

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council  
**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES - WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST 2021**

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

**In attendance:** Parish Councillors Simon Brady (Chairman SB), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Richard Britton (RB), Stephen Pemberton (SP), Andrew Macmorland (AM)  
1 member of public  
Andrew Ritchings (AR) – Clerk to the Council recording proceedings

**107.21 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Parish Cllr Kim Broadhurst was unable to attend due to work commitments, District Cllr Karl Jarvis and County Cllr Jane Flemming sent their apologies.

**108.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

SB declared a non-pecuniary interest in Highways item Fambridge Road being related to landowners subject to the potential footpath.

**109.21 PUBLIC FORUM**

No items of interest were raised by the member of public in attendance.

**110.21 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 20 July 2021 were agreed as a true record of events as proposed by AM and seconded by KM.

**111.21 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

There has been no further success at appointing a relevant representative and Cllrs will continue to approach various residents.

**112.21 REVIEW OF COUNCILS ASSET LIST**

Further to the previous month discussions regarding appropriate levels of cover for replacement street lighting parts, replacement costs have been received from the current contractor which indicates a slightly higher cost than is currently insured. As the insurance premium is due in November it was resolved to advise the relevant insurance supplier at the time of renewal in order to bring cover up to date.

**113.21 PROVISION OF RESOURCES FOR PLANNING AGENDA ITEMS**

AR advised research of projectors and screens found that equipment could be obtained at prices from £90 up to £3000, given the vast range of products it might be advisable to approach anyone Cllrs knew that could recommend a particular product and to set a budget for the equipment. Cllrs to report back at the September meeting.

**114.21 PLANNING**

**21/00435 – BURY FARM FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH – Erection of an infill storage building (validated by LPA 22/04/2021). REFUSED**

**21/00191 – BURY FARM FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH – Erection of two storey side extension to form an annex. REFUSED**

**21/00529 & 21/00530 OAK CORNER COTTAGE SOUTHEND ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Two dormers to front of roof slope and replacement of window/door to ground floor with single three casement window. PENDING CONSIDERATION BY LPA**

**21/00608 HAWTHORNS POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Proposed rear extension and relocation of side door. APPROVED**

**21/00729 – HILL PLACE RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – Formation of internal door opening to ensuite bathroom from first floor landing. PENDING CONSIDERATION BY LPA**

**21/00693 – GOLF DRIVING RANGE BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –**

*Outline planning permission with the matter of access for consideration is sought for the demolition of the building and replacement of the driving range and pitch and putt with up to 25 new one and two single storey dwellings and public open space with an equipped play area. Cllrs debated the merits of the proposals and reviewed the environmental and fire service reports. There did not appear to be any significant difference to the previous application (20/00675) refused by the Local Planning Authority to which the Council raised no objection, other than the inclusion of a public open space which is welcomed by the Council. Given its previous comments of similar applications at the site Cllrs support the application and recommend the GRANTING of planning permission.*

**BRADWELL B POWER STATION –** nothing to report

**115.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No reports available

**116.21 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**Fambridge Road (Limebrook Way RAB to Royal Oak PH) - Detailed design of footpath (LMAL142006 £7,000)** (originally requested 22/04/2014) and **(LMAL162099) - Walkable verge/footway.** Clerk advised that AR and KB convened with County Cllr Flemming at the site of the proposed footpath. KB advised Cllr Flemming on site that discussions were ongoing with relevant interested parties that will hopefully lead to a permissive route connecting the rear of the Royal Oak to the new development adjacent to Fambridge Road and Limebrook Way. Cllrs were pleased that the request initially submitted to the Local Highways Panel in 2014 was finally achieving some success though noted was not being lead by the LHP. Given the discussions with interested parties will result in a much needed safe route for pedestrians it is noted this to be in a permissive nature only and thought prudent to continue seeking the public footway link adjacent to the Fambridge Road linking the new development to Footpath 1 Hazeleigh so the path could be guaranteed as a permanent route in perpetuity. AR to forward comments to Cllr Flemming.

**A414 Pedestrian Crossing – measures to aid parishioners to cross the hazardous A414 Maldon Road.** Nothing to report.

**Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House) (enquiry Nos. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) and 2705814 logged 01/03/2021) rotten verge reflector posts.** No activity.

**Footway Defect A414 – Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church.** AR and member of public surveyed the footway from the church to Runsell Green and took multiple photographs of sections considered difficult to negotiate due to foliage overgrowth. Cllrs resolved to forward photographic evidence and previous communications regarding the path to County Cllr Flemming for advice and action.

**Conduit Lane – proposed 20mph speed restriction.** Nothing to report.

**Lodge Road ECC storage compound – earth deposits.** Nothing to report.

**Lodge Road (junction with A414 Maldon Road) – earth deposits on verge (ref No. 2710764 logged 29/03/2021).** No activity.

**Fambridge Road – Multiple pot holes.** Nothing to report.

**117.21 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS**

No matters were reported.

**118.21 PARISH COUNCILLOR EXPENSES**

Cllrs to provide comments to drafted policy for next meeting.

**119.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Balance of Accounts –** Clerk reported:  
Current Account balance of £376.32  
Deposit Account balance of £5,209.89.  
Total funds on deposit = £5,586.21

**Authorisation of payments –**

The following payments were approved by all Cllrs present;

ICO GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018 annual fee	35.00
Choice Stationery Supplies Ink & paper	19.52

**120.21 INFORMATION ONLY**

AR advised the Council had been notified of an increase in non-metered electricity charges.

PM requested if County Cllr Jane Flemming could be asked to forward all local road closure notifications, AR to contact Cllr Flemming.

The Council will now revert back to its 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month meeting convention and the date of next meeting will be 14/09/2021

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Simon Brady Chairman to the Council) 14 September 2021