



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. January 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs G. Lewsey (Chairman), M. Gibson (Vice-Chairman), D. Bonich, A. Gardner, R. Millett, E. Roberts, C. Thorne, MDC Cllr M. Helm and Kevin B. Money (Clerk to Parish Council).  
There were 0 members of the public present.

**001/2022 Chairman welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Cllr Penny Channer for becoming Leader of MDC

**002/2022 Apologies for Absence** were received from MDC Cllr P. Channer

**003/2022 Declaration of Interest**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda

Cllrs G. Lewsey and M. Gibson declared an interest in item 013/2022 (f)

Cllr M. Gibson declared an interest in any discussion relating to the Village Hall

Cllr C. Thorne declared an interest in item 014/2022 (c)

**004/2022 Minutes**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup>. December 2021. **All Agreed**

**005/2022 Planning Minutes**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup>. January 2022. **All Agreed**

**006/2022 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting**

**a) Defibrillator update and regular checks on the 3 defibrillators batteries and pads.**

Cllr G. Lewsey has checked all the 3 defibrillators and all are in a good condition. He has contacted John Cleary NHS co-ordinator for St. Lawrence who maintains the defibrillators. Cllr G. Lewsey requested a Councillor take on the responsibility of checking the defibrillator equipment monthly. Cllr G. Lewsey is again registering the defibrillators but asked Councillors if a Councillor would volunteer to check the defibrillators. Cllr R. Millet volunteered to undertake this task.

**b) Slipway update**

The repairing and placing steps in place of the slipway is being done on 7<sup>th</sup>. February and will take about 3 days.

**007/2022 Public Participation Session with Respect to items on the agenda**  
**A total maximum time of 15 minutes is allowed**

No questions from the public

**008/2022 Essex County Councillors Report – ECC Cllr Wendy Stamp**

To receive a written report from ECC Cllr Wendy Stamp

In the absence of any reports/information being supplied by ECC Cllr W. Stamp since becoming an Essex County Councillor in May 2021 the Clerk has sourced information on ECC information.

This information can be found at

<https://websites.godaddy.com/en-GB/editor/18a5e065-b3e2-4f2d-8cd8-af3969afc9a6/f66eca6f-3770-4724-8c2d-b933d32dc9c3/edit/2cb35aae-d0ed-4581-b6b2-1206d7976bef>

**009/2022 District Councillor/s Report – MDC Cllr Penny Channer / MDC Cllr Michael Helm**

To receive a written report from MDC Cllr Penny Channer / Cllr Michael Helm

In the absence of MDC Cllr P. Channer a report was read out: It read

**Cllr Karl Jarvis of Wickham Bishops and Woodham Ward** on Maldon District Council resigned at the end of December 2021. Subsequently a Notice of Vacancy for District Councillor with respect to that Ward was published on the Council's web site. Requests for an election were placed and the process of organising a By-Election, to fill the vacant seat, is engaged. The By-election poll will take place on 24 February 2022.

There will in fact be two By-Elections on that day, 24 February 2022 as a vacancy also arose at Maldon Town Council – Maldon West Ward.

**Due to a number of items being unable to be determined/approved**, due to disturbance, at both the November and December Full Council meetings emergency delegated powers (as per the Constitution) were applied. Approval was given under those powers. Other Items not permitted to be dealt with under those powers were discussed and determined at the recent January Extraordinary Council Meeting.

**Social Media Admins** – The Communications, Marketing and Engagement Team would like to reach out to any social media admins within the District to help the team develop stronger links in the community. If you can email [press.office@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:press.office@maldon.gov.uk) with any admin details the team will reach out to them.

**The LDP Review – Issues and Options Consultation was launched on 17 January 2022.** It is the first consultation of the LDP Review and is based on the Issues and Options Report with it commencing on Monday 17 January 2022 and will be open until 5pm Monday 14 March.

All details/relevant documents can be seen on the Council's website.

The Issue and Options consultation starts a conversation with local people to find out views on the key social, economic and environmental issues facing the District. It asks for views on the different ways to address them including where new development should go in the future? The consultation is open to anyone with an interest in Maldon District – local people, businesses, special interest groups, government agencies, landowners and developers and we would urge everyone to get involved.

**The Langford and Ulting Neighbourhood Plan Goes to Referendum** on Thursday 3 March 2022 following a report to the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting of MDC. Council agreed all the recommendations.

**Applications are now open for hospitality and leisure businesses** to apply for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant. All details can be found on the Maldon District Council Website.

**The number of people tested positive for Covid-19 per 100,000 in each district of Essex (for purposes of this report Maldon only shown)**

The table shows all data per 100,000 (only Maldon shown for purposes of this report). It compares new cases (per 100,000) on 13 January 2022 to the previous week period and the peak in December 2020 and the percentage change.

The data is provided by Public Health England. This data is from 18 January 2022.

Cases of Covid 19 in the Maldon District:

District	New cases	Last week	% change	From peak	% change
Maldon	735.46	1,461.75	↓ 49.7%	949.15	↓ 22.5%

**Update from: Mid and South Essex Health and Care Partnership News. 13/01/2022**

Staff working in health and social care across mid and south Essex continue to work tirelessly to care for local residents.

We are still seeing unprecedented demand across all services due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and resulting pressure on staffing across all health and social care services.

Through maximising shared resources across the system, health and social care leaders from across mid and south Essex have decided to set up a virtual hospital. As a consequence, residents will benefit from the expertise of their community nursing and allied health professionals, supported by hospital consultants, with more people cared for in the comfort of their own homes.

The virtual hospital is in addition to:

Providing extra beds and resource to deal with a surge in demand.

Redeploying staff so that they can focus on caring for patients that need them the most.

Securing more capacity from the independent sector to local residents waiting for planned care, operations, outpatient appointments or for an admitted procedure.

Further support for elective recovery has also been commissioned – particularly focussed on outpatient services such as dermatology, ENT and ophthalmology, and diagnostics.

Securing a further 100,000 appointments in GP practices from December 21 through to March 22 as a result of additional funding.

Working closely with emergency department teams to explore how we can support and manage patient

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assessments and flow through the department.

A co-ordinated approach across the health and care sector continues to be essential to ensure that plans are robust and that processes are in place that can adapt to the different pressures as and when they arise.

Shared priority is to make sure as many people as possible can continue to get the care they need and keep everyone safe.

While great progress has been made in seeing patients who have been waiting longer than we would like for planned operations and keeping non-COVID services going in the past year, ongoing pressures and the need to re-allocate staff will unfortunately have an impact on the delivery of other services.

Some planned operations and procedures may need to be postponed. The most urgent operations, including those for cancer, will continue. Local teams will be contacting those affected.

We fully understand the frustration our residents feel when local services are impacted by the ongoing challenges we face. We remain fully committed to keeping any disruption to an absolute minimum while we create additional safeguards that ensures people can continue to get the care they need from our incredible NHS, whenever they need it.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please continue to help us to encourage everyone to keep doing their bit to look after themselves and their loved ones.

### **Covid 19 Information**

Plan A – It has been announced that England will fully return to Plan A on Thursday 27 January.

#### **Face coverings in schools**

**From 20 January:** Face coverings were no longer advised for staff and pupils in secondary school and college classrooms

**From 27 January:** Face coverings will no longer be advised for staff and pupils in communal areas of secondary schools, nor for staff in communal areas of primaries. Directors of Public Health will only be able to recommend pupils and staff wear masks in communal areas in places where there are outbreaks or where the local public health situation justifies it, and with sign-off from the Education Secretary

#### **Face coverings elsewhere**

**From 27 January:** There will no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering in any setting. However, the government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet

**Myths and reality - Myth:** People need to have an NHS number to get a vaccine. You do not need an NHS number or GP registration to get vaccinated. People can use a walk-in vaccinations centre or ask to book COVID-19 vaccination appointments as an unregistered patient through a local GP practice. There is further advice on this available in various languages. **Myth:** You can't get a vaccine if you are in the UK illegally. Overseas visitors to England, including anyone living in the UK without permission, can be tested, treated or vaccinated for COVID-19 for free

**Arts and Cultural Fund** – Essex County Council Arts and Cultural Fund will offer artists and cultural organisations grants from £2,500 to £30,000 to deliver project. See the ECC and MDC websites.

#### **Relax, recharge or energise with a day out on the river**

Treat family or friends to a day out on the River Blackwater from May 2022.

Take the helm and learn the ropes of navigation on a sailing boat, or sit back and enjoy the ride on a powerboat. Book a restaurant or take a picnic for a lunch stop in Mersea or Maldon, try your hand at crabbing, and hop back on board for your return journey to Bradwell Marina.

A friendly and experienced instructor will join you and up to six friends for a fantastic day out.

Details can be found on ECC/Essex Outdoors website.

**010/2022 Planning Application/s.** No planning applications have been submitted to MDC affecting St. Lawrence

#### **011/2022 Decision/s made by MDC affecting St. Lawrence**

Councillors noted the planning decisions below made by MDC affecting St. Lawrence

##### **HOUSE/MAL/21/01033** - Wades End Moorhen Avenue St Lawrence

Conversion of garage into bedroom including construction of link to main dwelling and pitched roof over.

**APPROVE** subject to conditions

##### **WTPO/MAL/21/01060** - Willow House High View St Lawrence Essex

T10 Willow Tree - Reduce by 3.5 metres (re-pollard to previous pollard points) and maintain growth

**APPROVE** subject to conditions

##### **VAR/MAL/21/01165** - 2 Ramsey Nook St Lawrence Drive St Lawrence Essex

Variation of condition 2 on approved planning application 20/00049/HOUSE (Rear extensions, rear roof alteration and new detached garage.) **REFUSE this application**

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**HOUSE/MAL/21/01105** - The Moorings Seaview Parade St Lawrence Essex  
Single storey rear extensions, two storey rear extension and first floor additions to the front and rear.  
**REFUSE this application**

**FUL/MAL/21/01223** - The Gnomes 91 Main Road St Lawrence Essex  
Demolition of existing chalet and garage and the erection of 3 detached dwellings, detached garages with associated parking and landscaping. **REFUSE this application**

### **012/2022 Appeal/s made affecting St. Lawrence**

Councillors noted the appeals below made affecting St. Lawrence

APPEAL NOTIFICATION ON 20/01007/FUL - **19 Mountview Crescent St Lawrence Essex CM0 7NT**

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/21/3283724

Proposal: Replacement dwelling. Appeal Start Date: 21 December 2021

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against MDC decision to refuse to grant planning permission. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations. If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so on the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by emailing [RT1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:RT1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

MDC Cllr M. Helm left the meeting

### **013/2022 Representative Reports**

#### **a) Greening of the village – To receive a written report from Cllr C. Thorne**

The current cold weather is putting our planting in to temporary hibernation. Next month the weather should hopefully be more clement and will allow us to transplant more of the potted-up saplings. The plants in the dinghy are holding up really well in the present frosty conditions.

The Christmas lights I feel gave a welcome brightness to the play area and car park especially considering that they are only battery powered, Chris Millet helped in the siting of the lights and holding the ladder and the even harder job of untangling the cables. I removed the batteries powering the lights on 12<sup>th</sup>. night and we will remove them hopefully this week and will store them in the Portacabin.

I haven't spoken to the management of the Stone Pub yet about watering a proposed new planter for the area by the lookout, but I will attempt this next month. Then we can discuss the type of planter to be sited on this spot.

#### **b) Recreation Ground – To receive a written reports from Cllrs C. Thorne & G. Lewsey**

- **Update on SLPC sign board – Cllr C. Thorne**

I have emailed the company that are involved in the works for the new Village Sign Board and have asked if they can implement the alterations to the proof as requested at the last Parish Council Meeting. They have said that they will carry this out ASAP.

On the subject of the backing board and Sign surround, have we any further information on this item for discussion, as this was mentioned at the last meeting. I will need a firm decision on this so that I can talk to the sign company that are carrying out the proof works.

- **Update on recreation ground – Cllr G. Lewsey**

Did my monthly check in the playground and field found the field muddy and boggy in some areas. The gate North end of the car park needs repair already one of the slats has been broken and missing. I shall measure the size of the slats on the fence which will be removed shortly to see if they will fit, if so I'll take a few from the fence and keep them as spares in the cabin.

We still need to keep raking the mulch in the playground by the swings other than that we are aware of things to be repaired or replaced but I will still keep monitoring these.

The light on the CCTV mast has now been repaired. A&J lighting had to replace the complete fitting as it was a sealed unit. I did ask A&J lighting to put this fitting onto our regular schedules which they have agreed to do.

Cllr G. Lewsey has obtained a tree in recognition of the Queens Platinum event. It has been delivered so a position in the recreation ground will need to be located. A plaque will be purchased to be placed by the tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 event.

- **Update on replacing fencing around children's play area – Cllr G. Lewsey**

A. Lipscombe has purchased all equipment and will be starting to replace the fencing around the children's play area in the next week.

- **Update on Children's play equipment and funding – Cllr G. Lewsey**

New copy of Playdale brochure as the toddlers climbing frame needs replacing. The toddlers frame costs about £7000. Therefore, funding needs to be acquired. Play Dale can source out funding opportunities.

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**c) Passenger Transport report** – To receive a written report from Cllr E. Roberts  
As no meetings have taken place no report was given

**d) Update on Parish Newsletter** – To receive a written report from Cllr E. Roberts  
To discuss advertising costs  
Cllr E. Roberts is having problems rationalising the previous costs of the adverts with what is required for the new advertising income. There appears to be a huge gap. No one will pay a vastly increased price so am looking at alternatives.  
Basically, I just cannot see how the previous advertising charges add up for what we want to achieve this year without a mammoth hike in cost.  
So, I will make a nominal increase and we may have to put a couple of additional ones in or do something a bit different  
If anyone can make suggestion or knows anyone else that would like to advertise, I would be grateful for the help.  
I will be asking for a message to go out re the front cover photograph but feel we have a few weeks for this.  
I have looked at the rates and based on the feedback from some of the advertisers this is what we should go with - Full page £130 - half page £70 - quarter page £35  
These are small increases and if everyone advertises it comes to £650 as opposed to £587. I have approached a few other advertisers and see what they want to do. Everyone is really careful about money.  
I have suggested a full-page advertorial or a couple want to put a leaflet in so will price those. Think a bit of alternative maybe the way to go. I am going back to Paul Clark printing for some figures for the year

**e) CCTV light** – Update on the repair to the defective light – Cllr M. Gibson  
The light for the Jubilee Field car park has been repaired by A & J Lighting and is now working well. We had a comment back immediately from users, thanking us and saying how good it is. We have requested that A & J include this light in their maintenance schedule.  
Cllr G. Lewsey has asked a local resident for training on the CCTV to run through how to get the information off the system.

**f) Fairways Committee** – To appoint 4 representatives onto the Fairways committee  
To confirm that Cllrs G. Lewsey, M. Gibson, C. Thorne and E. Roberts represent the Parish Council  
To set up a Fairways Committee meeting via Zoom

**g) Platinum event on 2<sup>nd</sup>. – 5<sup>th</sup>. June 2022** – To set up a working group and to co-ordinator with St. Lawrence Newland Church. Beacon will be lit on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. June.  
Cllr E. Roberts informed the meeting that she is still waiting to hear if the WI, and Church want to be part of the weekend. Unfortunately, when looking at the dates I will not be around but very happy to continue with the plans. The band that was mentioned are unable to do the event due to other commitments by members and a sad illness. I think if we are progressing with doing something then some form of entertainment is required.  
From hearing about the 'official' plans the Sunday appears to be the optimum for street events and socials. We need to decide if people would want to come out or be with their families. If it was the Saturday then I think some form of fun day with stalls. The Sunday afternoon tea or late morning event, not so easy for the church and it would be ideal if the WI and Church are part of this as they can all bake!!!  
I haven't managed to contact anyone else yet to see what they are planning but feel we do need to get on with it.

## **014/2022 Finance**

**a.** To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2021  
Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2021  
**b.** To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2021/22  
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2021/22  
**c.** To approve the payment of Accounts for January 2022 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council' financial requirements  
Cllr G. Lewsey proposed the January 2022 payments. Cllr M. Gibson seconded. **All Agreed**  
Cllr G. Lewsey proposed Cllr A. Gardner be added to the authorisation signatories. Cllr M. Gibson seconded. **All Agreed**

**015/2022 To receive written report from External meetings attended by Councillors**  
No report was given

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**016/2022 Councillors to list any defective streetlights with location/s in the village**

No defective lights were reported to the Clerk

**Items for Next Agenda**

Cllr G. Lewsey informed the meeting that he will not be at the 23<sup>rd</sup>. February meeting

Car parking repairs to potholes

**Next meeting will be held in the VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 23.02.22 at 7pm**

**Meeting dates for 2022:** 23.03.22: 27.04.22: 25.05.22 Annual Village meeting followed by Council AGM:  
22.06.22: 27.07.22: No meeting in August: 28.09.22: 26.10.22: 23.11.22: 14.12.22:

**017/2022 Closure of the Meeting**

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for attending.