

## LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Andrew Tween, Irene Allen, Kathy Palmer and Richard Perry  
In the Chair: Councillor Andrew Tween  
Clerk: Jenny Clemo  
Also present: 4 members of the public.

### 14/91. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff who had a prior arrangement.

### 14/92. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

### 14/93. **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

### 14/94. **Matters for information from previous meetings**

- a) 14/52. Footpaths – The Chairman reported that Essex & Suffolk Water are taking an interest in the drainage problem adjacent to Stammers Farm.
- b) 14/85. Community Shop – Cllr. Allen reported that Maldon District Council had allowed 100% rate relief.

### 14/95. **District Councillor's report**

No report received.

### 14/96. **Public Question Time**

- Wild swimming – A member of the public asked whether there had been any problems this year. It was noted that the Parish Council had not received any complaints.

### 14/97. **Planning Matters**

a) Planning applications received.

HOUSE/MAL/14/005987– Two storey side extension. Mill Cottage, Maldon Road, Langford. The Parish Council had supported this application.

COUP/MAL/14/00677 – Prior notification of a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellings. Middlefield Barns, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. The Parish Council did not support this application as the external dimensions of the building extended beyond the external dimensions of the existing building contrary to The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment and Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014, Class MB1(g). In addition, the site is situated in a rural location, not within a settlement boundary and remote from community services and essential support facilities which makes the location impractical for a change of use to dwelling houses. As the site is inaccessible by a range of transport modes and Crouchmans Farm Road is an unlit, narrow road with no footway, subject to the national speed limit, future occupants of the proposed dwellings would also be reliant on private vehicles to access all services.

LBC/MAL/14/00706 – Strip and re-tile roof, repair chimney stack. 1 Elm View, Hatfield Road, Ulting. The Parish Council had supported this application.

LBC/MAL/14/00713 – Strip and re-tile roof. Internal alterations. 2 Elm View, Hatfield Road, Ulting.

The Parish Council had supported this application.

b) Planning decisions received.

FUL/MAL/14/00393 – Proposed detached bungalow for rural worker, land adjacent Alafin, Langford Road, Wickham Bishops was approved.

FUL/MAL/14/00454 – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of garden room, boot room and shower room to 1st floor, Southlands Farm, Ulting Lane, Ulting was approved.

c) Essex Replacement Minerals Local Plan – Notification of receipt of Inspector's report and subsequent adoption had been received from Essex County Council.

d) Braintree District Council Site Allocations and Development Management Plan – Notification that Braintree District councillors took the decision not to submit the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination but to instead begin work immediately on a new Local Plan had been received.

e) North Heybridge Garden Suburb Consultation – Representations to be made to Maldon District Council by 30th September 2014. Councillors to email their objections to the clerk for collation by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

#### 14/98. **Correspondence**

a) EALC AGM to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow commencing 1.30pm. No one able to attend.

b) Chelmer Canal Trust AGM to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at Langford & Ulting Village Hall commencing 7.30pm.

c) Consultation for Local Council Tax Support 2015-16 – Comments to Maldon District Council by 29th September 2014.

d) Essex Rivers Hub Consultation – Invitation to a workshop on 3rd September at Little Baddow: 10am – 1pm plus lunch and optional guided river walk (approx. one hour). No one able to attend.

General correspondence to note:

- Heritage Open Days in the Maldon District – 13th & 14th September
- Superfast Essex Programme Update – July 2014
- New Mobile Library timetable from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014
- Big Tree Plant – See <http://www.tcv.org.uk/community/big-tree-plant>

#### 14/99. **Finance**

a) The following payments were authorised:

Maldon District Council	£468.00	Grass cutting – Langford and Ulting churchyards
Chelmer Canal Trust	£20.00	Annual subscription
Mrs. J. Clemo	£8.00	Photocopying.

b) A cheque raised at the previous meeting:- Alphaprint £338.00, Summer newsletter was ratified.

c) A cheque raised between meetings:- Mrs. J. Clemo £312.50, Clerk's salary (Apr-Jun 2014) was ratified.

#### 14/100. **Priti Patel**

a) Blocked ditch, Hatfield Road – Priti Patel's office had had the following response from Essex County Council: After heavy rainfall on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014 an inspection had taken place and no flooding was present on the road. No action was therefore deemed necessary.

b) Broadband – Priti Patel had suggested that the Parish Council apply for the Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal programme but on checking the website, one of the criteria is a minimum broadband speed of 4Mbps.

#### 14/101. **30mph Speed Limit - Langford**

Priti Patel's office had had a detailed response from Essex County Council as follows: Hatfield Road and Maldon Road, Langford had been assessed as part of a Speed Limit Review in 2013 which determined that the current speed limits were appropriate and complied fully with national

guidelines for a Priority 1 County Route. Collision data between Ulting Lane and the bridge over the old railway had also been assessed and as there had only been three personal injury collisions in the last five years, the site did not meet the intervention criteria necessary to implement traffic calming measures. It was agreed that the Parish Council would monitor the situation and reapply at a later date if conditions change.

**14/102. Wild Swimming**

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Graham Brown, Essex Waterways Ltd to find out if the wild swimming website had been approached.

**14/103. Footpath 4, Ulting**

An email had been received from Ken Earney, Hatfield Peverel Parish Council P3 rep stating that Footpath 4, Ulting was obstructed at Stammers Farm. Cllr. Tween to walk footpath and check if there is an obstruction.

**14/104. Maldon District Local Highways Panel - Proposed Highway Improvement Schemes for 2015/16**

It was agreed that flooding at Doe's Corner and The Old School, Crouchmans Farm Road would be put forward.

**14/105. Highway Maintenance Issues**

A response had been received from Highways regarding the 40mph repeater signs at Maldon Road, Ulting which had been inspected and identified as a non-urgent issue with no date available for rectification. It was noted that Highways had a robust prioritisation process so that their reducing budget focused on areas of greatest need and that all roads are inspected at least once a year.

**14/106. Langford Parish Boundary change**

It was noted that insufficient signed petitions had been returned. Petitions from another 18 Langford residents are required plus signed petitions from two of the properties involved in Heybridge.

**14/107. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

None.

**14/108. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: