

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – TUESDAY 08 NOVEMBER 2022

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

In attendance: Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB presiding), Stephen Pemberton (SP), Kim McDonald (KM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Richard Britton (RB), Andrew Macmorland (AM), Graham Harle (GH) District Cllr Simon Morgan (JF).

2 members of public

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

120.22 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

121.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SP declared registerable pecuniary interests in respect to Planning items land opposite St Margaret's Church and land at Hall Farm (solar farm), being the landowner of the sites subject to the applications, also a registerable non-pecuniary interest in item 125.22.

AM declared non pecuniary interest in planning items St Margarets Church and solar farm having conducted business with the landowner. SB declared a non-pecuniary interest in discussions that arose during the public forum being a resident of Bryants Lane.

122.22 PUBLIC FORUM

Representatives of the approved proposed café at the site of Claremont Nursery attended the meeting to discuss with Cllrs various aspects of the café development and potential modifications. Cllrs will comment formerly to any further planning applications when consulted by the Local Planning Authority.

123.22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 18 October 2022 were approved as a true record of events as proposed by SP seconded by KM and agreed by all present at that meeting.

124.22 PLANNING

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).* **DECISION TBA BY LPA**

21/00138 – LAND ADJACENT THE WILLOWS BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Proposed No. 1 dwelling with carport.* APPEAL No. APP/X1545/W/21/3283976. **DECISION TBA BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

22/00158 – BARN AT HATCH HOUSE FARM BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH

Conversion of an agricultural storage building into two dwelling houses (Class C3.)

The details of this application are still not available on MDC's planning portal. SM advised that having contacted Planning Officers there appears to be an IT issue.

22/00934 – HALL FARM LAND AT 583941,203977 – *Variation of condition 4 on approved planning permission 22/00261/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping.)* **APPROVED**

22/00942 – LITTLE GRANGE FARM MARLPITS ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Erection of a new car port.* (Determination date 18/11/2022). **DECISION TBA BY LPA**

22/00443 – LAND REAR OF HILL BARN RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –
Proposed conversion of existing equestrian/storage buildings to form 1No. new dwelling and associated development APPEAL NO. APP/X1545/W/22/3303806. **DECISION TBA BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

BRADWELL B POWER STATION – There were no updates to report.

125.22 SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT PAYMENTS

The Solar Farm agent provided information to Cllrs outlining the Community Benefit Contribution agreement and offered other advice for Cllrs to consider. AR to revert to Low Carbon seeking a respective schedule of payment commencement.

126.22 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Cllr Morgan advised that MDC are commencing the next Local Development Plan evaluation and will be attempting to resolve the Council's 5 year land supply short fall which will be reviewed by 3 separate working groups. SM was asked to seek clarification that 4 residential wheeley bins have appeared at the site of the refused traveller pitches.

127.22 HIGHWAY MATTERS

A414 Pedestrian Crossing – *measures to aid crossing the hazardous A414 Maldon Road. Scheduled for early 2023 feasibility study.* No information 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 post. No information to report.

Footway Defect A414 – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church.* No information to report.

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

GH reported that the bus stops on the A414 at the end of Lodge Road are obscured resulting in some buses not stopping to receive passengers.

128.22 FINANCIAL

Balance of Accounts; T1 Current Account £486.94, Instant Access Deposit Account £4,160.86

Authorisation of payments:

There were no payments to authorise	
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129.22 INFORMATION ONLY

Date of next scheduled ordinary meeting is 13/12/2022.

The Council have been forwarded an enquiry from Essex County Council alerting Cllrs to the condition of village bus shelters.

MDC have advised the Parish Council Tax Base for 2023/24 is 319.3. Cllrs will be setting its 2023/24 budget at its December meeting.

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 13/12/2022