

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
17th OCTOBER 2017 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Vicky Anfilogoff, Irene Allen, Kathy Palmer and John Clemo
In the Chair: Councillor Vicky Anfilogoff
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: District Councillor Henry Bass and three members of the public, one of whom left the meeting after the County Broadband presentation

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from James Salmon, County Broadband who outlined how they would be able to help improve broadband speed in the parish and the likely timescale for installation. The Chairman thanked him for giving a very interesting presentation.

17/152. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Ashby who was away on business.

17/153. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 19th September 2017 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

17/154. Declarations of Interest

No interests declared.

17/155. Matters for information from previous meetings

15/197. Path at Ulting Lane green – No response received from Northumbrian Water Plc.

17/142 Various Highways matters – Issues had been reported and some items had already been resolved.

17/144b) Essex Highways Stakeholder Survey – The clerk had submitted the survey after seeking clarification from Highways.

17/156. District Councillor's report

Cllr. Bass reported the following:

- A new Planning Director has been engaged and the department had been reorganised. There is now a nearly full complement of staff.
- Highway Rangers – Carry out work on overgrown vegetation etc on minor roads.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Bass for his report.

17/157. Public Question Time

- A resident expressed concern that Highways had not responded to emails and phone calls about the blocked pipe under Hatfield Road in the vicinity of its junction with Ulting Lane. Clerk to provide email addresses for our County Councillor, the Cabinet members for Highways, Essex County Council and Mrs. Hall, Maldon District Council.

17/158. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

COUPA/MAL/17/01019 - Variation of conditions 3 & 4 of approved planning permission COUPA/15/00801 (Prior notification of a proposed change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings). Land At Middlefield Barns, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

LBC /MAL/17/00967 - Replacement of casement windows which are non-compliant by previous owners to bring the building back to original design. Railway Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

b) Planning decisions received:

OUT/MAL/17/00820 - Outline planning application for residential development comprising 6No. detached dwellings, Oval Park, Hatfield Road, Langford was refused.

COUPA/MAL/17/00924 - Prior notification of a proposed change of use for an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and associated operational development. Land At Drylands Nursery, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. Prior approval was granted.

17/159. Correspondence

a) Council Tax Support 2018/19 consultation – See: www.maldon.gov.uk/LCTS The Parish Council agreed that it would not respond as the technicalities of the scheme were not understood.

b) Mobile Library Service consultation – It was agreed that the clerk would respond. See: libraries.essex.gov.uk

c) A12/A120 Widening Scheme – The update received was noted. The options selection assessment had been extended and the preferred route is expected to be announced this coming winter.

d) Highways Briefing – Invitation to attend a briefing at Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow on 3rd November from 10am – 1pm had been received. Councillors were unable to attend due to prior work commitments.

e) Conservation & Design Award Scheme – It was agreed that Cllr. Allen would attend the Awards Ceremony at the Friends Meeting House, Butt Lane, Maldon on Tuesday 7 November 2017 at 2pm.

17/160. Finance

a) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| e.on | £31.91 | £1.60 | £33.51 | Streetlight electricity (Oct 2017) |
| A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd | £19.25 | £3.85 | £23.10 | Streetlight maintenance (Oct 2017) |

b) Bank Reconciliation - Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify the bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of September 2017.

c) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 30th September 2017 was noted. Due to increases by Eon the cost of running the streetlights was over budget. It was agreed that the clerk would procure quotations.

17/161. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Anfilogoff reported that the clerk had chased AECOM who had said that the Parish Council should hear the outcome of their application for technical support directly from DCLG by the end of the week.

17/162. Broadband

a) It was agreed that James Salmon, County Broadband would provide an article for the next newsletter which is due to be circulated in February 2018. In addition a separate flyer provided by County Broadband, would be circulated to all residents prior to a Parish meeting to be held in March 2018.

17/163. Flooding

a) A resident had provided some photographs of the flooding at its peak at The Old School.

b) Another resident agreed to provide some photographs of the flooding at Does.

Clerk to send further photographs to Essex County Council Flood team, County Council and District Council.

17/164. Community Shop rates bill

The clerk had carried out some research for the Chairman and was asked to copy her findings to Cllr. Allen and District Cllr. Bass.

17/165. Homestead

It was noted that enforcement action was being undertaken.

17/166. **Items from the councillors** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

17/167. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: