

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
14th NOVEMBER 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Colin Ashby, Kathy Palmer and
Jenny Clemo
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Justine Atterbury
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan.
There were no members of the public present.

23/175. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies of absence given.

23/176. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 17th October 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23/177. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

23/178. County and District Councillor's report

Cllr Simon Morgan reported a motion to withdraw the district planning committees had been put forward to the full council and then withdrawn. It was noted Maldon District Council needed to make budget savings of £600,000 by 2025 and the withdrawal of the planning committees was one of the options under consideration.

23/179. Public Question Time

Cllr Ashby reported he had been contacted about a tree branch by the bridge on Langford Road. It was noted this should be reported to the Essex Highways emergency number.

23/180. Matters for information from previous meetings

23/120. Replacement Noticeboard for Langford & Ulting Village Hall

It was noted that the replacement noticeboard had been ordered by the Village Hall.

23/114. Public Question Time Hoe Mill

It was noted the request for the extension of the double yellow lines to the South East Parking Partnership was in draft and residents' signatures of support were being sought.

22/131. Ulting Village Sign.

It was noted that a suitable post for the sign had been sourced from the resident at Hoe Mill Lock and arrangements were being made.

23/181. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

23/01037/FUL – First floor rear and side extension to existing garage with dormers in roofspace
Mill Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford

There were no objections.

23/01024/WTPO - A2 - (TPO- 4/86) - Group of Pine Trees - Crown reduction by 2m.

Lateral reduction to eastern and southern sides by 2m.

CML Microsystems Limited Oval Park Hatfield Road Langford

The application was welcomed. It was noted that the 2m crown reduction was recommended.

Given the proximity to local residents, the height and age of the trees it was hoped that the trees would be surveyed on an annual basis.

23/00994/LDE - Claim for lawful development certificate for existing replacement insulated flat roof with flat roof windows, reduced glazing, red brick piers to match existing half height brick work and white painted timber windows and French doors
Old Post Office Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon
 There were no objections.

Parish Council planning application -
23/01035/TCA - T12 - Ash – Fell and T13 - Ash - Reduce by 3m (back to previous cut points).
 Remove major deadwood over 5cm in diameter and 1m in length over churchyard.
Church Of All Saints Crouchmans Farm Road Ulting Maldon

b) Planning decisions received:

23/00825/LBC - To replace existing bay window with new window
The General Stores Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS APPROVED

23/00928/HRN - Sections of 34 hedgerows to be removed in order to install a new water main.
End Of Langford Waterpipe Hatfield Road Langford Essex NO OBJECTION

23/00783/HOUSE and 23/00784/LBC - Demolish sheds and replace with a 3 bay garage/cart lodge.
Home Farm Maypole Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4TA APPROVED

Cllr Simon Morgan left the meeting.

23/182. **Correspondence**

- a). Waste Strategy for Essex Information Event – 6 November 2023 - The event was noted.
- b). Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Precept survey 2024-25 – The precept survey was noted.
- c). Ride London Essex 2024 proposals. The Ride London Essex 2024 proposals were noted.

23/183. **Finance**

a) The following payments were authorised:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| Maldon District Council | | £24.45 | | Grass Cutting – Cheque 101096 for invoice LAN08388736 did not include VAT in payment from October 2023. Previous cheque was £122.25 against invoice of £146.70. |

b) The following of direct debit payments were confirmed:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--|
| A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd | £17.12 | £3.42 | £20.54 | Streetlight maintenance (October 2023) |
| SSE | £9.59 | £1.92 | £11.51 | Streetlight electricity (September 2023) |
| SSE | £22.50 | £1.13 | £23.63 | Streetlight electricity (September 2023) |

c) The following cheque was ratified:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| Maldon District Council | £222.92 | £44.58 | £267.50 | Community engagement team services August and September |

- d) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of October 2023.
- e) The receipt of the outstanding precept from Maldon District Council, £1575 was noted.

23/184. Repairs to Langford Churchyard Fences –

It was agreed to defer this item until the December Parish Council Meeting to wait for additional quotes.

23/185. Community Engagement Team –

Future arrangements for the Community Engagement team were considered. It was agreed to employ the team for up to 4 hours per month from April – September 2024. It was further agreed to consider additional hours if required during the summer months.

23/186. Biodiversity Policy –

The draft biodiversity policy was agreed with the following amendment – to remove the following point. - • Ensure that biodiversity is a focus of the Climate Action working group established as part of its Climate Action Statement;

ACTION

Clerk to amend the Biodiversity Policy and circulate it on the website.

23/187. Simple Servicing Authority –

It was agreed to authorise the Clerk, Justine Atterbury and Cllr Clemo to give instructions to Barclays Bank to obtain account information and to make funds transfers between bank accounts in Langford & Ulting Parish Council’s name.

23/188. Pay Agreement –

The Local Government Services pay agreement for 2023-24 was noted.

23/189. Dates of Meetings in 2024 -

The dates for next year’s Parish Council meetings were confirmed:

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| 16th January | 21st May | 17th September |
| 20th February | 18th June | 15th October |
| 19th March | 16th July | 12th November |
| 16th April | 20th August | 10th December |

23/190. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no additional items for the next agenda.

23/191. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: