

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2020.

Present: Councillors Anfilogoff, Allen, Ashby, Magness and Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Anfilogoff
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: L. Atkinson (RCCE Rural Housing Enabler and S. Robinson (Hastoe Housing Association).

The Chairman welcomed the RCCE Rural Housing Enabler and a representative from Hastoe Housing Association to the meeting.

20/76. Apologies for absence

None received.

20/77. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 21st April 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and agreed. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

20/78. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

20/79. Affordable Housing

Subsequent to the decision to work in partnership with Hastoe Housing Association and receiving the results of the Housing Needs Survey, the Parish Council agreed that a scheme of up to four affordable units should be investigated. Councillors agreed that the dwellings would need to fit in with the surrounding properties, be of high quality and sustainable to live in. As the scheme is developed, the Rural Housing Enabler would engage with the community through the Parish newsletter.

20/80. Matters for information from previous meetings

20/27. Community Orchard Interpretation Board – Design had been completed and posted to the printers.

20/56. Bradwell B consultation – Cold Norton Parish Council had asked for an extension to the consultation period. Councillors agreed to support.

20/69c) Covid-19 – Further email updates from Maldon District Council and the EALC had been forwarded to councillors.

20/81. District Councillor's report

Cllr. Jarvis sent his apologies but reported the following:

- Double election fee issue is being looked into
- Maldon District Council which has been operating on Interim Measures, has now resolved to put decision making back to Member Councillors as soon as possible and most likely from 1st June.

20/82. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

HOUSE/MAL/20/00408 - Single storey rear extension. 7, Ulting Lane, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

FUL/MAL/20/00327 - Proposed extension and associated internal alterations to the Museum of Power. Museum Of Power Steam Pumping Station, Hatfield Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to recommend refusal for the following reasons: The Museum of Power is a Scheduled Monument within the Langford Conservation Area and adjacent to the Chelmer and Blackwater Conservation Area. The proposed extension (foyer/café), is contrary to Policy D3, Conservation and

Heritage Assets of the Maldon District Local Development Plan, 2014-2029. The proposed extension does not enhance the special character of the building or enhance its appearance. It is not in keeping with the existing building, detracts from the arched windows and interferes with the uniform façade. The proposed building materials are not sympathetic to the existing building and surrounding rural landscape. It was noted that Cllr. Magness did not object to the proposal as he thought that the proposed extension would give a modern and more welcoming approach to the museum.

b) Planning decisions received:

HOUSE/MAL/20/00089 - Proposed demolition of garage and erection of side and rear extensions with associated works at The Old Post Office, Maldon Road, Langford was approved.

20/83. Correspondence

a) External audit – Instructions received from PKF Littlejohn. Parish Councils were advised to keep to the normal timetable if possible. The accounts and supporting information are currently with the Internal Auditor.

b) Local Highways Panel Request – It was noted that the request for chevrons on bend opposite Elm Cottages, Ulting would be considered at June meeting.

c) County Broadband – Update received. It was noted that work had commenced in Ulting.

d) Maldon District Free Book Drop – For information see: <http://ow.ly/o19i50zs1e9>

e) Oval Park – Notification had been received from Aquila that an outline planning application for a mixed-use development had been submitted to Maldon District Council on 30th April.

f) Proposed adoption of the Chelmsford Local Plan (2013 – 2036) – It was noted that adoption would be considered at a virtual extraordinary meeting of Chelmsford City Council on 27th May 2020. See: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/committees-and-meetings/calendar-of-meetings/?id=d8c1de9f-7fad-45c3-ad71-57d0f3caaf89>

g) Temporary closure of Footpath 7, Langford – Notification of closure from 14th May 2020 for 21 days due to vandalism of footbridge had been received from Essex County Council.

20/84. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£5.50		£5.50	Adjustment to contested election fee
Zurich Municipal	£328.23		£328.23	Annual insurance premium

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (May 2020)
SSE	£4.32	£0.21	£4.53	Streetlight electricity (April 2020)
SSE	£32.05	£1.60	£33.65	Streetlight electricity (April 2020)

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of March 2020.

d) Annual precept – Receipt of £8,280.00 from Maldon District Council was noted.

e) Danbury Fencing Ltd – Response from EALC which recommended waiting to receive a request for payment from the receiver was noted.

20/85. Neighbourhood Plan

Advice received from Maldon District Council was noted. There will be no statutory referendums until after 5th May 2021. Reg 14 and 15 consultations are currently unable to take place as physical copies of the Neighbourhood Plan must be available for inspection, alongside electronic copies. The legal view is that amendments to legislation will be necessary.

20/86. Risk Assessment

The Draft Risk Assessment previously circulated was reviewed and agreed.

20/87. Conifer at Ulting Lane Green

Cllr. Allen to liaise with volunteer to ascertain which tree requires removal to enable disposal of grass cuttings.

20/88. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

20/89. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date