

# Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh Parish Council

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES - TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020

Convened at Woodham Mortimer & Hazeleigh Village Hall at 7:30pm

**In attendance:** Parish Councillors: Pauline McDonald (Chairing the meeting), Kim McDonald, Andrew Macmorland, Stephen Pemberton, Richard Britton, Kim Broadhurst  
District Councillor Karl Jarvis  
Andrew Ritchings Clerk recording proceedings  
One member of public

#### 25.20 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Simon Brady was unable to attend. County Cllr Penny Channer was attending a meeting at Maldon District Council Offices MDC and sent apologies of absence.

#### 26.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SP declared a pecuniary interest in Planning item Hall Farm which appears on the Agenda for notification purposes only.

#### 27.20 PUBLIC FORUM

Traffic data provided by Essex Highways from a survey of Conduit Lane was raised for discussion by a local parishioner. Essex Highways opinion is that the data shows excellent compliance with current speed limits based on average speeds. Discussions during the public forum considered that the data also shows that there are still vehicles travelling in excess of the limit and this aspect in consideration to risk of increased fatality rates at 30mph compared to 20mph suggests the characteristics of the narrow lane deem that a lower limit should be implemented. The Council will seek support from County Councillor Penny Channer to request a 20mph limit be introduced.

#### 28.20 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 11 February 2020 were agreed as a true record of events as proposed by KM seconded by KB and signed as such by PM.

#### 29.20 PLANNING

**ENF/17/00048/03 WOODHAM MORTIMER PLACE** – *New development within grounds reported (04/02/2019) – Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/C/19/3234346 Unauthorised operational development for the erection of a building on the land.* Appeal in progress **UNDECIDED**

**19/00121 LAND REAR OF HILL BARN RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER** – *Proposed conversion of existing equestrian/storage building to form 1 No.new dwelling including the addition of a first floor single storey front extension, replacement single storey side extension, demolition of the existing open bay lean-to, changes to the fenestration and associated works.* APPEAL No. App/X1545/19/3236645. Appeal in progress **UNDECIDED**

**19/01097/RES – LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMBROOK WAY (WESTERN PARCEL) MALDON** – *Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Phase 1 of the Western Parcel of planning permission FUL/MAL/18/00071 (Variation of conditions 5,13,21,25,43,53,55,61,63,67,68,69,74,81,84 on approved application OUT/MAL/14/01103 (Outline application for up to 1000 dwellings, an employment area of 3.4 hectares (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8 uses), a local centre (Use Classes A1-A5, B1a, C2, C3, D1 and D2 uses), a primary school, two early years and childcare facilities, general amenity areas and formal open space including allotments, sports playing fields, landscaping, sustainable drainage measures including landscaped storage basins and SuDs features, vehicle accesses onto the existing highway network and associated infrastructure) comprising 106 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), new public open space and car parking.* **COMMITTEE DATE 12/03/2020**

**20/00001/HOUSE – KINVARA MANOR LODGE ROAD HAZELEIGH - Proposed altered vehicular access and replacement garage. REFUSED – Planning Authority refusal reasons:** “The proposed development due to its siting in a visually prominent position, close to the site's frontage with Lodge Road, combined with the size and bulk of the proposed outbuilding; would harm the character and appearance of the area. The proposal would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the rural area failing to accord with policies S1, S8, D1 and H4 of the Local Development Plan and Government advice as contained in the National Planning Policy Framework”.

**20/00061/AGR – HALL FARM MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Prior notification for an agricultural building. PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED**

**20/00074 - LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK WAY MALDON - Variation of condition 10 (speed review strategy), 20 (pedestrian/cycle crossing of Limebrook Way) & 22 (public footpath 52 improvements) on approved application 18/00071/FUL (Variation of conditions 5, 13, 21, 25, 43, 53, 55, 61, 63, 67, 68, 69, 74, 81, 84 on approved application OUT/MAL/14/01103 (Outline application for up to 1000 dwellings, an employment area of 3.4 hectares (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8 uses), a local centre (Use Classes A1-A5, B1a, C2, C3, D1 and D2 uses), a primary school, two early years and childcare facilities, general amenity areas and formal open space including allotments, sports playing fields, landscaping, sustainable drainage measures including landscaped storage basins and SuDs features, vehicle accesses onto the existing highway network and associated infrastructure.)).** Cllrs consider the approved application a fait accompli and do not wish to make any comments to the Planning Authority

**20/00094 – E J TAYLOR AND SONS LTD MILL WORKS BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH Side and rear extension to office building, additional parking and landscaping (Amendment to FUL/MAL/17/01197).** Discussions at the November 2017 meeting when the original approved Application was debated raised concerns over the suitability of the property expansion in the rural location and effect on local residents, however the Council resolved to support the business considering other locations had not proved suitable and for continuity of local employment. The Council considers that any further expansion to the approved application 17/01197 of the industrial business would be an unacceptable form of development at an unsuitable rural location detrimental to the surrounding environment and neighbouring properties. All Cllrs were in agreement to recommend REFUSAL.

It has also been reported that external lighting at the sight can be seen from across the countryside resulting in extensive light pollution to neighbouring properties and further afield. The Council understands that external lighting conditions were imposed on approved application 17/01197 and the Clerk would make enquiries with the LPA.

**20/00104/HOUSE OAKLEA BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Two storey side and front extensions, first floor extension, new porch canopy.** The aforementioned application provided mixed opinions in respect to the design, scale and location of the proposed extensions. Some Cllrs thought the finished design on the rise of a hill due to its scale and bulk would look out of keeping with neighbouring properties, however this was not agreed by all Cllrs some who believed the design pleasant and unobtrusive at its current site. Following a vote the majority decision was to recommend REFUSAL due to the scale, bulk and out of keeping design with other properties at a prominent location on the rise of a hill.

**20/00127/FULL – THE OLD FORGE - Single storey rear extension and internal alterations** Cllrs do not feel the proposed development will have an adverse effect on the current street scene and recommend GRANTING the application.

## **30.20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

District Karl Jarvis Reported the following matters:

**Accounts/Recruitment of a new Financial Officer** (Section 151 officer). Mr Kamal Mehta, who has been covering the Section 151 post (finance) on a temporary basis since the middle of 2019, came to an end 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020. On the 27<sup>th</sup> February he produced a sound set of proposals, to the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee (PGA), on

how the accounting issues at MDC should be addressed. Today the replacement Interim S151 **Tina Stankley** has pledged her resolve to ensure a smooth accounting process.

**Budget** – this was agreed Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. There were to have been some substantial increases to wharf fees for the Maldon Barges, but the approved increase was 10% with discussions ongoing.

**Maldon Yacht Club** – Notice had been given in 2019 to MYC that after 50 years their lease would not be renewed. Understandably this created much concern and made planning impossible. It is pleasing to report that a new 7 years lease is now in hand.

**Bradwell B Consultation** phase is open and runs to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – there are a number of open day sessions.

**A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme** - there is a meeting for Parish Cllrs 11<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Northey Room, MDC

#### **MDC Committees:**

**Performance Governance and Audit (PGA)** – PGA is following up closely on the above and also the performance of S106 policies.

**Strategy and Resources (S&R):** nothing to report.

**North West Area/or MDC Planning:** nothing to report

AR asked whether there was any further information regarding the dual election fees imposed on the Parish Council even though they exist as a sole Council – KJ advised this was still an ongoing enquiry.

County Cllr Penny Channer unable to attend provided a monthly report which had been circulated to Cllrs.

### **31.20 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

#### **Introduction of speed limits on the A414 Chelmsford Road from Oak Corner**

**Roundabout along Maldon Road to Lodge Road.** (initiated by resident in July 2017).

AR advised these proposals appear to have been added to the LHP list but only refer to limits up to Post Office Road.

**Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House)** (*enquiry No. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017*)  
*rotten verge reflector posts.* No activity

**Lodge Road Essex Highways storage compound** – (*ECC61171240119 & Ecc5099301 08 18*) *fly tipped rubbish (reported in July 2018)*. The Council had recently been advised the contaminated waste would be cleared by 28/02/2020, however the waste has not been removed and The Council await an update from the County Cllr.

**Footway Repair Programme** – *Parish Council's request to clear the length of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church (PC response to Member request for schemes May 2019)*. Awaiting news from County Cllr to advise if the request has been approved.

**Highway Authority Complaint** – *Letter sent to Cllr Bentley on 23/07/2019, receipt acknowledged 25/07/2019 but no further communication received.* A further message sent to Cllr Bentley on 02/03/2020 has received no response, Cllrs advised Clerk to send again and copy Cllrs Jarvis & Durham.

**Conduit Lane** – *15/20mph speed limit request by resident (14/10/2019)*. As discussed during the public open forum *item 27.20* the Council will seek support from County Councillor Penny Channer to request a 20mph limit be introduced.

#### **MALDON LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL SCHEMES**

AR advised he has noticed that The Maldon District Local Highways Panel Schemes appear to have been reformatted into one new list; schemes had previously been listed as either Funded or Potential. The new format shows schemes affecting Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh as follows:

**Southend Road and B1010 Burnham Road** – *Speed limit reduction (LMAL182028* allocated budget £12,500). Noted as awaiting results of 19/20 design and funded for Q4 completion 2019/20.

**Fambridge Road (Limebrook Way RAB to Royal Oak PH) - Detailed design of footpath (LMAL142006 £7,000)** (originally requested 22/04/2014). Noted as awaiting findings from 18/19 design, funded, further investigations have found that this scheme may need ditch piping and drainage will need to be considered, signing, lining and vegetation clearance works.

**Fambridge Road (Limebrook Way RAB to Royal Oak PH) – Walkable verge/footway (LMAL162099)** Noted as liaison ongoing regarding nearby development and footways planned within the development.

**A414 Maldon Road Oak Corner to Post Office Road – Detailed design and legal elements of a speed reduction to 50mph (LMAL182016 £6,500)** Noted as awaiting results of 19/20 design, funded design Q4 2019/20.

The following scheme is no longer appearing on the LHP list of schemes and AR is awaiting clarification from Essex Highways - **A414 Maldon Road Oak Corner to Post Office Road – Measures to help pedestrians cross the road to bus stops (LMAL182016 allocated budget £6,500).**

### **32.20 CORRESPONDENCE**

The next Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils will convene on 18th March at The Parish Hall, Manor Road, Dengie CM0 7UH 7.30 pm, it is understood that Chairman Simon Brady will endeavour to attend.

### **33.20 CLOSURE OF ESSEXINFO.NET**

AR advised that the new website at Voice Online Communities was almost rebuilt and the majority of information should be available by the time EssexInfo.net closes on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **34.20 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS**

AM advised there were no matters to report.

### **35.20 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **Balance of Accounts.**

Clerk reported Account balances of: T1 Current Account £371.41, Instant Access Account £1,979.65, Total funds on deposit of £2351.06 £31.26 is owed on the Councils credit card for new Cllr Email Accounts and monthly credit card administration fee which is due on 24/03.

#### **Authorisation of payments.**

A Payment was authorised for Clerk emoluments of: Nett quarterly salary £518.00, HMRC PAYE £129.40 and work from home allowance for 13 weeks of £52.00

The above balances and payments were proposed to be accepted by KM, seconded by KB and agreed by all Cllrs present.

### **36.20 INFORMATION ONLY**

The following Application was received by the Council after publication of the March Agenda and will be circulated for discussion at a further meeting:

**20/00229/FULL – BARN AT OLD MILL HOUSE VINEYARD HAZELEIGH HALL LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – Convert agricultural barn into vineyard manager's dwellinghouse with associated internal and external alterations.**

Date of next Ordinary Council Meeting is 14 April 2020 which will be preceded by the ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY commencing at 07:00pm.

It has been reported to The Council that the roadside hedge at the brow of the hill in Lodge Road has grown outwards to the road making it difficult for vehicles to pass without deviating towards the other side of the carriageway and it was decided to contact the landowner to see if it could be cut back in order to make it safer for vehicles and pedestrians.

Signed by *Andrew Ritchings* (Clerk to the Council)  
(delegated to sign during Coronavirus social restrictions)