

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness and Colin Ashby
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: One member of the public

21/130. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Palmer who was unwell.

21/131. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2021 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

21/132. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

21/133. County and District Councillor's reports

None received.

21/134. Public Question Time (limited to 15 minutes if required).

- Resident concerned about speeding vehicles near Bay Tree Cottages. Clerk to check Local Highway Panel requests and contact Cllr. Durham.
- Conifers at Ulting Lane – Cllr. Allen to complete Application for Works to Trees in Conservation Area.

21/135. Matters for information from previous meetings

21/129. Next meeting – A request to start future Parish Council meetings at 7.30pm had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee. Councillors agreed to the new start time. In addition, the Village Hall Management Committee had asked if their AGM could be held before the next Parish Council meeting. This was also agreed.

20/122. Further to the Clerk's request to extend the double yellow lines near Hoe Mill, double yellow lines along Church Road and in front of Brockley Cottages were discussed. It was agreed that this was not necessary and would contribute to urbanising the rural scene.

It was noted that the village bonfire would be held on Sunday 31st October at the Village Hall commencing at 6.30pm.

21/136. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

FUL/MAL/21/00788 - Formation of temporary access points for construction traffic from Maypole Road and Broad Street Green Road. Land At Broad Street Green Road, Maypole Road & Langford Road, Heybridge. Councillors agreed that no comment was required.

TCA/MAL/21/00826 - G1 - Willows - Fell. G2 - Poplars - Fell. T1 - Silver Birch - Fell - tree is dead. Ulting Wick, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. Councillors agreed that no comment was required.

RES/MAL/21/00752 - Reserved matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for the construction of 160 residential units with associated access,

parking, servicing and landscaping (Phase 1 only) on approved application 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including:

(i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including 30% as affordable housing (Outline)

(ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline)

(iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a and/or D1b) (Outline)

(iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline)

- (v) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (Detailed element)
- (vi) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline);
- (vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and
- (viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline).

Land At Broad Street Green Road And Langford Road And Maypole Road, Great Totham. Councillors agreed that no comment was required.

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. Councillors agreed that no comment was required.

b) Planning decisions received:

HOUSE/MAL/21/00615 - Alterations to roof including new windows and juliet balcony to side and dormer windows with rooflights to front and rear. Bamfields Cottage, Bumfords Lane, Ulting was approved.

TCA/MAL/21/00521 - T1 Sycamore - Crown lift to 6 metres from ground, a general 4 metre crown reduction and removal of broken, damaged and diseased limbs. The Croft, Maldon Road, Langford. TPO No. 03/21 served.

21/137. Correspondence

- a) Highways Devolution Scheme – Invitation to join scheme was noted. (Circulated to councillors by email)
- b) Local Covid Testing Site – A new site has opened at Blackwater Leisure Centre for pre-booked appointments for those with Coronavirus symptoms was noted. Clerk to circulate details.
- c) Hoe Mill bridge closure - Advance notice of ground investigations due to take place at Hoe Mill Bridge, Ulting, along with sign replacement works in the area from 13th September to 24th September 2021 was noted.
- d) Essex Highways Multi Topic Briefing – 7th October 2021 via Zoom, 10am to 1pm, £20 + VAT per delegate was noted.
- e) Proposed Buddies Scheme – Councillors not interested.
- f) EALC AGM – Councillors not able to attend due to other commitments.

21/138. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

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

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

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

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

	Net	VAT	Gross	
A Marks	£39.29	£7.86	£47.15	Mower fuel

d) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Ashby confirmed that he had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for month of August 2021.

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

21/139. Neighbourhood Plan

a) It was noted that Cllr. Allen and the clerk had had a Zoom meeting with Maldon District Council to discuss the factcheck version of the Examiner's Report.

21/140. Essex County Council Locality Fund

a) The cost of installing a dog bin adjacent to the Permissive Path, Ulting Lane was noted as follows:

Utilising Essex Water Company post (pending approval). Total cost: £209.04

New post on Essex Water Company land (pending approval). Total cost: £316.67

b) The Council authorised the clerk to apply for funding to the Locality Fund.

21/141. Hatfield Road

Councillors discussed the speed limit and road condition of B1019. The clerk had submitted four requests to the Local Highways Panel asking for a reduction in the speed limit for all sections. A response had been received from Cllr. Durham stating that: A review of the ECC Speed Management Strategy was being undertaken and therefore it had been decided that all LHP applications for changes to speed limits would be held until this was finalised. In the past there had been numerous applications, such as these, which have not complied with the necessary criteria. As this may now change, we are keeping many previous cases on the awaiting funding list rather than removing them. Regarding the dangerous pothole and drain cover on Hatfield Road, it was agreed that Cllr. Magness would contact Essex Police.

21/142. Chelmer Valley Landscape Group update.

Cllr. Magness reported that the first workshop would be held on 4th November 2021 at Little Baddow Village Hall. There would be three discussion topics: Managing/facilitating public engagement, Conservation management and enhancement of the natural and historical environment and Cultural significance of the valley's landscape.

21/143. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

21/144. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th October 2021.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date