

Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 08 OCTOBER 2019

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

In attendance: Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB Chairman), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim Broadhurst (KB), Richard Britton (RB)
Andrew Ritchings (AR) - Clerk to the Council recording proceedings
1 member of public attended.

113.19 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

District Cllrs Karl Jarvis (out of the country), Mark Durham (Visit Essex function), Parish Cllrs Kim McDonald (KM), Andrew Macmorland (AM) who had other engagements.

114.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made by Cllrs.

115.19 PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public attended the meeting raising concerns over increased traffic in Conduit Lane and Post Office Road resulting in difficulties for residents with restricted views exiting driveways. Conduit Lane is a very narrow road and currently has the same 30mph restriction as Post Office Road which is a 2 lane highway, the 30 mph restriction is considered too fast for the characteristics of the unpaved, narrow, enclosed lane rendering it difficult for manoeuvres joining the lane from various properties. A request was made to the Council to support a request for a 15/20 mph limit to be introduced. SB advised that he has noticed in other villages the introduction of traffic calming signs placed in the front of owner properties and wondered if this is something that could be considered by residents. Cllrs also suggested approaching County Cllr Penny Channer seeking her support to request a reduction in speed, which was supported by all Cllrs present.

116.19 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 10 September 2019 as proposed by KB and seconded by RB were approved as a true record of events, agreed by all Cllrs present and signed as such by the Chairman.

117.19 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. No decision from LPA.

17/00048 WOODHAM MORTIMER PLACE – *New development within grounds reported (04/02/2019).* No further information 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.* APPEAL No. APP/X1545/W/19/322246. **APPEAL DISMISSED**

18/01063/FUL LITTLE GRANGE FARM MARLPITS ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Convert 2 No. redundant agricultural barns to a live/work unit with an extension. Convert 2 No. smaller outbuildings to formal live/work. Demolish 1 No. barn and lean to extension. New build 1 No. cart lodge and 1 No. cart lodge with office above.* APPEAL No. APP/X1545/W/19/3223034. No decision from Planning Inspectorate.

19/00347/FUL – LAND ADJACENT RICKERBY FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH – *Change of use of the land for the stationing of a caravan for permanent residential occupation, removal of existing caravan, form base and new mobile home, install septic*

tank, erect timber frame garage and form a new access point. APPEAL No. APP/X1545/W/19/3231263. No decision from Planning Inspectorate.

19/00912 – HIGHCLERE HOUSE LODGE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey detached swimming pool & changing areas. Cllrs resolved that the proposed development resides outside of the existing development boundary, appears unnecessarily close to the highway and would have a detrimental impact to adjacent listed properties. It is also noted the existing garage building is not shown on the plans.*

19/00121 LAND REAR OF HILL BARN RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Proposed conversion of existing equestrian/storage building to form 1 No.new dwelling including the addition of a first floor single storey front extension, replacement single storey side extension, demolition of the existing open bay lean-to, changes to the fenestration and associated works. APPEAL No. App/X1545/19/32366545. No decision from Planning Inspectorate.*

118.19 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Essex County Council Matters End Of September 2019 report from County Councillor Penny Channer was circulated to Cllrs and includes the following topics: Plans underway to remove Army and Navy flyover; New online resource to provide information on community-run libraries; National Libraries Week; Summer Reading Challenge Thanks and Stats; Being community spirited will help prevent loneliness; Essex Fostering -September 2019; News from ACL (Adult Community Learning).

119.19 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Introduction of speed limits on the A414 Chelmsford Road from Oak Corner Roundabout along Maldon Road to Lodge Road. (initiated by resident in July 2017) County Cllr in discussions with Essex Highways.

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 reported 15/10/2012*) *Continuous running water from ditch adjacent to storage compound. The large hole at the edge of the site reported at the previous meeting has now been filled and the ditch appears to be containing and dispersing rainfall water.*

Lodge Road Essex Highways storage compound – (*ECC61171240119 & Ecc5099301 08 18*) *fly tipped rubbish (reported in July 2018).* Cllrs are again disappointed that contaminated waste has still not been cleared from the storage site.

Conduit/Bryants Lane – (*enquiry No. 2580097*) *blocked drains causing flooding (initially raised in September 2018).* Essex Highways have carried out ditch work and repaired a broken pipe which should resolve the flooding issue.

Fambridge Road – *Walkable verge/footway from Limebrook Way to Royal Oak Public House (LMAL162099) and Detailed design of footpath from Limebrook Way to Royal Oak Public House (LMAL142006 £7,000 budget) (originally requested 22/04/2014).* No further information from Essex Highways. It was also reported that another accident had recently occurred in the road. The scheme is longer appearing on the LHP schemes list, AR to clarify with EH.

Footway Repair Programme – *Parish Council's request to clear the length of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church (PC response to Member request for schemes May 2019).* No activity to report.

Highway Authority Complaint – *Letter sent to Cllr Bentley on 23/07/2019, receipt acknowledged 25/07/2019.* Cllrs disappointed that there has still been no detailed response to their letter of 23 July 2019.

LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL FUNDED SCHEMES

Tom Tit Lane/A414 – *Request for Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicle signage - (LMAL172025 allocated budget £4,500).* According to the Maldon District list of schemes

signage has been completed but there are no signs viewable at the end of the lane. AR sent an email to Essex Highways on 29/09/2019 but no response has been received.

A414 Maldon Road Oak Corner to Post Office Road – *Measures to help pedestrians cross the road to bus stops (LMAL182016* allocated budget £6,500), no activity to report.

Southend Road and B1010 Burnham Road – *Speed limit reduction (LMAL182028* allocated budget £12,500), no activity to report. Cllrs were surprised at the allocated budget costs for the aforementioned 2 schemes and requested a breakdown of how the costs were achieved.

LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL POTENTIAL SCHEMES

Chimney Lane – *measures to mitigate use by Heavy Goods Vehicles (LMAL 192001* speed and volume survey £200). Traffic survey completed – Following a traffic survey, Essex Highways have recommended that measures to help prevent HGV's using the lane should not be implemented. Clerk to forward information to requesting resident and apologise that the Council were not able to help with the request.

120.19 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence between Cllrs and residents suggests that recent widening of Fambridge Road near the new development has resulted in a further increase in traffic speed. Previously funds have been used to employ Community Protection Officers who have utilised TrueCam devices resulting in many prosecutions. However this does not appear to have made any difference to driver behaviour and the Parish Council's priority is to focus on the much needed footway/path that will provide residents with a safe pedestrian access along Fambridge Road to Limebrook Way, Maldon.

121.19 CLOSURE OF ESSEXINFO.NET (PARISH COUNCILS WEBSITE)

The existing email service provider has advised the Council that its current email service is going to be discontinued by the end of December 2019 and recommend that the Council move to Microsoft 365 Office online system which would provide more security and GDPR compliance, however this would be substantially more expensive and at present the Council predicted budgets have not allowed funding for such expense. Cllrs are not wholly understanding of the advantages by upgrading to Office 365. The present supplier representative offered to attend a Council meeting to explain the details and benefits of an enhanced product; however Cllrs thought that considering the December deadline time is short and wondered if the representative would provide baffling technical information difficult to comprehend. AR was advised to contact the existing provider seeking a simple layman's explanation in writing so that a decision could be made at the next meeting. AR would also review the recent information supplied by EALC regarding other website provision.

122.19 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

A report from Cllr Andrew Macmorland advised that the Footpath off Lodge Road Hazeleigh has been cut.

123.19 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Quarterly budget review and bank statements approval July to September 2019

The second quarter budget review statement of accounts to end of September 2019 was approved by Councillors and non-authorising Cllr KB scrutinised up to date bank statements which accurately matched current bank balances.

Balance of Accounts – Clerk advised account balances of: T1 current account £1,025.58 Instant access account £2,477.15

Authorisation of payments – The Council's annual insurance policy renewal invited an increased fee of £2.20 from £319.15 to £321.35. AR advised that over the past few years in comparison with other limited providers Zurich have always been the most competitive, SB asked if Zurich had offered their best price, AR would contact Zurich seeking an improved fee but if a reduction is not offered Cllrs approve the aforementioned cost of £321.35 to be accepted.

124.19 INFORMATION ONLY

The following Planning Applications were received by the Clerk after the published Agenda and an extraordinary meeting to discuss the applications was arranged for 23/10/2019.

19/01022 – FENEMORE 9 CONDUIT LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *First floor extension, lifting the ridge by 1.3 metres to the right and left wings. Replace UPVC windows with timber windows.*

19/00874 – LAND ADJACENT TO THE RISE BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Change of use of domestic field to private recreational equestrian use and the construction of a stable block located in the north east corner of the site.*

Date of next ordinary Council Meeting 12 November 2019.

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