

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022

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

In attendance: Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB presiding), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Stephen Pemberton (SP), Andrew Macmorland (AM).

County Cllr Jane Flemming (JF), District Cllr Simon Morgan (SM)

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

Two members of public.

81.22 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllrs Graham Harle and Richard Britton were unable to attend due to holiday.

82.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SB declared non-pecuniary interests in planning item Claremont Garden Centre being a resident of Bryants Lane and Highways item Fambridge Road being related to landowners subject of the potential footpath. SP declared pecuniary interests in respect to Planning items land opposite St Margaret's Church and proposed Solar Farm, being the landowner of the sites subject to the applications. AM declared non-pecuniary interests in Planning items land opposite St Margaret's Church and Solar Farm having conducted business with the respective landowner.

83.22 PUBLIC FORUM

No matters were raised for discussion.

84.22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 14 June 2022 were agreed as a true record of events by Cllrs at that meeting as proposed KM by and seconded by SP.

85.22 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).*

The Council have received an amendment notification from the Planning Authority which appears to include a change to the pitch of the building and additional foliage screening. Cllrs do not perceive the amendments to affect any changes to their original recommendation of REFUSAL but wish to add further comments; should the application be approved a speed limit condition of 30mph should be imposed from Lodge Road to the old football field.

22/00261 – HALL FARM LAND HAZELEIGH HALL LANE HAZELEIGH – *The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping.* This is due to be resolved by the North West Area Planning Committee on 13/07/2022. The Parish Council have received correspondence from the applicant Low Carbon offering a Community Benefit, as the letter was only received today Cllrs request more time to digest the information and it was decided to convene a meeting in August to discuss the Low Carbon Community offer contents in more detail.

21/00138 – LAND ADJACENT THE WILLOWS BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –

Proposed No. 1 dwelling with carport. APPEAL No. APP/X1545/W/21/3283976. **AWAITING DECISION BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

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. **REFUSED BY NW AREA COMMITTEE** Cllrs noted this application had been 'called-in' to the Planning Committee by Cllr S White who is not the usual representative for the Woodham Mortimer & Hazeleigh ward.*

22/00439 – LAND REAR OF HILL BARN RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –

*Proposed conversion of existing equestrian/storage buildings to form a Live-Work unit with associated development including the creation of a parking areas. **REFUSED***

22/00454 – LIMEBROOK PARK EAST LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK

WAY MALDON - *Development of the site to provide 42 residential dwellings (Class C3) together with associated infrastructure. **AWAITING DECISION BY LPA***

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

*Conversion of an agricultural storage building into two dwelling houses (Class C3.) **AWAITING DECISION BY LPA***

22/00530 – KINVARA MANOR LODGE ROAD HAZELEIGH

*Proposed new residential access to replace existing access onto Lodge Road. **AWAITING DECISION BY LPA***

22/00344 – LAND ON SOUTH SIDE MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –

*Change of use of land for 2 Gypsy/Traveller pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan per pitch, alongside the formation of permeable hardstanding. **AWAITING DECISION BY LPA***

22/00643 – THE MALDON GARDEN CENTRE LIMITED CLAREMONT GARDEN CENTRE

BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Construction of a building to be used as a café, office and staff room, greenhouse, new walkway, new substation, relocated polytunnel and associated landscaping. **AWAITING DECISION BY LPA***

22/00204 – APPLEWOOD POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –

Porch extension and changes to fenestration. Cllrs do not perceive there to be any detrimental effect to the street scene and Recommend GRANTING permission.

22/00724 – THE BIRCHES POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –

Single storey rear extension. There does not appear to be any detrimental effect to neighbouring properties and as the extension is at the rear there is negative effect on the street scene and Cllrs Recommend GRANTING permission.

BRADWELL B POWER STATION – Nothing to report.

86.22 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillor Simon Morgan reported that the Strategic Housing Board had met and have devised a strategy to meet the 5 year house supply conditions set by the Government. An update to the Ukrainian crisis reported that 1151 Ukrainians have now arrived in Essex with 994 sponsors offering homes, it is now considered the whole process of housing respective refugees is going well. There are ongoing 'levelling up' discussions between central government and local authorities including Maldon District Council working towards the devolution of funding responsibilities to lower level authorities.

County Cllr Jane Flemming circulated her monthly report which included the following topics: Freegle your food!; Help the planet and your pocket with Kitche; Eat and grow with the seasons; New library App launches this month; ACL new supported learning brochure; Essex climate action advice pack; Free sustainability programme offered to Essex small businesses;

Group2Grow peer network programme-rapid results peer group and 1-2-1 mentoring; Bus service changes; Sunday saver ticket; Maldon District Council updates.

Cllr Flemming also advised she is due to meet with Cllr Scott Friday 22 July 2022 to review the potential A414 pedestrian crossing locations.

Parish Cllrs advised they are unaware of any pot holes for repair consideration to the County Cllr led Pot Hole Funding scheme.

87.22 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. This has now been added to the Local Highways Panel of schemes, £9,500 has been allocated for "Outline design and initial investigation into 2 pedestrian refuge islands", the schedule of which is noted as Q4 (early 2023).

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. LHP funds are still available and Cllr Flemming will review the prospect of the Community Rangers being employed to clear the foliage overgrowth from the pavement.

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

Footpath 15 Woodham Mortimer - stile replacement request. AM has now had contact with the landowner and reports the landowner does not wish to replace the stile with a gate.

88.22 FINANCIAL

1st Quarter Budget Review - an analysis of business accounting activity 01/04 to 31/06/2022 had been circulated by AR to Cllrs prior to the meeting along with Bank Statements for the same period, no matters of concern were raised.

Balance of accounts – AR advised account balances of: T1 Current Account £766.91, Instant Access Account £5,552.48, Total funds on deposit = £6,319.39

Authorisation of payments – There were no payments to authorise.

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The above mentioned budget review, account balances and authorisation of payments were approved as proposed by SP and seconded by AM.

89.22 INFORMATION ONLY

The Council has decided to meet in August contrary to the usual summer recess in order to discuss matters associated with the proposed solar farm on Hall Farm land in Hazeleigh, second Tuesday being 09/08/2022.

AM has been contacted by parishioners concerned about the overhanging hedge growth alongside the pavement adjacent to Chelmsford Road as you approach the Royal Oak roundabout. AM will advise the enquirer how to report such issues on the Essex Highways website as this will provide the Highway Authority with the relevant information to be able to respond accordingly and also have the issue logged for follow up if required.

..... Simon Brady..... (Chairman to the Council) 09/08/2022