

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LANGFORD PARISH MEETING HELD IN LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2014 AT 7.30PM.

Those present: Cllr. Andrew Tween (In the chair), Irene Allen, Vicky Anfilogoff, Katherine Palmer, Jenny Clemo (clerk) and four members of the public.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting – 16th April 2013
The minutes were read out by the Chairman, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters Arising.
 - a) 30mph speed limit – Subsequent to the meeting with Priti Patel, MP, last year, the Parish Council asked her to put some pressure on Essex County Council. Unfortunately, there has been no positive outcome.
 - b) Lime trees – It was noted that two lime trees and a silver birch tree had been planted at the Village Hall in March. These replace the two lime trees that had been taken down due to fungal decay and the sycamore trees that died due to fire damage.
 - c) Community Shop – This is still thriving. The Chairman thanked Irene Allen and all the volunteers who make it possible.
3. Chairman's Report.
 - a) The highlight of the past year was the appeal by CML Micro Systems against the decision by Maldon District Council to refuse their application for a 149 property housing development on the Oval Park site. The Chairman thanked councillors in both parishes of Langford and Ulting, as well as the ward councillors at Maldon District, for the consolidated effort made to successfully block the appeal. On behalf of the council, the Chairman thanked all those residents who gave their time to attend the hearing, during one of the hottest months of last year. Without doubt, the strength in public opinion shown by the numbers seated in the public gallery each day had a marked effect in the planning inspector's decision to dismiss the appeal.
 - b) Despite announcing that the summer newsletter would be the last, the Chairman reported that CML have continued to provide sponsorship for the village newsletter and with a donation from Ernest Does, the Parish Council will be able to produce a further three editions of this worthwhile publication. The Chairman thanked both sponsors and vice chairman, Cllr. Irene Allen for her sterling efforts in producing the newsletter three times a year.
 - c) The neighbourhood plan, is progressing well under the guidance of Cllr. Vicky Anfilogoff who, along with our clerk, Jenny Clemo, have attended or will be attending national planning workshops in York and Oxford, respectively.
 - d) The proposed boundary change, bringing a number of properties back into the parish from Heybridge has been stalled by Heybridge Parish Council. Following suggestions from Maldon District Council, the Parish Council had hoped to come to an agreement with Heybridge cutting out some of the bureaucracy involved but it now seems that the Parish Council will have to proceed with the residents' petition in order to initiate the process.
 - e) It is encouraging to see a few more residents attending meetings and taking an interest in what the Parish Council does. It was noted that Parish Council meetings are open to the public and everybody is encouraged to attend.

Finally, the Chairman thanked fellow councillors for their support and hard work throughout the past year and especially the parish clerk, without whom the council would not function.

4. Items from parishioners.

a) 30mph speed limit – To support the Parish Council's request for a speed limit through the centre of Langford, residents were asked to write to Essex County Council Highways complaining about the speed of traffic through the village.

b) Witham Road – Residents were advised to take up the issue of large heavy goods vehicles using this road with either the Police or the company owning the lorry.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: