

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LANGFORD PARISH MEETING HELD IN LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM

Those present: Cllr. Vicky Anfilogoff (In the chair), Irene Allen, Vicky Anfilogoff, Katherine Palmer, Colin Ashby, John Clemo, Jenny Clemo (Clerk), District Councillor Henry Bass and two members of the public.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting – 18th April 2017

The minutes were read out by the Chairman, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report.

Cllr. Anfilogoff noted that another twelve months had slipped past all too quickly and that triumphs had been few and relatively small but, nonetheless, in terms of Parish Council business they are counted as such.

a) Ditches – The surveying and mapping of ditches in the Parish had continued and was almost finished thanks to the sterling efforts of Jenny Clemo and Irene Allen.

b) Grasscutting – The Chairman thanked Colin Ashby for cutting Langford churchyard, John Clemo for keeping the ford tidy and Alan Marks for keeping the Ulting Lane green looking smart and well-tended.

c) Newsletter – The Chairman thanked Irene Allen who had produced three extremely good and lively village newsletters to a very high standard. This is being financed by the Parish Council.

d) River bridge – Highways had repaired the damage caused by a car colliding with the bridge.

e) General Data Protection Regulations – The clerk had been preparing the necessary documentation for the new protocols. The Chairman thanked her for this and for her continued sterling work as clerk.

f) Planning – The village trigger has been withdrawn by Maldon District Council and parish councils no longer receive paper copies of planning applications. The Parish Council is keeping a watching brief to ensure that the same levels of engagement by are maintained.

g) Neighbourhood Plan - The Parish Council intention is to get some sort of plan out of the process. It would have saved a lot of time, hard work and frustration if in 2016 when we had the Inspector's Report someone had just said to us 'go with this you'll never get a housing policy'.

h) General permitted development – Several conversions of disused farm buildings have been allowed in the parish. Unfortunately, these are not always in appropriate locations and do not have to pass the sustainability test.

Finally, the Chairman thanked Henry Bass for his continued support and Mark Durham and though it is obviously increasingly difficult for him to attend meetings due to his commitments at ECC, he is addressing this by posting a blog on You Tube.

4. Items from parishioners.

a) Planning applications – Clerk to list applications on the website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: