

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – TUESDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2022

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), Andrew Macmorland (AM), Stephen Pemberton (SP).

County Cllr Jane Flemming (JF).

Andrew Ritchings (AR) – Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.

5 Members of the public

14.22 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None received

15.22 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR (REPRESENTING HAZELEIGH)

The period for the electorate to call for an election has expired without any such requests and the Council are now able to Co-opt an appropriate individual onto the Council.

16.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SP declared a pecuniary interest in respect to Planning item land opposite St Margaret's Church and a non-pecuniary interest in the item associated with restoration of the Coopers Monument being the landowner of the sites subject to the applications. SB declared a non-pecuniary interest in Highways item Fambridge Road being related to landowners subject to the potential footpath.

17.22 PUBLIC FORUM

A number of parishioners attended the meeting raising concerns to recent activity at a site adjacent to the A414 subject to a previous Planning Application refusal (Application No. 18/01298 Land South West of Oak Acres Maldon Road). Extensive vegetation clearance work and large unattended bonfires were reported amongst the activities. The Parish council will contact Maldon District Council Planning and Environmental Officers alerting them to the activities and recommended any parishioners do so if they have concerns.

18.22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 11 January 2022 and Extraordinary (Planning) Meeting 26 January 2022 were agreed as a true record of events by Cllrs at that meeting.

19.22 PLANNING

21/00889/RES - LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK WAY MALDON ESSEX

Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for Phase 2 of the Western Parcel of outline planning permission 20/00074/FUL (Variation of condition 10 (speed review strategy) and 20 (pedestrian/cycle crossing of Limebrook Way) on approved application 19/01134/FUL (Removal of condition 11 (details of 'Access Link Strategy') on approved planning application 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 the construction of 210 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), new public open space and car parking. **APPROVED BY LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY**

21/01276/FUL - LAND OPPOSITE ST MARGARET'S CHURCH MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - *Erection of a crematorium with ceremony hall, memorial arboretum and associated use of land, restoration of Coopers Monument, vehicular access, parking, landscaping, pedestrian crossing and diversion of footpath (PROW 269_17).* **AWAITING DECISION BY DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

22/00066 – 4 GOAT HOUSE LANE HAZELEIGH

Change to external materials. This was an amended application from the one refused by the LPA in February 2021 which the Council supported. As the amended proposals removed the minor extension from the original proposals The Council SUPPORT the application as it had done previously.

21/01271 – THE COOPERS MONUMENT MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER

Restoration of Coopers Monument/Obelisk. Although the Council would gratefully like to see the monument restored to a more aesthetic condition which is much needed, they agree with the Conservation Officer's report that not enough details have been provided in respect to the intended work to be carried out and reluctantly by a majority vote recommend REFUSAL of the application. The Council very much hope a revised application is submitted that provides more renovation details in order to ensure the integrity of the monument during any restoration.

22/00069 – BURY FARM FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH

Proposed Car Port. Cllrs do not envisage any detrimental effect to the street scene or surrounding environment and recommend GRANTING the application.

BRADWELL B POWER STATION – No information to report.

20.22 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Jane Flemming circulated her February Report which included the following subjects: Changes to bus timetable; Sleep and arts Council England event; £1M arts and cultural fund opens for applications; New live shows on employment and training; Get one-to-one employment support; Parents in Essex get personalised employment support; Revised plans for Chelmsford east bypass; Join the virtual job fair for Maldon, Chelmsford and Uttlesford. Essex County Council's budget proposals; Clearing cross-field paths with the Essex Area Ramblers; New funding package for adult social care providers in Essex; Apply for the Omicron hospitality and leisure grant; Green homes grant; Tax free childcare – HMRC reminder; Vans at Maldon Recycling Centre.

21.22 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.* Nothing to report.

A414 Pedestrian Crossing – *measures to aid crossing the hazardous A414 Maldon Road.*

Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House) (*enquiry Nos. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) and 2705814 logged 01/03/2021) rotten verge reflector posts.* Nothing to report.

Footway Defect A414 – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church.* Nothing to report.

Lodge Road (junction with A414 Maldon Road) – *earth deposits on verge* (ref No. 2710764 logged 29/03/2021). Nothing to report.

22.22 LOCALITY FUND GRANT

The Parish Council application to the County Cllr led Locality Fund Grant has been approved by Essex County Council and a projector and screen would now be procured to aid Planning Application discussions at Council meetings.

23.22 CLERKS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Following the agreed salary review at the January meeting the Clerks CoE was updated and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

24.22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance of Accounts: AR advised account balances of; T1 Current Account £644.09; Instant Access Account £2,460.10 - Total funds on deposit = £3,104.19.

Authorisation of payments: As proposed by KM and seconded by SP the following payments were agreed and authorised by all Cllrs:

Annual Street Light inspection and repairs	£260.88
New Street Light and pole bracket	£438.00
Projector and screen (Locality Fund)	£400.00 (estimate)
Chairman's Allowance (gratitude gift)	£50.00
Transfer of funds from Deposit to Current Account	£750.00

25.22 INFORMATION ONLY

AR advised that the internal auditor who had been carrying out the Council's audit for many years has now retired and the Council need to appoint an alternative auditor. Clerk has contacted EALC and other Parish Council's but has not been able to source an alternative service as yet. AR and Cllrs to make further enquiries.

The Council have been notified that a gate and extensive foliage clearance work has been carried out along Public Footpath 11 Hazeleigh (off Lodge Road behind the rear of the old Hazeleigh churchyard).

Date of next scheduled Parish Council meeting is 08/03/2022

..... *Simon Braday*..... (Chairman to the Council) 08 March 2022