

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2021 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Kathy Palmer, Colin Ashby and Lester Magness  
In the Chair: Councillor Kathy Palmer  
Clerk: Jenny Clemo  
Also present: District Councillor Jarvis and one member of the public

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, councillors appointed Cllr. Palmer to chair the meeting.

**21/161. Apologies for absence**

Apologies accepted from Cllrs. Anfilogoff and Allen.

**21/162. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2021 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**21/163. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**21/164. County and District Councillor's reports**

Cllr. Jarvis reported the following:

- Accounts 2020/21 have been audited but an issue regarding treatment of the government's Covid grants had emerged.
- Leisure Centres – The Council had supported the Leisure centres through Covid and continues to meet with their management.
- Bradwell B: 'Ground Investigation works' - The appeal had been allowed and partial costs awarded.
- Five-year housing land supply – At July 2021, the position had deteriorated to 3.26 years. New planning applications would therefore be determined in accordance with the NPPF rather than the adopted Local Development Plan.
- Planning White Paper – This had been shelved following the Cabinet reshuffle. The paper would have potentially made planning more centralised with less attention paid to local concerns.
- LDP review (target date end 2023) – How do Parish Councils get involved? Cllr. Jarvis to provide contact details.
- Call for sites – Have any sites in the parish passed the criteria? Cllr. Jarvis to provide further information.
- Full Council meeting – Consequent to the early closure of the meeting held on 4th November, the items on the agenda could not be executed. Subsequently, the Leader and Deputy Leader had stepped down. An Open letter regarding the 'Enough is Enough' campaign had been released by the Council.

**21/165. Public Question Time** (limited to 15 minutes if required).

Not required.

**21/166. Matters for information from previous meetings**

21/148. Local Highways Panel requests – Other than requests for reduced speed limits which have already been submitted, no other matters suggested.

21/20. **20/01318/FUL** – Retrospective application for 2 porta cabins with office use associated with the adjacent B8 grain store. Land Adjacent to Gas Reduction Station, Witham Road, Langford. It was noted that revised plans had been submitted.

21/152d) Essex Highways User Survey – Clerk had completed the survey.

It was noted that a request for a screening opinion had been submitted for proposed employment development at Oval Park. (See: **21/01193/SCR**)

#### 21/167. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received:

**21/01001/HOUSE** - Two storey link extension to side elevation. Alterations to existing access and new boundary treatments. Changes to fenestration. 1 Baytree Cottages, Maldon Road, Ulting. Clerk had responded under delegated authority as agreed at the previous meeting. The Council recommended refusal because the proposed extension due to its size, position and design, would be a dominant and incongruous element in the streetscene to the detriment of the character and appearance of the host dwelling, the streetscene and wider locality. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies D1 and H4 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

**21/01067/HOUSE** - Proposed two front dormer windows to second floor. Hillcrest Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

**21/00961/RES** - Proposal: Reserved Matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale covering the details of strategic landscaping and infrastructure for Phase 2 and part of Phase 4 of the approved planning application (15/00419/OUT) comprising:

(i) The landscaping surrounding the eastern section of the Relief Road, and Broad Street Green Roundabout;

(ii) The internal spine road, from Broad Street Green Road to the north-eastern corner of Heybridge Wood (including bus stops);

(iii) The green corridors that surround Parcels 10, 11 and 12;

(iv) The second phase of the acoustic barrier;

(v) The play area (LEAP) that lies south of Parcel 12;

(vi) The internal road and associated attenuation basins to the north of Parcel 8 that serves the Local Centre;

(vii) The proposed pumping station;

(viii) Pedestrian and cycle links falling within this phase of the development.

Together with details pursuant to Condition 18 (tree protection), Condition 19 (acoustic barrier), Condition 27 (bus stops) and Condition 28 (footpaths and cycle routes) of the approved planning application 15/00419/OUT. Land At Broad Street Green Road And Langford Road And Maypole Road Great Totham.

**TCA/MAL/21/01054** - 6x Leylandii - Reduce by 7 metres. 9 Ulting Lane, Langford. It was noted that the Parish Council does not have allocated funds in its budget and is therefore not able to have this work carried out.

**TCA/MAL/21/01022** - T1 Horse Chestnut - Pollard tree to remove 4 metres of growth. The Studio, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting.

**TCA/MAL/21/01124** - T1 Walnut - Reduce by 2-2.5 metres to all aspects and thin canopy by 25%. Old Post Office, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting.

b) Planning decisions received:

None received.

#### 21/168. **Correspondence**

a) Maldon District Council Free Half Day Parking – After 2pm on Thursdays during November and December to encourage residents to support local businesses was noted.

b) Passenger Transport meeting - Thursday November 18th 2021 10am – 12pm on Microsoft Teams.

c) Maldon District Council had launched its annual Residents and Business Survey. Available for six weeks until 10 December 2021. See: [www.maldon.gov.uk/yourviews](http://www.maldon.gov.uk/yourviews)

d) Superfast Essex Programme Update – October 2021 received.

e) Superfast Essex online Parish Engagement event to be held Thursday 25th November 2021, 6 pm - 8pm.

Councillor Jarvis left the meeting at this point. Councillors thanked him for attending.

## 21/169. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
Mrs J Clemo	£251.79	£2.54	£254.33	Clerk's expenses (Apr-Nov 2021)

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (Nov 2021)
SSE	£6.04	£0.30	£6.34	Streetlight electricity (Oct 2021)
SSE	£38.53	£1.92	£40.45	Streetlight electricity (Oct 2021)

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

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
Lavenham Press	£315.00		£315.00	Newsletter

d) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of October 2021.

e) The Parish Council authorised the clerk to set up a Direct Debit to HMRC for PAYE.

## 21/170. Neighbourhood Plan

Due to an early closure of the Full Council meeting held 4th November 2021, the item on the agenda recommending the Neighbourhood Plan was not heard and therefore no decision to proceed to referendum was made. Confirmation of arrangements for this decision had not yet been received. It was agreed that the Parish Council would notify the Council of its disappointment that this situation had arisen and that it needs to be addressed so that the normal business of the Council can be conducted in a proper manner.

## 21/171. Hoe Mill bridge replacement

a) The Parish Council agreed to reiterate Woodham Walter Parish Council's comments to Essex County Council regarding the proposal to replace the bridge (probably 2025/26).

b) It was noted that the new bridge would allow 40 tonne vehicles to use it which would inevitably have an impact on road use by HGV's through Woodham Walter and Ulting. It was also noted that the works would mean that the road will be closed for 26 weeks.

## 21/172. Oval Park

The Parish Council agreed to invite representatives from JTS Partnership to the December meeting to discuss the proposed development of the designated employment site at Oval Park.

## 21/173. Poplar trees – Crouchmans Farm Road

The Parish Council agreed to inform Essex County Council of its concerns regarding the poplar trees in poor condition along Crouchmans Farm Road.

## 21/174. Chelmer Valley Landscape Group update

Cllr. Magness reported that the workshop which had aimed to help CVLG to clarify its long-term aims and to establish some practical actions which could be delivered in the Chelmer Valley in the next few years had been successful. The next meeting would summarise the findings and consider issues raised.

## 21/175. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

## 21/176. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th December 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date