

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
17th OCTOBER 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Kathy Palmer and Jenny Clemo
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Justine Atterbury
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan, Adrian Rayner and Ben Chapman –
Community Engagement Team and four members of the public.

23/157. Apologies for absence

There were apologies of absence given by Cllr. Colin Ashby.

23/158. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 19th September 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23/159. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

23/160. County and District Councillor's report

Cllr Simon Morgan provided an update on the devolution for ECC, Thurrock and Southend.

23/161. Community Engagement Team

An update was provided by the Community Engagement team on the work that they have been undertaking at Hoe Mill and the work that they carry out for other parish councils. It was agreed to employ the team for a further month at up to 4 hours and to consider the future arrangements at the next parish council meeting on 14th November.

23/162. Public Question Time

Residents from Hoe Mill gave an update on the ongoing anti-social behaviour and parking issues at Hoe Mill. It was noted Essex and Suffolk water had cleared the sluices and it was hoped this would alleviate flood risk. It was further noted that despite reporting them, Essex Highways had not cleared the drains. Residents reported that would welcome the extension of the double yellow lines at Hoe Mill.

23/163. Matters for information from previous meetings

23/81. Replacement street lights

It was noted the formal letter of thanks had been sent to Northumbrian Water for funding the replacement streetlights and the new dog waste bin.

23/115. Ulting Lane. It was noted that the Clerk had written to CML Microsystems regarding the Scots pine trees in Oval Park. CML had responded that the trees have been assessed by a tree surgeon and they had applied for permission to work on them.

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

It was noted that the replacement noticeboard will be ordered by the Village Hall shortly. The Clerk agreed to check the agreed specifications.

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 would be prepared by the parish council shortly.

23/153. Overgrown Footpath Ulting Lane to Bumblebee Cottage

It was noted the overgrown footpath Ulting Lane to Bumblebee Cottage and the overgrown hedge at Langford bridge had been reported to Essex Highways who had assessed it as not a priority. Councillors expressed concern on the impact on residents accessing the footpath and bridge.

22/131. Ulting Village Sign.

It was noted that a suitable post for the sign was being sought. The resident at Hoe Mill Lock reported he may have a suitable piece of oak for the post.

ACTION –

Clerk to prepare an application to extend the double yellow lines at Hoe Mill.

Clerk to check the specifications for the noticeboard on the village hall.

23/164. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received:

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

There were no objections however the following comment was recorded, the parish council would wish to see a planning condition that the hedgerows are all replaced with native species to minimise the loss of wildlife habitat.

23/00840/FUL - Construction of a detached building for general storage, a workshop and a golf swing practice facility

Outbuilding At Maldon Golf Club Maldon Road Langford

There were no objections.

23/00932/TCA - 4 x Conifer trees to front - Fell. 2 x group of Conifer trees to rear Fell.

The Homestead Maldon Road Langford Maldon

There were no objections.

23/00871/FUL - Proposed alteration of existing access and construction of grasscrete track including bridge and eel screen equipment at the existing River Blackwater intake.

Land North Of Langford Bridge Maldon Road Langford Essex

There were no objections.

23/05155/DET – Compliance with conditions notification 22/00840/FULM

Oval Park Northwest Plot Hatfield Road Langford Essex

There were no objections.

b) Planning decisions received:

23/00258/HOUSE– Enlargement and alterations to the existing orangery. Alterations to garden walls and gates.

Langford Hall Witham Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4ST **APPROVED**

23/00572/HOUSE - Proposed rear single storey extension and new porch with internal and external alterations. Demolish the existing dilapidated outbuilding and boundary wall and replace with a new vehicular access/driveway.

The General Stores Maldon Road Langford CM9 4SS **APPROVED**

23/00259/LBC – 258/HOUSE – Enlargement and alterations to the existing orangery. Alterations to garden walls and gates. Internal alterations

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23/165. **Correspondence**

a). Maldon District Council Annual Residents and Business Survey – Have your Say.

It was agreed councillors respond to the survey individually.

b). Essex Highways User Survey

It was agreed councillors should respond to the survey individually.

c). Wellbeing Event 25th October 23 Maldon District CVS

The event was noted.

23/166. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£122.25	£24.45	£146.70	Grounds Maintenance July - Sept
Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance			£185	Newsletter printing

b) Confirmation of direct debit payments to:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (September 2023)
SSE				Streetlight electricity (September 2023)*
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* SSE statement not received.

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Palmer confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of September 2023.

d) Six Month Finance Report – The six month finance report to 30 September 2023 was noted.

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

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

23/167. Repairs to Langford Churchyard Fences –

It was agreed to defer this item until the November Parish Council Meeting to wait for quotes

23/168. Tree Work Ulting Church –

The quotes received for the tree work at Ulting Church were considered. It was agreed that the option to fell the large ash T12 was preferred and an application should be made for planning. If the application to fell was unsuccessful the pruning work would be requested. It was agreed to award the contract based on the cheapest quote.

23/169. Ulting Village Noticeboard –

It was noted the proposed location for the Ulting noticeboard (the layby with the post box on Crouchmans Farm Lane) had been reported to Essex Highways. They advised that “there must be enough footway for members of public to stop and read and for all members of public to be able to pass including wheelchairs and pram/pushchairs. That if you are proposing it be located on a verge then a footway will need to be constructed to lead to it and hard standing for the notice board to be located in. The footway will provide safe access to all members of the public including disabled and elderly”. It was agreed that there was no suitable location in Ulting that would meet the criteria and therefore the Ulting Village noticeboard would not be replaced. It was agreed to put a note on the website to explain the removal of the noticeboard.

ACTION

Clerk to put a note on the website regarding the Ulting Village Noticeboard.

23/170. Request from Village Hall Committee –

The request from the Village Hall Management Committee to support a planning application for an additional window was agreed.

23/171. Biodiversity Requirements –

The actions required under the Environment Act 2021 were noted. It was agreed to consider a biodiversity policy at the November PCM.

ACTION

Clerk to draft a Biodiversity Policy.

23/172. Banking Issues –

The update on the current banking issues was noted.

23/173. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no additional items for the next agenda.

23/174. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall. Please note the date on the agenda (21st November) was incorrectly reported.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: