

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
16th JULY 2024 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Colin Ashby, Jenny Clemo, Kathy Palmer and Lester Magness
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Acting Clerk: Jenny Clemo
There was 1 member of the public present.

24/103. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from District Cllr. Morgan.

24/104. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 18th June 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24/105. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Clemo declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 24/118 and took no part in the discussion.

24/106. Matters for information from previous meetings

22/131. Ulting Village Sign – Cllr. Ashby to follow up.

24/43. Streetlights – No invoices received on new contract as yet.

24/75. Bridleway 5, Langford – Acting clerk had spoken to the ECC Footpath Officer who is looking into this. In addition, Cllr. Morgan had passed on the information provided to the Enforcement Team as a condition of the Grant of Approval stated: *The public's right and ease of passage over public bridleway number 5 in Langford shall be maintained free and unobstructed at all times.*

24/23. Community Engagement Contract 2024/25 – June – 3 vehicles moved on.

24/107. County and District Councillor's report

No reports received.

24/108. Public Question Time (limited to 15 minutes if required)

- Resident raised concerns about flooding onto B1018 at its junction with Bridleway 5.

24/109. Planning Matters

a) Planning application received.

24/00519/FUL - First floor rear and side extension to existing garage with dormers in roofspace  Mill Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford. The Parish Council had no comments.

b) Planning decision received.

24/00346/HOUSE - Replace existing conservatory with single storey side extension. 

The Paddock, Ulting Lane, Ulting was approved.

24/110. Correspondence

a) Fly tipping – MDC reported successful prosecution of a Heybridge resident irresponsibly discarding tyres from a moving vehicle on Ulting Hall Road. The incident was captured by a National Police Air Service helicopter, which happened to be in the area at the time.

b) Hoe Mill lock partnership day – 27th July, 11am – 1pm. Focus to be on: parking enforcement, antisocial behaviour, use of navigation and community safety.

c) Water on road above Ulting Wick – Owner of land had site meeting 12th July, to discuss the ongoing stream flowing from the ditch.

d) Waste Collection – Changes come into effect from 23rd July. New calendar posted to residents.

e) Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board draft consultation report on proposed changes to community hospital service now available. (Forwarded to councillors by email)

f) Community Safety Survey – Deadline extended to 31st July. See: [Community Safety Survey 2024 - Introduction - Essex County Council - Citizen Space](#)

g) Footpath 7, Ulting – Notification that the Diversion Order had been made received from ECC.

24/111. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
RCCE	£36.75	£7.35	£44.10	Annual membership
The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance	£185.00		£185.00	Summer 2024 newsletter
Maldon District Council	£131.25	£26.25	£157.50	Ulting closed churchyard (April – June 2024)

b) The following direct debit payment was confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance July 2024

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of June 2024.

d) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 30th June 2024 was noted.

24/112. Double Yellow Lines / Clearway – Hoe Mill

The acting clerk had attended a meeting with representatives from MDC, SEPP, Essex Waterways, Woodham Walter PC and Maldon and Chelmsford Community Safety Partnership. Following on from the meeting, the Community Engagement Team Leader from MDC confirmed that she had discussed the meeting with a colleague from the Traffic Regulation Order team and passed on the groups concerns and comments within the meeting and the initial request for a Clearway. A process will be set up to see whether this can be considered. Once this has been carried out a representative from SEPP will update the group on initial thoughts and how this request can be formally submitted.

24/113. Overgrown hedges Langford

It was noted that overgrown hedges beside the footway between Ulting Lane and Bumblebee Cottage and over the River Blackwater were impeding pedestrians. It was agreed that residents would cut them back as a matter of urgency. Acting clerk to contact Savills.

24/114. Lord of the Manor of Ulting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had shown the new Lord of the Manor of Ulting around the Parish including visiting the Museum of Power and St Peter's on the Wall. He had expressed an interest in becoming involved in the village and met the Parish Councillors over a meal.

24/115. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

22/116. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th August 2024 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

24/117. 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.

24/118. New Clerk

The engagement of a temporary clerk subsequent to the applicant not taking up the offer was discussed. It was agreed that in the interim the volunteer would be engaged to prepare agendas, take minutes and respond to correspondence. Re-advertisement for replacement clerk to be delayed until September.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: