

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2022 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Kathy Palmer and Lester Magness
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: One member of the public

22/91. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff, Cllr. Ashby and District Cllr. Morgan.

22/92. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2022 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

22/93. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

22/94. Matters for information from previous meetings

22/61. Trees in Ulting Lane – It was noted that the clerk had contacted Essex & Suffolk Water again but had not received a reply. The Parish Council asked the clerk to get quotations to carry out the work on the six conifers.

22/62. Village gateways – Clerk had contacted Maldon District Council and cleaning gateways had been added to the Ranger's work programme.

22/72. Ulting tree warden – It was noted that the resident had confirmed that he would continue to monitor tree work carried out in Ulting.

It was noted that there would be temporary closures along Maypole Road from its junction with Langford and Holloway Roads from 25th July to 4th September 2022.

22/95. County and District Councillor's report

The report from County Cllr. Durham which had been previously circulated by email was noted.

- Local Highways Panel requests for reductions and extensions to speed limits have not been processed. Once the Essex Speed Management Strategy has been reviewed, the Local Highways Panel will meet to ensure that these items are brought into the current year's budget.
- Other matters mentioned included: Increased costs and interest rates having an impact on council finances; Levelling up agenda under the heading of 'Everyone's Essex'; Devolution and Essex Climate Commission, climate change and the green agenda.

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

c) District Cllr. Morgan reported the following:

- Standard of Service from Maldon District Council – The Council has recognised that there are ongoing communications issues with residents. The factors impacting on the Council's ability to respond consistently and in a timely manner include: a shortage of professional planning staff (nationwide problem); lack of a central tracking system to monitor communications; and self-service system design. An action plan to address these issues to be implemented as soon as possible.

22/96. Public Question Time

- Chlorine leak – Resident asked if there was up to date advice in event of a leak. Clerk to make enquiries.
- Speeding – Resident concerned about speed of traffic on the B1019. Clerk to contact Community Speedwatch volunteer.
- Dead and dying trees on Ulting Lane green – Clerk to contact Essex & Suffolk Water who had maintained both of them in 2019. (See: TCA/MAL/19/01000).

22/97. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received.

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. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

22/00565/LDE - Claim for lawful development certificate for the existing use of four outbuildings. Rosemead, Bumfords Lane, Ulting. It was noted that this had been refused.

22/00510/HOUSE and 22/00511/LBC - Erection of a garden room outbuilding. Bridge Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

22/00636/HOUSE - Proposed rear two storey extension. Longacre, Langford Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to recommend refusal because the scale and bulk of the proposed extension would have an impact upon the amenities of the neighbouring properties contrary to Maldon Local Development Plan Policy H4 Density 7).

b) Planning decisions received:

22/00272/HOUSE - Proposed single-storey side extension and projecting canopy to the rear. 8 John Thresh Way, Langford was approved.

22/98. Correspondence

a) It was noted that Maldon District Council had offered support to increase activity levels in the District.

b) New Code of Conduct Training – It was noted that the Clerk would attend the session on 28th June 2022. It was also noted that Maldon District Council adopted the new Code with one amendment and it would come into effect from 4th July 2022.

c) Proposed Planning System Reforms - The Queen's Speech on 11th May 2022 announced the [Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill](#). The Bill will enshrine in law the "government's commitment to long-term missions to spread opportunity, drive productivity, and boost local pride in every corner of the country" and sets out a series of proposed reforms to the planning system

d) Warren Lodges and Golf Academy Inquiry - The Inquiry was held at Maldon District Council Offices on 21st June 2022. The documents relating to the appeal can be viewed at <https://cdp.maldon.gov.uk/planning/planning-documents?SDescription=21/00060/FULREF>

e) Essex Police Rural Community Engagement Team – Clerk to invite Police Officer to a future meeting.

f) EALC AGM and ECC Joint Conference – To be held 22nd September 2022, 9.45am - 4.30pm, at Hylands House. Cllrs. Allen and Magness to attend.

g) UFest - Free Community Festival – It was noted that Maldon District Council would be hosting a free, community festival on Friday 8th July to celebrate the arrival of the Queen's Baton Relay to the District.

h) Chelmer Canal Trust – It was noted that an invitation to a Summer Event to be held 28th June 2022 had been received.

22/99. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mr A Marks	£27.89	£5.58	£33.47	Fuel for mower
Mrs J Clemo	£652.60		£652.60	Clerk's salary
HMRC	£102.40		£102.40	PAYE

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
SSE	£6.04	£0.30	£6.34	Streetlight electricity (May 2022)
SSE	£36.25	£1.81	£38.06	Streetlight electricity (May 2022)
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£125.35	£25.07	£150.42	Annual maintenance
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (June 2022)

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

22/100. Draft List of Local Heritage Assets for Langford and Ulting

The draft list was discussed and Cllr. Allen suggested that the Old Post Office, Langford and the disused railway bridge over the B1019 should be included. Clerk to notify Conservation Officer.

22/101. North Heybridge Garden Suburb Relief Road

No suggestions forthcoming.

22/102. Dog Waste Bin

- a) The response received from Northumbrian Water was noted. Clerk to request confirmation that a dog waste bin can be sited adjacent to the entrance on Ulting Lane.
- b) Siting of bin deferred until response received from Northumbrian Water.
- c) Deferred.

22/103. Ulting Village Signs

- a) It was noted that Cllr. Allen and the Clerk had attended the unveiling ceremony of the sign at Doe's Corner.
- b) It was noted that the sign at the junction of Crouchmans Farm Road and Church Road needs repainting. The Parish Council agreed that the clerk should obtain quotations.

22/104. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

22/105. Dates of future meetings

- a) The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July 2022 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.
- b) The Parish Council agree the following changes to future meetings: Cancel proposed meeting on August 16th and bring September meeting forward to 6th September 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: