

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT ST GILES CHURCH, LANGFORD.

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Colin Ashby and Lester Magness
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Jenny Clemo
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan and five members of the public.

22/121. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anfilogoff

22/122. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

22/123. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

Councillors agreed that District Councillor's report would be received as the next item on the agenda.

22/125. County and District Councillor's report

a) It was noted that weekly Members Briefing: General Updates and the Latest on the 'Homes for Ukraine' Scheme had been circulated by email.

b) Cllr. Morgan reported the following:

- Maldon no longer has a 5-year housing land supply and is therefore likely to face sanctions from government. An extraordinary meeting of the Council was held 25th August 2022 and a working group had been set up to consider where more sites can be designated in the District.
- It was noted that Maypole Road reopened 5th September 2022 with a new junction layout.
- Essex Rural Police Team – Newsletter circulated by email.
- Local Highways Panel requests – It was noted that the five requests submitted by the clerk regarding speed of traffic through the villages had not been processed or actioned. Residents expressed serious concern about the speed of vehicles driving through both villages and asked Cllr. Morgan what more could they do to bring this to the attention of Highways. He suggested that individuals should raise these matters directly with Highways to support the Parish Council.

22/124. Matters for information from previous meetings

22/96. Chlorine leak – No response received from Northumbrian Water. Clerk had chased.

22/96. Dead and dying trees on Ulting Lane green – Confirmation that tree survey would be carried out August/September had been received.

22/111. Black pipe over Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation – Emails sent to Northumbrian Water, Essex Waterways and Inland Waterways. Northumbrian Water had responded and would see if it was possible to provide a deterrent as the pipe is a live water main.

22/126. Public Question Time (limited to 15 minutes if required).

- Roads/speed limits – Residents present all expressed serious concern about the speed and amount of traffic through the villages. It was suggested that a Residents' Action Group should be set up with a central coordinator.
- Community Speedwatch – A training session had been held on 3rd September 2022 and the group can now begin to record vehicles speeding through the centre of Langford. Another site is being risk assessed. Please contact the clerk if you would be willing to volunteer.
- Fly tipping – Report at [How can I report fly tipping? | How can I report fly tipping? | Maldon District Council](#)

Councillor Morgan left the meeting at this point. The Chairman thanked him for attending.

22/127. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received.

22/00705/LBC - Roof mounted solar PV. The Old Vicarage, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting. The Parish Council agreed that no comment was required.

Councillors agreed that consideration of the following four applications would be deferred to the October meeting when a representative from JTS Partnership would be able to attend. The clerk had contacted the planning officer who had confirmed comments would be taken into account if submitted as soon as possible after the meeting.

22/00840/FUL - Erection of building for Sui Generis purposes, together with car parking, servicing areas and landscaping. Oval Park, Northwest Plot, Hatfield Road, Langford.

22/00858/FUL - Erection of building for Sui Generis purposes, together with new estate road, car parking, service areas and landscaping. Land At Oval Park (Southern Plot), Hatfield Road, Langford.

22/00841/OUT - Outline planning permission with the matters of Access for consideration for Business/research park for uses within Use Class E(g), together with new estate road, car parking, service areas and landscaping. CML Microsystems Limited, Oval Park (Eastern Plot), Hatfield Road, Langford.

22/00837/FUL - Car parking and installation of surface water drainage system. CML Microsystems Limited, Oval Park, Hatfield Road, Langford.

22/00923/HOUSE - Proposed rear two storey and single storey extensions. Longacre, Langford Road, Langford. The Parish Council agreed to comment as for 22/00636/HOUSE.

22/00281/TCA - Row of conifers - Remove. 9 Ulting Lane, Langford. It was noted that the tree officer had visited the site and agreed with the necessary removal of the trees.

b) Planning decisions received.

22/0051/HOUSE - Erection of a garden room outbuilding. Bridge Cottage, Hatfield Road, Langford was approved.

22/00414/MAL - Change of use of land to residential and single storey side extension. Jechs Barn, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was approved.

22/00636/HOUSE - Proposed rear two storey and single storey extensions. Longacre, Langford Road, Langford was refused.

22/00728/TCA - T1 May - Remove approx. 4m from top. Shorten the length (approx. 1-1.5m) of the upper branches. Shortening the length (approx. 2m) of the lower branches. Make a smooth cut where the branch was dropped 2 weeks ago to shed water off and stop pooling/rot. The Old Vicarage, Crouchmans Farm Road, Ulting was allowed to proceed.

21/00941/FUL - Restoration and conversion of historic grade II listed Cartlodge to form on-site house for resident of Langford Hall. Barn North Of Langford Hall, Witham Road, Langford was refused.

LBC/MAL/21/00942 - Restoration and conversion of historic grade II listed Cartlodge to form on-site house for resident of Langford Hall. Barn North Of Langford Hall, Witham Road, Langford. Listed building consent was granted.

HOUSE/MAL/22/00253 - Single storey side extension & removal of existing conservatory. 1 Baytree Cottages, Maldon Road, Ulting was refused.

22/128. Correspondence

a) District Councillor Surgeries - 17th September, 22nd October and 19th November, commencing 10.30 am at Wickham Bishops Library were noted. Some form of notice as to what issues to be raised would be helpful.

b) Local Highways Panel requests – Update received from Cllr. Morgan (see above).

c) Essex and Suffolk Water investment program – A request to attend a parish council meeting or join a meeting virtually to talk about current plans and proposals in the area had been received. Clerk to invite the project manager and a representative from their contractor to the November meeting.

d) Maldon District Conservation & Design Awards 2022 – Clerk had spoken to Cllr. Allen and had nominated The Old Post Office with the consent of the owner.

e) EALC AGM - 22nd September at Hylands House, registration from 9am was noted. Cllrs. Allen and Magness to attend.

f) Priorities for the District's Budget - Understanding the views of residents and businesses helps the Council to make appropriate financial plans for the future. Councillors and members of the public were encouraged to respond. See: www.maldon.gov.uk/consultations

g) Braintree District Council – It was noted that the Local Plan 2013-2033 Local Plan was adopted on 25th July 2022.

h) The Essex County Harvest Festival – 25th September, 3.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral.

22/129. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Mrs J Clemo	£661.40		£661.40	Clerk's salary
HMRC	£93.60		£93.60	PAYE

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

	Net	VAT	Gross	
SSE	£6.04	£0.30	£6.34	Streetlight electricity (July 2022)
SSE	£38.53	£1.92	£40.45	Streetlight electricity (July 2022)
A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd	£17.12	£3.42	£20.54	Streetlight maintenance (Aug 2022)

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

	Net	VAT	Gross	
Maldon District Council	£99.75	£19.95	£119.70	Grass cutting Ulting churchyard

d) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Ashby confirmed that he had undertaken internal control to verify the bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of July 2022.

e) Streetlight electricity - Proposed changes to deemed rates and transfer to variable business rate at the end of the current contract were noted. (Contract ends 31st March 2023).

22/130. Dog Waste Bin, Ulting Lane

It was noted that the clerk had received a reply from Northumbrian Water. The clerk had contacted Maldon District Council as a map with the exact position of the bin is required.

22/131. Ulting Village Sign

Three quotations had been received. It was agreed that the quotation from KGS Signs at a price of £552.00 + VAT would be accepted

22/132. Conifer Trees, Ulting Lane

a) It was noted that an application to remove the six conifer trees had been submitted to Maldon District Council.

b) Three quotations had been received. It was agreed that the quotation from South Hanningfield Tree Surgeons at a price of £1450.00 would be accepted.

22/133. Code of Conduct

It was noted that councillors were required to register their interests under the Code of Conduct adopted at the previous meeting.

22/134. External Audit

a) It was noted that submission of documents and notification of exempt status, 2022 had been acknowledged. No further action required.

b) The Parish Council agreed that it would not opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements as the requirements were too onerous for a small council.

22/135. Review of adopted Chelmsford Local Plan

The Parish Council agreed that no response was required. The consultation is open for comments until 6th October 2022. See: [consultation statement](#)

22/136. Retirement of Clerk

The clerk's letter of resignation was read out by the Chairman. The Chairman expressed thanks to the clerk for her over 32 years' service to the Council.

22/137. **Items from the councillors** (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Formation of Residents' Action Group to tackle speed of traffic through the villages.
- Laptop – battery needs replacing.

22/138. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: