

# Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh Parish Council

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

# MINUTES - TUESDAY 08 JANUARY 2019

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

In attendance: Simon Brady (SB, Chairman), Kim McDonald (KM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim Broadhurst (KB)

District Councillor Penny Channer (PC)

2 members of public

### 1.19 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllrs Richard Britton, Andrew Macmorland and Stephen Pemberton were unable to attend. District Cllr Henry Bass sent apologies as he was attending another meeting.

### 2.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

SB declared a non-pecuniary interest to public rights of way item Footpath 15 Woodham Mortimer being the owner of land adjacent to the land on which stiles have recently been installed.

### 3.19 PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public were in attendance to hear the Council discuss Planning items and also to raise concern and disappointment that stiles recently installed along the route of Footpath 15 Woodham Mortimer (east of Rectory Lane) have rendered the path inaccessible to dog walkers and request that gates be installed instead.

### 4.19 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 December 2018 proposed by KB and seconded by KM were agreed as a true record of events and duly signed by SB.

### 5.19 PLANNING

**OUT/MAL/15/01327 – LAND NORTH AND WEST OF KNOWLES FARM WYCKE HILL MALDON** – C3 residential development (up to 320 homes) of mixed form, size and tenure, small scale B1 employment development (up to 2,000sqm), C2/D1 community uses, a new relief road to the north of A414, strategic landscaping, pedestrian and cycle linkages, estate roads, open space, drainage and sewerage (including SUDS) and other associated development. Committee Date 23/03/2017 – **DECISION TBA FROM LPA**

**WOODHAM MORTIMER PLACE** – Reported development (27/02/2017) – Further to current status enquiries District Cllr Bass advised matters are still in progress. Cllrs observed the potential breach of planning was reported nearly 2 years ago and to follow the matter up again next month.

**FAIRVIEWS (FORMERLY LAND ADJ TO COLTS PIGHTLE), POST OFFICE ROAD** – Conditions compliance (25/06/2018) - Further to current status enquiries District Cllr Bass advised matters are still in progress.

**18/01309/HOUSE 3 MEARD POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – vary condition 3 of approved application 18/00626 (single storey rear extension): Render stipulated is not best finish on wooden structure **APPROVED BY LPA**

**18/01284/WTPO AUTUMN HOUSE POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Copper Beech (T1) Remove the lowest main limb on the south side to raise the crown and balance the south side of the crown with the north side. This will also raise the crown to be in line with the ground clearance of the second beech adjacent to it. **REFUSED BY LPA**

**18/00871 ST MARGARETS RECTORY MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – To provide a 10 space car park, construction of a new entrance, graveled parking area, cycle parking, kerb edging and closed boarded fencing to enclose car park. **DECISION TBA FROM LPA**

**18/01298/FUL – LAND SOUTH WEST OF OAK ACRES MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – removal of all buildings and hardstanding and construction of two detached dwellings and cartlodes. **DECISION TBA FROM LPA**

**18/01367 – THE OLD FORGE CHELMSFORD ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Replacement of existing windows and French doors. **APPROVED BY LPA**

**18/01373 – NEW PROPERTY SOUTH OF HATCH HOUSE FARM BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH** – variation of access to agricultural workers dwelling. **DECISION TBA FROM LPA**

**18/01422 – LANGSIDE POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Single storey double car port/lodge. **DECISION TBA FROM LPA**

**18/01440 – LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL LIMEBROOK WAY MALDON** – Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for Phase 2 of the Eastern Parcel of the wider land South of Wycke Hill and Limebrook Way site (LAP Application Ref. 18/00071) comprising the construction of 200 residential dwellings (use class C3) and associated work. The Council are already noticing a significant increase in traffic along the A414 through Woodham Mortimer and Fambridge Road though Hazeleigh and are receiving numerous complaints from parishioners in respect to the development's potential effect on current medical facilities, schools and highways. As per previous concerns raised the Council believe the current infrastructure inadequate and recommend REFUSING permission.

**18/01439 – LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL LIMEBROOK WAY MALDON** – Redevelopment to provide 33 residential units (class 3) together with associated infrastructure. The Council are already noticing a significant increase in traffic along the A414 through Woodham Mortimer and Fambridge Road though Hazeleigh and are receiving numerous complaints from parishioners in respect to the development's potential effect on current medical facilities, schools and highways. As per previous concerns raised, the Council believe that due consideration has not been given to appropriate infrastructure which is entirely inadequate and recommend REFUSING permission.

**18/01462 – LAND TO THE WEST OF TYNDALES FARM SOUTHEND ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Prior notification for the erection of a new straw barn. **APPROVED (31/12/2018)** AR reported this application had already been approved just 10 days after receiving the notification letter. SB was disappointed to see an officer decision stating that no response had been received from the Parish Council and instructed the Clerk to send comment to MDC accordingly. Cllrs raised no matters to the application that would affect prior approval not being granted.

## **6.19 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Councillor Penny Channer reported that there is currently an Essex Library consultation in progress and urges anyone with views regarding the library service to respond before the deadline of 20/02/2019, details can be found at [www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation](http://www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation) or ask your local library staff. The County Council is also seeking public comments to the bus services of Essex and a consultation is in process until 22/03/2019 details at [www.essex.gov.uk/local-bus-consultatio](http://www.essex.gov.uk/local-bus-consultatio). Essex County Council are celebrating the news of achieving the Outstanding rating from Ofsted for its children's social care services.

Concerns are being raised in respect to London Homeless being placed in the County and a letter has been sent by the Leader of Essex County Council to senior politicians in the capital.

The Council will be discussing and reviewing budgets in February. A full copy of Councillor Channer's report will be uploaded to the Parish Council's website.

## **7.19 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

A414 and B1010 proposals:

- 1. Proposed extension of the 30mph limit currently imposed on the A414 Chelmsford Road from Oak Corner Roundabout along Maldon Road to Rectory Lane.**
- 2. To introduce a 40mph limit on Maldon Road from Rectory Lane to Lodge Road -**

Following the disappointing conclusion by Essex Highways not to proceed with the introduction of speed limits the Parish Council has expressed its ongoing concerns along with additionally received comments from parishioners to the County Councillor who is going to pursue with other avenues of enquiry.

3. **To extend the current 40mph limit on the B1418 Southend Road from The Grange to Oak Corner Roundabout** (this would reflect the same limits applied through Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers)
4. **To introduce a 40mph limit along the B1010 Burnham Road from Oak Corner Roundabout to the crossroads at Lodge Road Goat House Lane** (this would reflect the same limits applied along the Fambridge Road Hazeleigh. PC advised that items 3 and 4 have been added to the list of Potential Highway Panel Schemes ref: LMAL182028
5. **To introduce 2 crossing points on the A414 in Woodham Mortimer; LMAL182016**
  - 1) to access the footways near Post Office Road and the bus stop opposite
  - 2) to access the footways adjacent to Bryants Lane and Conduit Lane – item 5. is awaiting LHP Scheme feasibility study.

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

**Lodge Road (junction with A414)** – (enquiry No.s 20385657, 2502209,3146993) Continuous running water from ditch adjacent to storage compound. In his absence Cllr Andrew Macmorland submitted a report to the Chairman advising that jetting work by Essex Highways has cleared the culvert under lodge road but additional ditch clearance is now required to clear the jetted debris. Further investigation is also required in order to ascertain the source of water flowing out of the ECC storage compound. The Council is still awaiting the removal of fly tipped waste (of which concern has been raised that it may include asbestos) from within and adjacent to the ECC storage compound.

**Fambridge Road – vehicle speeding issues and proposed footway.** Following the employment of Community Protection Officers the Parish Council are awaiting details of the “34 captures” resulting from the exercise.

The proposed footway is now appearing on the Local Highways Panel Potential list of schemes under two separate reference No.s - LMAL2099 – walkable verge/footway & LMAL142006 – detailed design of footpath. Cllr Bass has also advised the Parish Council that developers have made provision on their site and discussions are to be held with landowners.

**Tom Tit Lane/A414 (LMAL172025)** – Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicle signage (22/06/2018) - awaiting outcome of LHP feasibility study.

**Conduit Lane** – (enquiry No. 2582212) overhanging dead tree hazard (24/07/2018) – this is noted on the Essex Highways reporting tool as further investigation required

**Conduit/Bryants Lane** – blocked drains causing flooding (02/09/2018) – SB is awaiting advice from ECC Cabinet Member Services.

## 8.19 CORRESPONDENCE

The next meeting of Dengie Hundred Parish Councils will be on 16/01/2019 at 19:30 in Burnham-on-Crouch. Cllrs are unable to attend.

## 9.19 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Following reports at last month’s meeting that Essex Highways had approved the installation of 2 new stiles along the route of Footpath 15, AR contacted the area Public Rights of Way inspector who advised they were unaware of the recently installed stiles and would have recommended the location of gates rather than stiles. Having discussed the matter in the ‘Public Forum’ item Cllrs agreed that gates would be preferable, particularly for less abled users that find stiles difficult to climb and those parishioners exercising with dogs. Cllrs asked AR to contact Essex Highways advising complaints had been received and recommend the preference of gates that would be more suitable for all users.

## 10.19 CLERKS UPDATED CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The updated Clerk’s contract of employment agreed at the December meeting (item 169.18) was duly signed by SB and AR

## 11.19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- **Quarterly review** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Parish Council finances October to December 2018 were reviewed by Councillors which concluded that budget proposals were on target and no matters of concern were raised. Non signatory KM reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter bank statements which concurred with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter summary of finances.
- **Balance of accounts** – AR advised funds on deposit as; Unity Trust T1 Current Account £504.81, Unity Trust Instant Access Account £1916.44, there are no outstanding payments to the Lloyds Debit Card. Total funds on deposit = £2421.24
- **Authorisation of Payments** – an invoice has been received for village hall use 2018 at a cost of £121.00, there were no other payments to authorise other than the usual monthly credit card fee of £3.00 due on 23/01/2019  
All above payments and accounts were proposed to be accepted and authorised by KM and seconded by KB and agreed by all Cllrs present

## 12.19 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

There had been no further work achieved on the data audit. AR to progress when possible.

## 13.19 INFORMATION ONLY

The Council have been advised by MDC that enquiries in respect to planning conditions are being investigated at Lodge Farm Lodge Road Hazeleigh.

Date of next meeting 12 February 2019

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 12 February 2019