

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ULTING PARISH MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2021 FOLLOWING LANGFORD PARISH MEETING

Those present: Cllr. Vicky Anfilogoff (in the chair), Katherine Palmer, Colin Ashby, Lester Magness, Jenny Clemo (clerk), District Councillor Karl Jarvis and two members of the public.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting – 14th May 2019

The minutes were read out by the chairman and agreed as a true record. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face Parish Meeting.

2. Matters Arising.

None

3. Chairman's Report.

a) Pandemic - The past year has been strange indeed. Last year we did not have the Annual Parish Meeting due to Covid and lockdown. We greeted the news that we would have virtual meetings via Zoom with some trepidation initially but it has turned out to have been incredibly successful. We have gained much from this, it has enabled more residents to drop into meetings which has been very welcome, our District Councillors - who have to attend many Parish Council meetings during each month with many of them occurring on the same evening – have been able to attend all of our meetings, giving their reports and being able to contribute to discussions and then, at the click of a mouse, head off to their next meeting.

b) Several virtual meetings were held during the year with companies such as County Broadband, Aquila who were representing the CML/Oval Park proposal and the RCCE to name a few. Unfortunately, going forward, these are no longer able to continue without some sort of legislation. This decision has, generally, been received with great dismay by councils and we await the Government's response with interest.

c) Neighbourhood Plan – The Regulation 16 consultation ended 12th March and the Parish Council is waiting for Maldon District Council to choose three examiners which they will then discuss with us to find our preference.

d) Superfast broadband is now up and running in the village with various bumps along the way to completion and a lot of disruption and problems in the area of the Old Post Office in Ulting.

e) Flooding – This continues to be a real nuisance and there has been a lot of consultation about it both with County Broadband and Essex County Council Highways. County Broadband are going to put a camera down the ditch to check for blockages though this needs to be done when the ditch is virtually dry but ultimately it is in the hands of Highways to resolve any issues and sort it out.

f) Hoe Mill – The parking problems are gradually being sorted out though this has taken some time to get right and there is still a problem with littering. A special thank you must go to Councillor Mark Durham for ensuring that double yellow lines were in place very quickly.

g) All Saints, Ulting - Stock fencing was installed along the river bank at the churchyard to stop the invasion by wild swimming enthusiasts and picnickers none of whom seem to show any respect.

h) Newsletter - The chairman thanked Irene Allen, the editor of the Parish newsletter for her hard work through the year. More input from residents would be very welcome.

Finally, the chairman thanked the councillors for all of their hard work through the year, our District Councillors for taking an interest and attending meetings, the Clerk for her hard work and diligence which enables the smooth running of the Council. Thank you also to those residents who take an interest in what goes on at our meetings and for taking the time to attend even if it is for just ten minutes or so.

4. Items from parishioners.

a) County Broadband – A resident outlined the issues they were having with the installation of superfast broadband to their property.

b) Jechs Barn – A resident expressed disappointment that the proposed extension had not been supported by the Parish Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: