jenny Clemo and Kathy Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Justine Atterbury
Also present: 4 members of the public

23/110. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ashby and MDC Cllr Simon Morgan.

23/111. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 20th June 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23/112. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

23/113. County and District Councillor's report

The report from County Councillor Mark Durham was received. It was agreed councillors should consider potholes or footways to submit for the pothole priority scheme. The report from Cllr Simon Morgan was received. It was agreed that there was no response required for the electric vehicle strategy.

23/114. Public Question Time

Hoe Mill

The residents at the Lock Cottage at Hoe Mill and Cllr Jenny Hughes from Woodham Walter Parish Council presented a number of issues which were occurring at Hoe Mill. These included anti-social behaviour, parking which was impacting on the access at Hoe Mill and access to the caravan site, littering, drug taking, people swimming in the lock and abusive behaviour. The matters had been reported to the police and Essex Waterways. The issues had been discussed at Woodham Walter Parish Council too. Woodham Walter Parish Council employ the Community Engagement Team who are able to issue parking tickets in Woodham Walter and carry out speed check assessments which the police are able to issue tickets on. It was noted that Essex Waterways were dealing with similar issues at Paper Mill Lock. The issue of Tide Festival was raised. Tide Festival has been arranged for the August bank Holiday weekend and was believed to be taking place in a field close to Hoe Mill. It was noted that the licence request was considerably different to the event which was being advertised and Woodham Walter Parish Council had been in touch with the licensing team to make them aware. It was agreed that Langford & Ulting Parish Council should contact the licensing team to raise similar concerns. It was noted Cllr Durham was looking into the event with Maldon District Council. It was further reported that the drains were blocked on the other side of the Lock Cottage at Hoe Mill lock. It was requested the resident send details of the reports that he has made to ECC to the parish council and the parish council will request Cllr Durham and Cllr Lee Scott (the Highways Cabinet Member) look into the matter.

Ulting Lane

Cllr Allen reported the pine trees at the back of the houses on Ulting Lane were a safety concern. It was agreed to contact Oval Park to report the issue (the owner of the trees).

23/115. Matters for information from previous meetings

23/87. Annual Parish Meeting. The concerns regarding flooding outside The Old Schoolhouse,

Ulting were raised with the Cllr Durham and Cllr Lee Scott. It was noted Cllr Scott had responded the drain should be jetted in 24 July subject the permit approval.

22/130 Dog Waste Bin. It was noted the photo shoot for the dog waste bin had been postponed but would be rearranged. It was further noted MDC had invoiced for the first years maintenance contract for the bin.

23/81 LED Upgrade of Parish Council owned streetlights in Langford. It was noted that the LED replacement street lights had been installed. Northumbrian Water had requested photos of the upgraded streetlights. It was noted that the changes to streetlights needed to be reported to UK Power Networks.

23/106 Clerks mobile Phone. It was noted the new SIM card had been received, but the Clerk was unable to arrange a direct debit payment through Giff Gaff. It was agreed that the £6 monthly costs could be claimed on expenses instead.

23/104. Essex Salt Partnership. It was noted that an application to become a member of the Essex Salt Partnership had been submitted.

23/96. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received.

i) 23/00567/HOUSE and 23/00568/LBC– Extension of existing crossover and existing drive which involves the adapting to the existing landscaping

Beavis Hall Hatfield Road Langford Essex

There were no objections to the proposal.

It was noted a planning appeal had been submitted on planning application 22/00933/FUL – Conversion of redundant grain store to create 2 residential units - *Outbuildings Stock Hall Farm, Hatfield Road, Ulting*. It was noted that previous representations would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration.

b) Planning decisions received.

The planning decisions received were noted.

i) 23/00129/HOUSE - Two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension, dormers to front and rear, alterations to roof, extension to car port and internal alterations.

Langmere Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS

APPROVED

ii) 23/00477/TCA - T1 - Willow - Reduced by 2.5m (back to previous pruning points) & remove all major dead wood over 100mm. T2 - Elm - Reduced back by 2.5m (back to previous pruning points) & remove all major dead wood over 100mm. T3 - Sycamore - Lateral reduction by 2m T4 - Eucalyptus - Crown reduction by 2m & remove all major dead wood over 100mm.

Mill Cottage Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS

ALLOWED

iii) 23/00482/TCA - T1 & T2 - Conifers – Fell

Langford Waterworks Hatfield Road Langford Essex

ALLOWED

23/117. **Correspondence**

a) Mid and South Essex Inequalities Fund. The launch of the fund was noted. Applications to be made to Essex Community Foundation.

b) Anti social issues at Hoe Mill. The residents report of anti social issues at Hoe Mill was noted. It was agreed that the Maldon Community Engagement Team should be contacted to see if they can be employed over the summer months when the issues arise. It was agreed that the police issues should all be reported to the police as this would help strengthen the case for support and that it would be helpful for issues to be reported to the Essex Rural Police team who have been supportive on other issues. It was noted that the parish council had previously requested the yellow lines to cover a greater length of road when they were first installed, but this had not been

agreed. It was agreed to re-request that Cllr Durham contact the South East Parking Partnership to request the yellow lines are extended.

c) Sustainability across Maldon District exhibition. The report on the exhibition was received and welcomed. It was agreed that the parish council did not have any suitable space for the exhibition, but suggested that the collection manager contact the Museum of Power when they re-open.

23/118. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

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	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£122.25	£24.45	£146.70	Grounds Maintenance April-June
Maldon District Council	£50.91	£10.18	£61.09	Ulting Lane dog bin annual maintenance fee
RCCE	£44.00	£8.80	£52.80	Annual membership

b) Confirmation of direct debit payments to:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (June 2023)
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£3537.00	£707.40	£4244.40	LED Replacement streetlights
SSE	£10.09	£0.50	£10.59	Streetlight electricity (May 2023)
SSE	£80.65	£4.03	£84.68	Streetlight electricity (May 2023)

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

h) The following cheque was raised and will be ratified at the next meeting:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
SLCC	£44.25	0.00	£44.25	SLCC Annual Membership (Langford & Ulting contribution)

23/119. Tree Survey

The quote from Place Services to carry out the interim tree survey was agreed. It was noted that one of the three trees was owned by Ulting Church and they had agreed to fund this element of the survey

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

It was noted the Langford & Until Village Hall Committee had offered to purchase the replacement noticeboards. It was agreed to request similar sized noticeboards, glazed without locks in man-made timber in oak colour.

23/121. Street Lighting Maintenance Contract

The quote for the 5 year street lighting maintenance contract was considered. It was agreed to retain the services of A & J Lighting Solutions.

23/122. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no items.

23/123. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th August 2023 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: