

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020.

Present: Councillors Anfilogoff, Allen, Palmer and Magness  
In the Chair: Councillor Anfilogoff  
Clerk: Jenny Clemo  
Also present: Councillor Jarvis

**20/159. Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr. Durham.

**20/160. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of 22nd September 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and agreed. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

**20/161. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**20/162. District Councillor's report**

Cllr Jarvis reported the following:

- Council accounts are on track; a reduction on last year at an anticipated cost of £55k including some extra spend on Covid-19 issues. Work on the budget has commenced.
- Bradwell B - The Council initially supported in principle, a new nuclear power station at Bradwell on Sea but grave concerns, after receiving the initial planning documents, have been raised due to the local environmental impacts, the loss of heritage assets and ecological harm. Planning application for soil testing has gone to appeal.
- Covid-19 High Street recovery plan
- Leisure Centres – Continue to receive financial help from MDC.
- Planning White Paper – Emphasis on centralisation and three zones:- Growth, Renewal and Protected. New Local Plans would be required and neighbourhood plans may not feature in the proposed changes.
- Unitary Devolution – Proposals to be delayed due to pandemic.
- Committees – Statutory Annual meeting to be held 5th November.
- CIF and micro grants

**20/163. Public Question Time** (limited to 15 minutes if required).

Not required.

**20/164. Matters for information from previous meetings**

20/103. Tree at Ulting Lane Green – Application for Works to Trees in Conservation Area outstanding.

20/142. 40 mph Speed Limits – Requests had been submitted.

20/148. OUT/MAL/20/00427 – It was pointed out that some of the inspector's comments on APP/X1545/W/20/3252207 were relevant to this application.

20/154. Neighbourhood Plan – Clerk had rewritten the Basic Conditions Statement and it is currently with Planning Policy for checking.

**20/165. Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received:

None received.

b) Planning decisions received:

**20/00622/HOUSE** - Demolition of existing outbuilding and shed and new replacement outbuilding. Blackwater Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford was approved.

**20/00751/HOUSE** - Single storey rear extension and patio. 7, Ulting Lane, Langford was approved.

c) Appeal decision received:

**APP/X1545/W/20/3252207** - Partial conversion and rebuilding of existing disused farm buildings for the creation of 4 no. dwelling houses and 1 no. commercial unit, Outbuildings, Stock Hall Farm, Hatfield Road, Ulting was dismissed.

#### 20/166. Correspondence

- a) Maldon District Residents and Business Survey – Closing date 1st November (circulated to councillors by email).
- b) County Broadband – Email received from Cllr. Durham noting that he has direct access to an Essex County Council channel that is dealing with issues with this provider. Cllr. Palmer had observed contractor working in road with no traffic management in place and had reported this to Cllr. Durham. Clerk to contact Cllr. Durham as installation was originally expected to be completed by end of August.
- c) Grass cutting Ulting closed churchyard – Overdue account reminder received. Clerk had sent an email on receipt of the reminder to explain that a credit had been requested as the invoice had been addressed to All Saints Church, Ulting. No credit note received as yet.
- d) RCCE Annual General Meeting – To be held remotely on Wednesday 21st October commencing at 6pm.
- e) Hoe Mill bridge – Width restriction work completed and TTRO made.
- f) Maldon High Street Consultation – Deadline 16th November 2020. See: <https://www.maldon.gov.uk/workingplace/consultation/> Councillors to provide comments to clerk by 24<sup>th</sup> October.
- g) Extension of 40mph speed limit to Oval Park – Email from resident querying LHP request received. The clerk had responded that the limits had been requested for highway safety reasons.
- h) Digital Demand Responsive Transport Survey – Deadline 1st November 2020. See: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/resident-survey-for-digital-demand-responsive-tra>

#### 120/167. Finance

a) The following payment was authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Lavenham Press	£315.00		£315.00	Newsletter

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

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

- c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliations produced by the clerk for months of August and September 2020.
- d) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 was noted.

#### 20/168. Neighbourhood Plan

- a) Consultation on Screening Opinion for the Pre-Regulation 15 version of the Neighbourhood Plan concluded 9th October. Responses were received from Natural England and Historic England. Neither had identified issues with the Plan therefore neither a SEA or HRA are required.
- b) It was noted that amendments to Policy 3 Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation and its preamble were required subsequent to adoption of Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy by Maldon District Council.

#### 20/169. Government Proposals to reform the Planning System

The Planning White Paper consultation, deadline is 29th October.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>

Councillors agreed that the clerk would respond on the basis that the White Paper was not democratic and that centralising planning was not the way forward. In addition, councillors agreed that local concerns would not be taken into account and that one size does not fit all

#### 20/170. To receive reports from Councillors

- a) EALC AGM - Cllr. Anfilogoff had not been able to attend due to broadband issues.

b) Chelmer Valley Landscape Group meeting - Cllr. Magness summarised the minutes as he had been unable to attend due to broadband issues. It was noted that there had been a significant increase in visitors which had resulted in a tremendous pressure on the river, towpaths, woodlands, wildlife and conservation. Issues of access, infrastructure and education in terms of behaviour in the countryside were matters of urgency. Formal launch of group postponed to Autumn 2021, workshops on key topics to be held remotely in the Spring.

20/171. **Items from the councillors** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

20/172. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date