

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
22nd October 2024 AT St. GILES CHURCH LANGFORD

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Jenny Clemo, Kathy Palmer  
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen  
Temporary Clerk: John Clemo  
District Councillor: Simon Morgan

**24/148. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies of absence from Cllrs Colin Ashby and Lester Magness.

**24/149. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**24/150. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest received.

**24/151. Matters for information from previous meetings**

Clerk's report:

22/131. Refurbished Village Sign – Awaiting installation.

24/23. Community Engagement reported a single visit to Hoe Mill lock on Wednesday 4th August 11am - 0 PCNs issued and 0 vehicles moved on. No ASB observed and no dog fouling.

24/43. Langford street lighting: SSE business energy contract was renewed by e-mail on 22nd February 2024. The renewal had been confirmed. Still no invoices received on new contract. A follow-up email had been sent 16th September - No response to date.

24/140. Should there be no objection from the planning officers to the Oak Trees planning application our District Councillor was asked to call it in as per the Parish Council response.

24/141. Woodland Trust tree planting 2025 – package of 30 saplings will come in March.

**24/152. District Councillor's report**

Councillor Morgan reported the following

- New Chief Executive Douglas Wilkinson has commenced his duties.
- The District Council's future budget will have to draw on reserves to balance.
- The future of St Peters Hospital site discussion had been deferred for 6 months.

**24/153. Public Question Time**

- Report of human waste by resident on footpath near Baytree Cottages and behind Doe's.

**24/154. Planning Matters**

a) Planning application received.

**24/00749/TCA** - T328 - Sycamore - Crown reduce by 5m in height and 3m in spread. T962 - False Acacia (Robinia pseudoacacia) - Crown reduction by 4m in height and 3m in spread.

Langford Waterworks, Hatfield Road, Langford.

**24/00735/WTPO** - T1 on TPO 6/24 - Cedar - Crown reduction by 1m. Chesterton, Maldon Road, Langford.

b) Planning decisions received.

None

c) Planning appeal notification

**APP/X1545/W/24/3351753 - 24/00205/FUL** - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and construction of a new dwelling on adjacent land. Rosemead, Bumfords Lane, Ulting. Councillors noted that no mention was made of TPO 5/19 South Wood was included in the planning application and this should be made clear to the Inspector.

**24/155. Correspondence**

a) Essex County Council Funding opportunity announced to boost community safety throughout Essex was noted.

b) Mid and South Essex NHS additional consultation on Community Hospital changes 6 month engagement period as per District Councillor's report.

c) 20's Plenty for Essex news - 78 out of 288 Parish/town councils have called on Highways to

- deliver 20mph. See below 24/161 perhaps more interest in speed reduction in our villages.  
 d) Chelmer Valley Landscape group- request for support on next steps. Councillors pledged to support.  
 e) Maldon Heritage Winter talks dates received.

**24/156. Finance**

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance	£185.00		£185.00	Winter Newsletter
Mr J Clemo	£323.85		£323.85	Clerical services
Maldon District Council	£106.18	£21.24	£127.42	CET – Patrol services (2.5hr)

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
SSE	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC	Streetlight electricity
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A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance October 2024

c) Bank Reconciliation – Cllr Palmer confirmed earlier that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of September 2024.

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

	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
Maldon District Council	£131.25	£26.25	£157.50	Grasscutting Ulting churchyard

**24/157. Double Yellow Lines / Clearway – Hoe Mill**

Application to extend the double yellow lines, and request for a solution to the continuing highways safety issues had been submitted. Cllrs Durham and Morgan supported this. Next partnership meeting with SEPP and MDC 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**24/158. Tree Surveys**

The quotation from Tracy Clarke Tree Consultancy to carry out tree surveys for the closed church yards and Village Hall was agreed.

**24/159. Ulting Lane Green**

Councillors consider a resident’s suggestion to plant replacement trees. At the moment Essex & Suffolk Water Company survey and manage the original trees. Concern was raised about the cost of maintaining these in the future. Decision deferred until more Langford Councillors were present.

**24/160. Speed Limit and extension, Langford**

It was agreed to pursue another application to ECC Highways to extend the speed restriction through Langford as previously and reduce to 30mph through the centre of the village. Cllr Morgan pointed out that accident mitigation can be the key to this. A resident had volunteered to coordinate a petition.

24/161. **Items from the councillors** (None received)

**24/162. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall \*at 7:45 pm\* (to achieve easier access).

**24/163. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**24/164. Recruitment**

Applications had been received. Interviews to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.31 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: