

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
19th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT LANGFORD & ULTING VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Irene Allen, Lester Magness, Colin Ashby and Jenny Clemo
In the Chair: Councillor Irene Allen
Clerk: Justine Atterbury
Also present: District Councillor Simon Morgan, Alexandra Card – Health Improvement Officer Maldon District Council and two members of the public.

23/139. Apologies for absence

There were apologies of absence given by Cllr Kathy Palmer.

23/140. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 15th August 2023 having been previously circulated were taken as read, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23/141. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

23/142. County and District Councillor's report

Cllr Simon Morgan reported MDC had agreed the principles for modelling for the next District Plan. It had been agreed to focus on sites in Maldon, Heybridge and larger villages.

23/143. Public Question Time

It was reported the pond at Fords Farm had been levelled off. It was further reported that the Tide Festival had not caused extra traffic through Ulting and there had only been one report of loud music (considered under correspondence).

23/144. Matters for information from previous meetings

23/81 LED Upgrade of Parish Council owned streetlights in Langford. It was noted that a credit had been received and there was a reduction in monthly costs. It was agreed a formal letter of thanks should be sent to Northumbrian Water for funding the replacement streetlights and the new dog waste bin.

23/115 Ulting Lane. It was noted that the Clerk had received photographs of the Scots pine trees in Oval Park. It was agreed that a letter should be posted to the Managing Director of Oval Park regarding concerns raised by local residents.

23/114. Public Question Time Hoe Mill

It was noted the request for the extension of the double yellow lines to the South East Parking Partnership needed to be prepared by the parish council. It was agreed that an application should be made.

ACTION –

Clerk to prepare a formal letter of thanks to Northumbrian Water for funding the replacement streetlights and the new dog waste bin.

Clerk to prepare an application to extend the double yellow lines at Hoe Mill.

23/145. Planning Matters

a) Planning applications received:

23/00453/FUL - Erection of an education centre building

Land At Museum Of Power Steam Pumping Station Hatfield Road

There were no objections.

23/00783/HOUSE and 784 LBC - Demolish sheds and replace with a 3 bay garage/cart lodge.
Home Farm Maypole Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4TA
 There were no objections.

23/00825/LBC – To replace existing bay window with new window
The General Stores Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS
 There were no objections but the parish council would like to comment that window to be replaced was the original shop window and they hoped the new window would be a similar style.

b) Planning decisions received:

23/00716/TCA- 1 - Sycamore - pollard by 10m.
Langford Old School House Maldon Road Langford Maldon Essex CM9 4SS ALLOWED TO PROCEED

23/146. Correspondence

a) Hoe Mill Lock.

The complaint regarding noise and anti social behaviour issues at Tide Festival was noted. It was agreed that a response to the resident should reflect that Maldon District Council were responsible for noise concerns. The parish council had employed the services of the Engagement Team who had issued 4 parking tickets and moved 5 vehicles on. The parish council were also applying for an extension to the double yellow lines at Hoe Mill.

b) Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Plan Braintree District Council consultation.

Cllr Jenny Clemo agreed to respond to the consultation on behalf of the parish council.

c) ECC Consultation Essex Waste Strategy.

It was agreed that councillors should respond to the consultation individually.

d) Volunteering Groups information request from Alex Card.

It was noted that the Health Improvement Officer was employed to focus on health policies and initiatives across the Maldon District. The main areas of focus were obesity, mental health and social isolation. It was noted that the policies on volunteers required updating and Alex was collecting information on volunteer groups across Maldon. It was noted that the parish council used volunteers for litter picking, and a risk assessment had been carried out and the activity was covered by the parish council insurance.

ACTION

Clerk to respond to the complaint regarding the Tide Festival.

All councillors to respond to the consultation on the Essex Waste Strategy.

23/132. Finance

a) The following payments were authorised:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mrs J Atterbury | £662.05 | | £662.05 | Clerk's salary (July – September) |
| Mrs J Atterbury | £125.34 | £2.46 | £127.80 | Clerk's expenses (July - September) |
| HMRC | £165.40 | | £165.40 | Tax |

b) The following direct debit payments were confirmed:-

| | Net | VAT | Gross | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---|
| A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd | £17.12 | £3.42 | £20.54 | Streetlight maintenance (August 2023) |
| SSE | | | | Streetlight electricity (August 2023) * |
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*No direct debit payment for street lighting in August due to a rebate following the fitting of LED

replacement lighting.

c) Bank Reconciliation - Cllr Clemo confirmed that she had undertaken internal control to verify bank reconciliation produced by the clerk for the month of August 2023.

23/148. 2023-24 Precept

It was noted MDC had apologised for the error with the precept paid and had agreed to pay the additional £1,575. This would not be charged to residents. It was agreed to request MDC provide an explanation with the council tax bills for residents for 2024-25.

23/149. Street light Replacement Reserves

It was agreed, in light on the discussion on the tree work at All Saints St Giles Church Ulting and the replacement fences at St Giles Church Langford to defer this agenda item until the costs were known.

23/150. Repairs to Churchyard Fences.

It was agreed to seek quotes to replace the fence on Witham Road for St Giles Church Langford.

ACTION

Cllr Colin Ashby agreed to contact fence suppliers for quotes for consideration at the October parish council meeting.

23/151. Noticeboard Location Ulting.

It was noted that the owner of the old school house in Ulting had requested that the new noticeboard be relocated. It was agreed to source a freestanding noticeboard to be located by the post box in Crouchman's Farm Road Ulting by the post box. It was noted that this was Essex Highways land and would require permission.

ACTION

Clerk to make an application to Essex Highways to install the new village noticeboard in Ulting.

23/152. Tree Survey.

The results of the latest tree surveys at Ulting Church were considered. It was noted it was recommended that the work was carried out within 90 days. It was agreed to contact tree surgeons for quotes.

ACTION

Clerk to contact tree surgeons for quotes for consideration at the October PCM.

23/153. Overgrown Footpath Ulting Lane to Bumblebee Cottage –

To was noted the overgrown footpath Ulting Lane to Bumblebee Cottage was the responsibility for Essex Highways. It was agreed to report the overgrown footpath on the [Tell us - Essex County Council \(essexhighways.org\)](https://www.essexhighways.org)

ACTION

Cllr Jenny Clemo to report the footpath to Essex Highways.

23/154. Future Banking Arrangements –

It was noted following the request to change signatories on the bank account Barclays Bank had requested details on all signatories and information on the business of the parish council. It was agreed to remain with Barclays Bank but return to the decision if they decided to start to charge for the account.

23/155. Items from the councillors (NEXT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

There were no additional items for the next agenda.

23/156. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at Langford & Ulting Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: