

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026

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

In attendance: Parish Cllrs: Simon Brady (SB presiding), Graham Harle (GH), Kim McDonald (KM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Peter Harland (PH), Stephen Pemberton (SP). County Cllr Jane Fleming (JF). Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.

24.26 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Simon Morgan.

25.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

26.26 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

27.26 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 10 February 2026 were approved by all Cllrs as proposed by GH and seconded by SP.

28.26 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY – No applications have been received for the vacant Parish Councillor role. Councillors will approach potential candidates.

29.26 PLANNING

NAVIGATING THE PLANNING SYSTEM – PH attended a training course relating to development and planning applications and provided a summary of the key points to members at the meeting. The training was noted as being very informative and expected to assist councillors when considering future planning applications and representations. GH expressed an interest in attending an ancillary Permitted Development Rights course.

24/00262/VARM – HALL FARM LAND HAZELEIGH HALL LANE HAZELEIGH – *Variation of condition 27 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)) on approved planning application 22/00261/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping.) Variation seeks: - Inclusion of a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan as an approved document. LPA Deadline 03/07/2024 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA*

24/01014/OUTM – LAND SOUTH OF MALDON ROAD DANBURY – *Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 72 dwellings with associated infrastructure. LPA Deadline 18/04/2025 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA*

25/00160/FULM – LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK WAY MALDON – *Construction of 90 dwellings (Use Class C3), open landscape, landscaping, vehicular and pedestrian infrastructure, sustainable urban drainage and other associated works. LPA Deadline 22/05/2025. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA*

25/00277/OUT – LAND ADJACENT TO LITTLE OWLS POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Outline application with all matters reserved for demolition of twin stable blocks and replacement with two single storey holiday lets (2 bedroom) to replicate square footage of previous buildings and configured/designed to appear as low level farm buildings in a yard. LPA Deadline 20/05/2025. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA*

25/00578/OUTM – LAND WEST OF THE CEMETERY LONDON ROAD MALDON - *Outline application with all matters reserved, except for access, for the erection of up to 275 residential*

units including affordable housing, land for a children's nursery (Class E), 1.8ha of land for an extension to Maldon Cemetery, drainage works, landscaping, vehicular access to the A414, pedestrian/cycle access to Spital Avenue and London Road, and associated infrastructure works.

LPA Deadline 25/09/2025 REFUSED

25/00612/FUL – LAND ADJACENT TO RICKERBY FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH – Erection of 1no. self build dwelling. LPA Deadline 02/09/2025. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA

25/00723/FUL – LAND AT CLAREMONT GARDEN CENTRE BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – Conversion of a storage shelter into a retail unit. APPROVED

25/00728/FUL - CAFE AND OFFICES AT CLAREMONT GARDEN CENTRE BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER - Proposed new exit only access from Claremont Garden Centre and Tin Roof Cafe onto Chelmsford Road Location. LPA Deadline 08/10/2025 - TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA

25/01022/FULM - LAND EAST OF BRIDGE WICK LANE DENGIE - The construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of an onshore wind electricity generating facility and associated infrastructure, comprising up to 15 Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs), onsite substation, access tracks, underground cabling, temporary construction compounds, temporary concrete batching plant, and landscape and ecological mitigation and enhancement. LPA Deadline 17/02/2026. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA

25/01106/HOUSE - THE OLD FORGE CHELMSFORD ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - Single storey rear extension, fenestration and internal alterations and changes to the front boundary. LPA Deadline 16/03/2026. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA

25/01107/LBC - THE OLD FORGE CHELMSFORD ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - Single storey rear extension, fenestration and internal alterations and changes to the front boundary. LPA Deadline 16/03/2026. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA

25/00959/VAR - LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMBROOK WAY Maldon - Variation of condition 1 on approved planning permission 18/00531/RES (Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for Phase 1 of the Eastern Parcel of the wider Land South of Wycke Hill and Limebrook Way site (LPA Application Ref. FUL/MAL/18/00071), comprising the construction of 200 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated works.) to relocate 21 proposed trees. - The application seeks to vary Condition 1 which is a relocation of roadside trees along Fambridge Road; Cllrs have no objections to the variation of condition.

25/00492/PACUAR - LAND NORTH EAST OF WOODHAM MORTIMER LODGE LODGE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - Prior approval application for change of use of an agricultural building to one dwellinghouse (Use Class C3). Appeal Ref: 6002783 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

25/01091/HOUSE - CHEADLE 37 CONDUIT LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER - Single-storey side and rear extension with pitched roof and rooflights; Extension of roof form to rear roof slope; new porch and two bay windows to front elevation; alterations to fenestration; removal of chimney; demolition of existing outbuildings and replacement outbuilding to rear garden. LPA Deadline 19/03/2026. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA

25/00997/FUL - LAND ADJACENT TO OAK CORNER COTTAGE SOUTHEND ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - Erection of a new self-build dwelling and associated works Location. LPA Deadline 18/03/2026. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA

26/00081/HOUSE – NORTH VIEW BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER MALDON – single storey rear extension with roof lights, single storey side porch extension, front infill extension. LPA Deadline 03/04/2026. – The application seeks to provide a front infill, side and rear extension with external materials largely matching the existing dwelling. In accordance

with the NPPF, the Parish Council generally supports domestic extensions where they represent good design and do not harm neighbour amenity, highway safety or the character of the area. The design is considered to be proportionate to the dwelling, and not detrimental to the rural character of the existing street scene or surrounding area. Cllrs recommend GRANTING the application.

26/00134/PADOT - AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT LITTLE GRANGE FARM MARLPITS ROAD

WOODHAM MORTIMER - *Prior approval for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a flexible use within General Industrial (Class B2).* **LPA Deadline 03/04/2026.** - The Parish Council notes that this application is submitted under permitted development provisions (Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015), under which the Local Planning Authority may consider transport and highways impacts, noise impacts, contamination risks and flood risk. The Council raises NO OBJECTION to the proposal but notes that Footpath 12 Hazeleigh, which runs along the access track and passes directly in front of the agricultural building subject to the proposed change of use, is not shown on the submitted layout plan. However, given that the building appears to be in active agricultural use, councillors do not consider that the proposed change of use would materially affect the use of the public footpath.

30.26 ROYAL OAK QUARRY - *Review of public access restoration plans.* - Having reviewed communications and minutes of quarry liaison meetings dating back to 2012 no evidence was located that suggests any areas of land resulting from restoration plans would be available as public amenity land other than the return of the public footpaths across the site to their pre-extraction alignments. PH to research further.

31.26 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Cllr Jane Fleming advised the County Council are providing an additional £6m of funding for highways maintenance repairs, for items such as drains, potholes, footways, signage, faded white lines etc. Cllrs will survey village locations and apply for funds where considered necessary.

32.26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance of Accounts

Unity Trust Instant Access Savings Account	£5,598.17
Unity Trust T1 Current Account	£485.00
Unity Trust Community Benefit Account	£84,876.34
Total funds on deposit	£90,959.51
Lloyds Debit Card	£0.00

Authorisation of payments (inclusive of VAT where applicable)

Clerk emoluments	
Quarterly salary	£822.48
HMR&C PAYE	£205.80
Work from home allowance	£52.00
Transfer of funds	£1,500.00

Transactions since the previous meeting

MS365 Accounts	-£35.57
Unity Trust Bank monthly service charge	-£6.00
Lloyds Debit card fee	-£3.00
Cllr Harland planning training course	-£108.00
Village Hall hirings (March 2023-March 2025)	-£275.00

Latest balance of accounts, authorisation of payments and transactions shown above were approved by all Cllrs as proposed by GH and seconded by SP.

33.26 VILLAGE HALL FUNDING – *request for Parish Council grant to assist with works projects.* SB will forward a project list of items being considered by the Village Hall Committee that are required in order to bring the hall up to modern usage standards. Cllrs will review the list and consider utilising Community Benefit funds as a grant towards cost at the next meeting.

34.26 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Footpath 11 Hazeleigh (Dragons Path) – *gate restriction and return to previous character.* No activity to report.

Local Highways Panel Schemes. The following projects remain on the list of schemes though they are not expected to be delivered due to the forthcoming closure of all LHP Schemes.

- **Footway Defect A414** – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Bryants Lane and Runsell Green Danbury (LHP Scheme No. 36).*
- **A414 30mph Speed limit** – *between Oak Corner and Post Office Road.*
- **A414 40mph Speed limit** – *between Post Office Road and Limebrook Farm.*
- **Conduit Lane** – *Mobility vehicle/wheelchair access to bus stop.*

35.26 MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTER BRICKWORK – To be carried out when weather improves.

36.26 INFORMATION ONLY

The following application was received after the March agenda had been published, and the Council will convene an extraordinary meeting on 23/03/2026 to discuss the proposals.

26/00027/FUL GRENO HOUSE POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - *Construct replacement dwelling with ancillary pool building and garage, with associated landscaping.*

It was noted that the Council's banking providers have refused an application to register a new higher interest account due to mismatch of authorised signatures, Members queried the refusal as signatures appear identical. New signed form to be sent back.

The date of next scheduled Ordinary Council meeting is 14/04/2026, this will be preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7:00pm.

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 14/04/2026