

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
20th JUNE 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Colin Ashby and Kathy Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Justine Atterbury
Also present: 2 members of the public

23/90. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Clemo.

23/91. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 16th May 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23/92. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

23/93. County and District Councillor's report

There were no reports received.

23/94. Public Question Time

The lack of grass cutting on the verges by Essex Highways was raised as an issue. This had prevented the Speedwatch group from being able to carry out checks as the vegetation restricted visibility. It was a particular issue for the square by the Museum of Power sign and the top of Ulting Lane to Bumblebee Cottage were particularly bad. Cllr Ashby agreed to cut the square of grass when he cut the grass in the churchyard. The Chair reported that there was a dead tree on the Green in Ulting Lane, owned by Essex and Suffolk Water.

23/95. Matters for information from previous meetings

23/87. Annual Parish Meeting. The concerns regarding flooding outside The Old Schoolhouse, Ulting were raised with the Floods Team, at Essex County Council. Although not the responsibility of the team they chased a response from Essex Highways. Essex Highways have put the location on the jetting programme, although a date for this was unknown. The broken pipe under the road has been reported to Essex Highways but had not been scheduled for repair.

23/96. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received.

i) 23/00572 and 23/00573 - Proposed rear single storey extension and new porch with internal and external alterations. Demolish the existing dilapidated outbuilding and boundary wall and replace with a new driveway.

The General Stores Maldon Road Langford Maldon

There were no objections to the proposal.

b) Planning decisions received.

The planning decisions received were noted.

i) 23/00280/HOUSE - New timber open-sided porch with brick plinth to rear of house
1 Church Cottages Witham Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4ST **APPROVED**

ii) 23/00260/HOUSE - Single storey rear extension.
1 John Thresh Way Langford Maldon Essex CM9 6FR **APPROVED**

iii) 23/00271/HOUSE – Demolition of existing detached garage & storage building; single storey side/rear extension incorporating integral garage.

23/97. Correspondence

a) Maldon District Future Transport Strategy. It was noted a consultation on the Maldon District Future Transport Strategy had been launched. Councillors agreed to respond to the strategy individually.

b) Essex and Suffolk Pipeline work update. The update on the Essex and Suffolk pipeline was noted. It was noted the work was scheduled to commence in Autumn 2023.

23/98. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mrs J Atterbury	£662.05			Clerk's salary (April - June)
Mrs J Atterbury	£173.85	£3.57	£177.42	Clerk's expenses (April – June)
HMRC	£165.40		£165.40	Tax
The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance	£185	0.00	£185	Summer 2023 newsletter
Mike Vainola t/a Mr PC	£160	0.00	£160	Improvements to Clerks laptop

b) The following cheque raised at previous meeting was ratified:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
SLCC Essex	£25.00	0.00	£25.00	SLCC Essex AGM and Training Day 7 June.

c) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (May 2023)
SSE	£9.70	£0.48	£10.18	Streetlight electricity (Apr 2023)
SSE	£75.61	£3.78	£79.39	Streetlight electricity (Apr 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 May 2023.

e) External audit – It was noted exemption status had been granted.

23/99. Bank Mandate Changes

It was agreed to authorise the changes to the signatories, to remove Vicky Anfilogoff and add Jenny Clemo. The Chair and Vice-Chair signed the bank mandate.

23/100. Installation of Dog Waste Bin, Ulting Lane –

It was noted that Northumbrian Water had kindly supplied and installed the new dog waste bin in Ulting Lane. Councillors passed on their thanks to Northumbrian Water. It was agreed to formally adopt the bin and include it in the assets register. It was noted Maldon District Council had been contacted and had agreed to include the bin in their collection route. It was noted that the parish council would need to pay £50.91 for the first year collection.

23/101. Replacement Street Lights Langford –

The gift from Northumbrian Water to replace the Langford street lights with LED was gratefully received. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase.

23/102. Tree Survey –

This item was deferred to the July parish council meeting.

23/103. A12 Consultation –

The latest update on the A12 consultation was considered. The parish council strongly disapproved of the potential impact on local residents in terms of traffic and access to the A12.

23/104. Essex Salt Partnership –

It was agreed that an application to join the Essex Salt Partnership should be made for the Langford and Ulting Village Hall.

23/105. Clerk's Employment

The Clerk's employment was ratified following completion of probation period (completed 31 May 2023).

23/106. Parish Office Contact Number –

It was agreed to purchase a SIM only phone contract for the Parish Office.

23/107. Noticeboard for Langford and Ulting Village Hall –

It was agreed that both options presented to councillors were suitable and would be presented for consideration to the Langford and Ulting Village Hall Committee who had offered to pay for the noticeboard.

23/108. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no items.

23/109. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: