

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2020.

Present: Councillors Anfilogoff, Allen and Magness
In the Chair: Councillor Anfilogoff
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: Councillors Durham and Jarvis and one member of public (part meeting only)

20/145. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ashby who was working away and Cllr. Palmer who was on holiday.

20/146. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 25th August 2020 having been previously circulated were taken as read and agreed. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

20/147. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

20/148. District Councillor's report

Cllr Jarvis reported the following:

- OUT/MAL/20/00427 – Cllr. Jarvis to ask planning to clarify position regarding this application
- Full District Council meeting to be held 1st October 2020
- Accounts – Additional costs incurred relating to specialist reports and Covid-19
- Budget – Reserves will have to be used to cover additional expenditure and loss of income
- Bradwell B – Decision will ultimately be made by Government but recent testing application had been refused
- High Street social distancing – Still in place with increased steps on getting the town back up and running
- Leisure centres – Council financial contribution under constant review
- Wycke Hill – Condition regarding relief road contribution clarified and application approved after seeking legal advice

Cllr Durham reported the following:

- Hoe Mill – Anti-ram bollards to be installed week commencing 28th September. Solutions being considered include new bridge. Enforcement on double yellow lines has been considerable
- Local Government reform – Essex had requested that the county was in the first wave but government has lost focus at the current time
- Planning White Paper – Would have a dramatic impact on the planning system including: Zones - Growth zones (where designated sites have outline permission), renewal zones (statutory presumption in favour of development being granted for the uses specified as being suitable), protected zones (more stringent development controls); CIL and S106 would be replaced by a National Infrastructure Levy payable on completion; Local Plan process speeded up; and no point in starting new Neighbourhood Plans.
- Covid-19 news – No face to face meetings for at least the next six months
- Planning policy consultation – Main change is how the annual housing number is calculated which more than doubles the requirement for Maldon
- Extension of double yellow lines at Hoe Mill – Cllr. Durham to chase

The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Durham and Jarvis for their input.

20/149. Public Question Time (limited to 15 minutes if required).

Not required.

20/150. Matters for information from previous meetings

20/119l) Infrastructure Delivery Plan – Councillors ratified the discussion at a previous meeting regarding a proposal to suggest the inclusion of maintenance to closed churchyards. The clerk had responded between meetings due to the date response was required.

20/125. Unauthorised work to trees in Langford – There are 78 properties within the Langford and Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation Conservation Areas. Clerk to print letter for distribution with Autumn newsletter.

20/83c) County Broadband – The VHMC chairman had organised the free internet connection for the Village Hall as advertised.

20/142. 40 mph Speed Limits – Clerk to submit requests by 30th September.

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

20/151. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

None received.

b) Planning decisions received:

LBC/MAL/20/00655 - Demolish existing single-storey side and rear extensions to original building and replace with single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension. Internal alterations to form new door openings for access. Black Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford. Listed Building consent was granted.

LBC/MAL/20/00655 - Demolish existing single-storey side and rear extensions to original building and replace with single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension. Internal alterations to form new door openings for access. Black Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford was approved.

20/152. Correspondence

a) Chelmer Valley Landscape Group – A remote meeting was held on 21st September 2020. Cllr. Magness unable to attend due to problems with his internet.

b) A12 to A120 route widening – It was noted that the preferred route had been announced.

c) Opening up of village halls – Request for information received from Maldon District Council Wellbeing Coordinator. Cllr. Anfilogoff noted that the VHMC is following RCCE guidelines.

d) EALC AGM – To be held remotely on 24th September. Clerk to send booking forms for Cllrs. Anfilogoff and Allen.

e) County Broadband – Following further correspondence after rectification work was carried out along Crouchmans Farm Road a report had been received after issues were raised by residents.

f) Hoe Mill bridge – Anti-ram bollards to be installed week commencing 28th September 2020.

g) Request for LHP schemes and priority potholes received from Cllr. Durham. Clerk had reported one pothole.

h) Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Notification of Adoption received. It was noted that an amendment to the Neighbourhood Plan would be required.

i) RCCE Annual General Meeting – To be held remotely on Wednesday 21st October commencing at 6pm.

120/153. Finance

a) No payments required.

	Net	VAT	Gross	
None received				

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (September 2020)
SSE	£4.32	£0.21	£4.53	Streetlight electricity (August 2020)
SSE	£30.98	£1.54	£32.52	Streetlight electricity (August 2020)

c) Bank Reconciliation – Cllr. Palmer had reviewed the bank statements and reconciliation for July. Councillors agreed that Cllr Palmer would confirm that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of August 2020 at the next meeting.

20/154. Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that a copy of the Screening Opinion for the Pre-Reg 15 version of the Plan and email to consultees had been received. Consultation ends 9th October 2020. Items outstanding include revised Introduction (Cllr. Anfilogoff) and Basic Conditions Statement (clerk).

20/155. Government Proposals to reform the Planning System

a) The current Planning Policy consultation, deadline is 1st October.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system> (MDC response circulated to councillors prior to meeting). Councillors agreed that the clerk would respond based on this document.

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

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

The Parish Council agreed to defer this item.

20/156. Section 1 of the Draft Local Plan for the 3 North Essex Authorities - Colchester, Braintree and Tendring

a) Focused six-week consultation on proposed main modifications concludes 9th October 2020.

b) Comments on the 2018-based household projections and their implications for the soundness of the housing requirement figures in the Plan to the Inspector by 12th October 2020.

Councillors agreed that no response was required.

20/157. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

20/158. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 20th 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date