

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2021 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness and Kathy Palmer
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: Three members of the public

21/145. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff who was unwell and Cllr. Ashby who was away on business. Apologies were also received from Cllrs. Jarvis and Durham.

21/146. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2021 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/147. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

21/148. County and District Councillor's reports

Report received from County Cllr. Durham was read out by the Chairman.

- Local Highways Panel – requests for new schemes to be submitted before next meeting which is 10th December 2021. Budget for 2020/21 and 2021/22 not as yet all allocated.
- Delayed ECC Speed Management Strategy due end of Autumn - The consequence of this is that new speed limits, extensions to existing limits and changes to speed limits cannot be looked at until this strategy is confirmed.
- New Speed Indicator Devices and Vehicle Activated signs will no longer be funded by ECC.
- ECC Highways now using What3Words app to locate highways issues.
- Budget setting process has begun at ECC and although the current year looks to be within the budget set last year, there is significant budget pressure for each of the next four years.
- ECC 'Everyone's Essex' plan published.

21/149. Public Question Time

- County Broadband – A resident enquired how others found the service provided.

21/150. Matters for information from previous meetings

21/134. Leylandii at Ulting Lane – Clerk had submitted application. A request to provide the reduction in metres had been received from Maldon District Council. Clerk to action.

21/137c) Hoe Mill bridge – It was noted that the proposed ground investigation works had not taken place. Signage replacement and white lining works had been carried out as planned.

21/151. Planning applications received after agenda published. Cllrs agreed that clerk would respond under delegated powers.

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. Cllrs. were concerned that the proposed extension was not in keeping with the existing dwelling and the semi-detached neighbouring property.

21/01067/HOUSE - Proposed two front dormer windows to second floor. Hillcrest Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. No comment required.

21/151. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:
None received.

b) Planning decisions received:

HOUSE/MAL/21/00708 - Proposed single storey rear extension. Mill Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford was approved.

FUL/MAL/21/00130 - Remove existing stables and build new garden outbuilding and separate detached cart lodge. Fords Farm House, Hatfield Road, Langford was refused.

TCA/MAL/21/00826 - G1 - Willows - Fell. G2 - Poplars - Fell. T1 - Silver Birch - Fell - tree is dead. Ulting Wick, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was allowed to proceed.

TCA/MAL/21/00849 - T1 Lime - Reduce in height by 9 metres. T2 Sycamore - Remove. T3 Oak - Remove 3 metres in length from the branch on the north-east side, remove 3 metres in length from the branch on the east side and 5 metres from the branch to the south. T4 Oak - Remove 3 metres in length to 2 x branches on from the south western lower side and 1 x branch back to the man trunk. T5 Oak - Reduce 2 metres from the end of the branch located on the eastern side. The Old Vicarage, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was allowed to proceed.

21/00218/FUL - Change of use of land to residential and single storey side extension, Jechs Barn, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was refused.

21/152. Correspondence

a) The Essex County Council (Maldon District) (Prohibition of waiting, loading and stopping) and (on-street parking places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No. 9) Order 202* received. Alterations to double yellow lines at Hoe Mill was noted.

b) Physical Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic Consultation - Healthwatch Essex are gathering lived experiences around the physical effects of the Covid19 pandemic and associated restrictions, such as 'lockdown', in the north-east Essex area was noted. To complete the survey, you can do so [here](#).

c) Safer Essex Roads Partnership Invitation to free sessions 13th and 21st October, 10am - 12noon. Councillors not available to attend the session.

d) Essex Highways User Survey received. Cllrs. agreed that the clerk would respond on behalf of the Parish Council by 31st December 2021.

e) London Stansted Airport Future Airspace Programme - The UK Government is leading a national programme of airspace change. Part of this strategy requires all UK airports to redesign the flight paths that aircraft use to arrive and depart. Further details can be found [here](#). Online information session to be held 21st October 2021 from 10.30am to 12noon. It was noted that councillors present were not available to attend.

f) It was noted that the clerk had submitted a complaint to BT regarding a contractor working at Hoe Mill without proper traffic management.

21/153. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mrs J Clemo	£703.50		£703.50	Clerk's salary (Jul – Sept 2021)
HMRC	£39.00		£39.00	Income tax
Maldon District Council	£99.75	£19.95	£119.70	Grass cutting Ulting churchyard

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (Oct 2021)
SSE	£6.04	£0.30	£6.34	Streetlight electricity (Sept 2021)
SSE	£37.48	£1.87	£39.35	Streetlight electricity (Sept 2021)

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

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mrs J Clemo	£742.50		£742.50	Clerk's salary (Jul – Sept 2021)

c) The following cheque was raised and will be ratified at the next meeting:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
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 September 2021.

e) Income and Expenditure – The quarterly finance report showing actual spend against budget for the period 1st April to 30th September 2021 was noted.

21/154. Neighbourhood Plan

a) It was noted that the clerk had made the plan modifications recommended by the Examiner. Maldon District Council would consider its response to the report and make the

decision to send the Plan to referendum at a full Council meeting on 4th November. The referendum had been provisionally booked for 16th December 2021.

21/155. Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 consultation

See: <https://www.maldon.gov.uk/consultations> The Parish Council agreed that no response was required.

21/156. Visual Tree Inspection

Four quotations had been received. The Parish Council agreed that the quotation from Place Services would be accepted at a cost of £360.00 + VAT as the Parish Council had used this service previously.

21/157. Fences around Cants Mere, Blunts Mere and Wick Mere

It was noted that intrusive fences have been erected round the lakes and that footpath 11 has been diverted. The clerk had contacted Essex County Council and had been informed that a diversion order is in progress.

21/158. Chelmer Valley Landscape Group update.

Not required.

21/159. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Poplar trees along Crouchmans Farm Road
- Authorisation to set up HMRC Direct Debit

21/160. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date