

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council
EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – MONDAY 23 MARCH 2026

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

In attendance: Parish Cllrs: Simon Brady (SB presiding), Graham Harle (GH), Peter Harland (PH), Stephen Pemberton (SP).
Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.

37.26 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None received

38.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SB declared a non-pecuniary interest to Planning item Greno House advising that nearby land is in the ownership of his family.

39.26 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public present

40.26 PLANNING

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 WYKE 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*

25/00612/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*

25/00728/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. APPROVED**

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. APPROVED**

25/00959/VAR - LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK 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. **TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA**

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. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA**

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. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA**

26/00027/FUL GRENO HOUSE POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - Construct replacement dwelling with ancillary pool building and garage, with associated landscaping. - The Parish Council supports the construction of replacement dwellings that adhere to the NPPF principles of high-quality design, and in this respect, councillors consider the proposed replacement dwelling to be a commendable improvement on the existing property and raises NO OBJECTION to the application, nonetheless the Council has the following comments. Councillors have concerns regarding the scale of the subordinate buildings. In particular, the swimming pool building appears disproportionately large in relation to the main dwelling. The combined footprint of the ancillary structures risks undermining their status as subordinate buildings, contrary to the expectations of Policy H4 of the Maldon District Council Local Development Plan.

Councillors also note that nine trees are proposed for removal. While several are categorised as low quality, their collective contribution to habitat value and biodiversity remains meaningful. Given the extent of tree loss, the Council would welcome a more detailed planting and

habitat-enhancement scheme to ensure that the development results in no net loss of biodiversity.

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 Appeal Ref: 6004910 **TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE** – Cllrs resolved to reaffirm their original recommendation of refusal sent to the LPA by making an additional representation to the Planning Inspectorate as follows:

The Parish Council wishes to reiterate its concerns regarding the cumulative level of development already built or approved in the Wyke Hill / South Maldon Garden Suburb area. In the Council's view, the existing and planned infrastructure is not sufficient to support a further large estate on the edge of Maldon.

Councillors are particularly concerned that the proposal does not include any new medical facilities, school provision, or public transport, despite the continued expansion of the town. The existing road network is already under significant pressure, and additional development of this scale is likely to worsen congestion both within Maldon and on the approaches to the town.

The Council also notes that, in the absence of a Maldon bypass, the increase in traffic combined with the heavier weight of modern electric vehicles will place further strain on the current road and bridge network. When incidents or maintenance occur on the A12, Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh already experience local roads used as rat runs and the addition of a substantial number of new dwellings on the outskirts of the town will exacerbate these problems.

41.26 INFORMATION ONLY

Date of next scheduled meeting 14/04/2026 which will be the Annual Parish Assembly followed by an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

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