

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ULTING PARISH MEETING HELD IN CROUCHMANS BARN, ULTING VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 13th MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM.

Those present: Cllr. Andrew Tween (In the chair), Vicky Anfilogoff, Kathy Palmer, Richard Perry, Jenny Clemo (Clerk), District Cllr. Henry Bass and four members of the public.

1. The previous minutes of 28th May 2013.

The minutes were read by the Chairman, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising.

None

3. Chairman's Report.

a) Oval Park - The highlight of the past year was the appeal by CML Microsystems Ltd against the decision by Maldon District Council to refuse their application for 149 houses on the Oval Park site. The chairman thanked councillors in both parishes, as well as the ward councillors at Maldon District Council, for the consolidated effort made to successfully block the appeal. The Chairman also thanked residents who gave up time to attend the hearing. The strength of public opinion shown by the numbers seated in the public gallery each day assisted the planning inspector's decision to dismiss the appeal.

b) Newsletter - The newsletter has been able to continue with sponsorship from CML and Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd. The chairman thanked the sponsors and Cllr. Irene Allen for her sterling efforts in producing the newsletter three times a year. If any resident has an interesting article or story they feel is suitable for the newsletter please contact Irene who will include it in a future issue.

c) Neighbourhood Plan – Our vision for the future is progressing well under the guidance Cllr. Vicky Anfilogoff.

d) Wild swimmers - The situation with "wild swimmers" using the churchyard as a recreational area has continued to cause problems. Members of the parochial church council have made requests to the publishers of the wild swimming guide to have the site removed from their publications and website without success. However, with closer liaison now proposed between the PCC and the parish council over this matter it is hoped that a solution may be found and that the normal peace and tranquility in the churchyard can be restored.

Finally, the Chairman thanked the parish councillors for their support and hard work throughout the past year and the parish clerk, without whom the council would not function.

4. Items from the parishioners.

a) Sewage effluent pipeline upgrade – Mr. Tomlins brought councillors up to date about the work that will be carried out in Ulting, particularly at the church. It was noted that the church car park would not be dug up but contractors may park vehicles there, materials would be stored opposite Ulting Wick. The PCC had considered piping rainwater from the church gutters into the river but this would have needed permits and licenses from the Chelmer Canal Trust who had suggested that boat owners would like a jetty along the bank in front of the church.

b). Open churchyard – It was noted that the upkeep of this churchyard was the responsibility of the PCC.

c) Village sign opposite Old School – Mr. Smith proposed that the Parish Council should tidy up this area. It was noted that the Parish Council does not have sufficient insurance to work on Highways verges but members of the public if they so wish could plant bulbs and level the area around the sign. Cllr. Bass mentioned the Maldon District Council Highways Rangers who are available to clear verges and hedges in the off peak season.

d) Telecommunications wire – It was noted that a wire opposite Elm View Cottages, Hatfield Road, Langford has not been repaired. Clerk to contact CML.

Mr. Tomlins thanked the Parish Council for their work over the past year. The Chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs. Tomlins for hosting this year's Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: