

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MAY 2022 AT CROUCHMANS BARN, ULTING

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Colin Ashby, Lester Magness and Kathy Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: 6 members of the public and District Councillor Morgan

22/70. Election of Chairman

Cllr. Ashby proposed and Cllr. Magness seconded Cllr. Allen as Chairman. As there were no other nominations Cllr. Allen was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman was signed.

22/71. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr. Palmer proposed and Cllr. Ashby seconded Cllr. Magness as Vice Chairman. As there were no other nominations Cllr. Magness was elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

22/72. Appointments to committees

The following appointments were made:

Langford Planning representatives: Cllrs. Allen and Ashby
Ulting Planning representatives: Cllrs. Palmer and Magness
Emergency Planning Officer: Cllr. Ashby
Newsletter: Cllr. Allen
Footpath Representative: Cllr. Ashby
Village Correspondent: Cllr. Allen
Clerk to confirm whether resident is willing to continue as Tree Warden for Ulting.

22/73. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff.

22/74. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 19th April 2022 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

22/75. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

22/76. Matters for information from previous meetings

22/54. Flooding at junction of Ulting Lane with B1019 – Clerk had reported
22/62. Village gateways – No response received
22/63. Essex Waterways – No response received

22/77. County and District Councillor's report

Cllr. Morgan reported the following:

- Council Statutory Annual meeting held last week - Cllr. Boyce elected as Chairman
- Westcombe Park – Reserved matters application was approved. First phase, 120 homes, to be completed by June 2023
- The Essex Serpent had been filmed around the District
- Homes for Ukraine – To date there have been 1021 requests for accommodation and 759 sponsors in Essex

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Morgan for attending the meeting.

22/78. Public Question Time

- Otter fencing round fishing lakes – Residents had been appalled but this had become an issue since otters had returned to Essex.
- Ulting Sign – It was noted that the sign would be installed before the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and there would be an unveiling ceremony. Date to be advised.
- Litter bin at Beeleigh – It was noted that there had been a bin but due to constant vandalism it had not been replaced.
- Dead elms, Crouchmans Farm Road – Clerk had notified Highways.
- Village Hall – It was noted that high speed broadband had been installed by County Broadband free of charge and is now up and running.
- Crouchmans Farm Road junction with Bumfords Lane – A resident had made many complaints to the Environment Agency and Maldon District Council regarding sewage smells here. An Environmental Health Officer had visited the site but the issue has not been resolved.

22/79. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received.

22/00272/HOUSE – Proposed single-storey side extension and projecting canopy to the rear. 8 John Thresh Way, Langford. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

22/00414/FUL - Proposal: Change of use of land to residential and single storey side extension. Jechs Barn, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. Email received from MDC re Call In: I refer to the above planning application and confirm that this is due to be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the North-Western Area Planning Committee on 18 May 2022 at the Council Offices starting at 7.30pm. The Parish Council agreed to support this application because the proposal increased family living space. It was noted that Barn A would be removed if planning permission was granted and that a section of the roadside boundary has an established hedge

22/00388/FUL - Construction of a new fish pass at Langford Sluice. Land North Of Langford Mill, Maldon Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

At this point five members of the public and Cllr. Morgan left the meeting.

22/00559/HOUSE - Proposed rear dormer to second floor. Hillcrest, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. The Parish Council agreed that a comment suggesting that the proposed dormer be rendered would be submitted.

At this point three members of the public returned to the meeting.

b) Planning decisions received.

22/00396/TCA - Fell 17 Leylandii Cypress trees and replace them to the rear boundary with 17 trees comprising of 5 Oak trees, 10 Sycamore trees and 2 Willow trees. Mill House, Maldon Road, Langford was allowed to proceed.

22/00093/HOUSE - Conversion of existing garage and granary buildings to form new gymnasium. games room and rest room. Changes to fenestration. The Cottage, Ulting Hall, Ulting Hall Road, Ulting was approved.

22/00094/LBC - Conversion of existing garage and granary buildings to form new gymnasium. games room and rest room. Changes to fenestration. The Cottage, Ulting Hall, Ulting Hall Road, Ulting. Listed building consent granted.

22/00341/LBC - Internal alterations to the first floor master bedroom, en-suite and dressing room including the removal of existing partition walls and creation of new partition walls; closure of existing door opening and creation of new door opening. The Old Vicarage, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. Listed building consent granted.

LDP/MAL/21/01252 - Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed conversion of an agricultural barn to create 2No. dwellings (Use Class C3) with internal garaging. Outbuilding At Stock Hall Farm, Hatfield Road, Ulting was approved.

22/00155/TCA - G1 Beech & Maple - Reduce lateral branches by 2m and reshape canopy. T1 Cypress - Fell. T2 Common Ash - 1.5m crown reduction. T3 Holly - 3m height reduction and reshape. Langmere, Maldon Road, Langford was allowed to proceed.

FUL/MAL/21/01212 - Demolition of existing single storey bungalow and construction of 2no. two storey detached dwelling, Oak Trees, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was refused.

c) Planning application withdrawn.

22/00342/FUL - Proposal: Construction of a building for B8 Storage Commercial Unit. Land 100M North North West Of Langford Hall Barn, Witham Road, Langford.

22/80. Correspondence

a) Stansted Airport ACP, Stage 2 approval – It was noted that following London Stansted's Stage 2 ACP submission the CAA had now completed their Develop and Assess Gateway Assessment and been given approval for progression to Stage 3.

b) Chelmsford City Council Local Plan – It was noted that the review to 2041 had commenced.

c) Potential Local Wildlife Sites consultation – No suggestions for additional sites to be included.

d) Neighbourhood Watch – Update received from resident who, subsequent to volunteering to take the Village Hall bookings, does not have sufficient time to set up the scheme was noted. Chairman to include request for volunteer to take this on in next newsletter.

e) Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay – It was noted that the baton will visit Maldon on 8th July 2022.

22/81. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mr N Spooner	£75.00		£75.00	Internal audit
Zurich Municipal	£332.49		£332.49	Insurance
JCM Services Amenity & Groundcare Ltd	£2390.00	£478.00	£2868.00	Work to trees in closed churchyards

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
SSE	£TBA	£TBA	£TBA	Streetlight electricity (April 2022)
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A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (May 2022)

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

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Essex County Council	£360.00	£72.00	£432.00	Tree Risk Assessment survey

d) Internal Audit – The annual internal audit report which had been carried out on 29th April 2022 was noted.

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

f) Income and Expenditure – The annual finance report showing actual spend against budget for the year to 31st March 2022 was noted.

g) Annual precept – Receipt of £10,500.00 from Maldon District Council was noted.

22/82. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022

a) It was agreed that the accounts for year ending 31st March 2022 should be approved.

b) Approval of Certificate of Exemption - Income and expenditure for the year were both under £25000 and it was agreed that the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR Part 2 should be signed by the Chairman and clerk.

c) Annual Governance Statement, (Section 1) was approved by the Parish Council and then signed

by the Chairman and clerk.

d) The Annual Accounting Statement, (Section 2) was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

e) To note Public Rights dates - It was noted that public rights dates would be 13th June to 22nd July 2022.

22/83. The Pensions Regulator

It was noted that the clerk had submitted the re-declaration of compliance and received confirmation.

22/84. North Heybridge Garden Suburb Relief Road

The Parish Council agreed to defer this item.

22/85. Dog Waste Bin

a) The cost of fixing to existing post (£70.00 + VAT) or for supply and installation of new post if necessary (£165.00 + VAT) was noted.

b) It was noted that no response had been received from Essex & Suffolk Water.

22/86. Ulting Closed Churchyard

It was noted that the clerk had contacted Maldon District Council as the grass had not been cut. It was agreed that in future years cutting would commence mid-April.

22/87. Mower Service

Two quotations had been received. Cllr Magness had tried to obtain a further quotation without success. The Parish Council agreed that the quotation from Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd for £185.64 + VAT would be accepted.

22/88. Ulting Annual Parish Meeting

No matters arising.

22/89. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

22/90. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked the Tomlins for their hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: