

Woodham Mortimer With Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 09 JANUARY 2018

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

In attendance

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

County Councillor Penny Channer (PC) arrived during item 12:18

Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings

1.18 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllr Kim Broadhurst was unable to attend due to reconstruction work at his residence; Cllr Richard Britton was on holiday; District Cllr Henry Bass sent apologies due to other commitments

2.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made

3.18 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance

4.18 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of ordinary Council meeting held on 12 December 2017 as proposed by AM and seconded by PM were agreed as a true record of events by those Cllrs present and duly signed by the Chairman

5.18 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. - DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY

WOODHAM MORTIMER PLACE WOODHAM MORTIMER – Reported unauthorised development – no further information had been received from MDC

ESS/35/MAL LAND AT ROYAL OAK QUARRY MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Continuation of use of land for mineral extraction through a revised phasing scheme without compliance with Conditions 20 (Soil Storage); 39 (Phasing Scheme) and 41 (Water Management) of planning permission ref no: ESS/19/14/MAL DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY

FUL/MAL/17/00923 – LAND SOUTH WEST OF OAK ACRES MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – demolition of existing buildings and construction of 2no. chalet bungalow dwellings DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY

FUL/MAL/17/01128 – LAND EAST OF BRADWELL POWER STATION DOWNHALL BEACH BRADWELL-ON-SEA – application to carry out preliminary ground investigations and associated works in connection with a potential new Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-on-Sea, use existing building as core storage area and form site compound with associated parking area. APPROVED

WTPO/MAL/17/01215 – MANDALAY POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – T1. Beech – Remove 6 low limbs over garden and 2 sub laterals from first major limb on garden side. T2. Beech – remove lowest limb on south east side. Remove over extended

limb to trunk on south side. Crown lift remaining crown on south side to balance (approx 4m) **PART APPROVED PART REFUSED**

FUL/MAL/17/01197 – E J TAYLOR AND SONS LTD MILL WORKS BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH - Addition of two extensions for office use to the existing cottage/office building, creating a total additional floor area of 962sqm, and the provision of further parking facilities **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

HOUSE/MAL/17/01211 – OAKLEA BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – New detached outbuilding - **REFUSED**

HOUSE/MAL/17/01306 – VALLEY HOLDING POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Extension to existing double garage and construction of new cart lodge style garage at front of property. **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

17/01902/OUT – LAND EAST OF RUNSELL VIEW & LITTLE FIELDS AND NORTH OF MALDON ROAD DANBURY – Outline planning permission for up to 90 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing) with public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage (SuDS) and vehicular access off Maldon Road. All matters to be reserved with the exception of main site access

APPEAL REFERENCE REFERENCE APP/W1525/W/17/3176978 – planning appeal by Gladman Developments – outline planning permission for up to 140 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting & landscaping, informal public open space & children's play area, surface water flood mitigation & attenuation, 2 No. vehicular access points: 1 No. from Maldon Road & 1 No. from Runsell Lane and associated ancillary works, all matters to be reserved with the exception of main site access **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

HOUSE/MAL/17/01328 & LBC/MAL/17/01329 – MILL HOUSE BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH – Demolish unauthorized conservatory and remove unauthorised front door and replace with new single storey garden room and new front door to existing Grade II Listed house. Cllrs resolved that there did not appear to be any detrimental impact on the surrounding environment and recommend GRANTING permission

HOUSE/MAL/17/01439 – RUSSET HOUSE GOAT HOUSE LANE HAZELEIGH – Amendment to an existing planning approval Ref: HOUSE/MAL/17/00781. First floor extension. The amendment does not appear to have any significant effect with respect to the 17/00781 approved application and Cllrs recommend GRANTING permission

Actions Clerk to send recommendation of granting permission for Mill & Russet House

6.18 DELIVERY OF PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Cllrs were disappointed that Maldon District Council had removed the Parish Trigger facility meaning that if the Parish Council has an opposed view to that of a respective Planning Officer recommendation, whereby previously the application would be debated at an MDC open Planning Committee Meeting, this will no longer apply unless the relevant District Council member wishes to 'call it in' to be reviewed by the Committee. Cllrs were particularly concerned that MDC elected not to consult with any Parish Councils prior to its decision to remove the trigger.

The further decision by MDC to discontinue supplying the PC with paper copies of all applications also raises concerns with Cllrs, viewing applications online is not an intuitive way to extrapolate all relevant application details; in particular large plans are not easily viewed. This would also mean that unless the PC itself prints relevant documents, applications discussed at PC meetings would prove difficult without relevant details and respective plans. The Clerk will send a letter of concern to the MDC Chief Executive.

Actions Clerk to send letter to MDC CEO

7.18 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Penny Channer circulated the latest Council report which includes the following items: ECC back motion to divert funds from retention of business rates to help social care; Primary school performance tables and annual Ofsted report round off another fantastic

year for education in Essex; ESSEX County Council's first flagship property development moved a step closer to completion in December with another 379 homes in the pipeline countywide; Prison book club is breaking down barriers; Major research on life in Essex targets 23,000 households; Still time to make electricity savings; Extra crews thanks to government pothole funding.

The Council were advised the new Director of Planning Services at MDC is Paul Dodson

8.18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lodge Road - (enquiry No. 2438287 logged 28/12/2015) Continuous running water from the ditch at the junction with Hazeleigh Hall Lane. No activity

Lodge Road - (enquiry No. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) rotten verge reflector posts. No activity

Footpath 22 Woodham Mortimer - (enquiry No.2426504) finger post to be installed within Diversion Order requirements by 11/01/2017. No activity

Lodge Road 'unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles' signage (application 28/03/2016) Waiting outcome of LHP December 2017 meeting

Fambridge Road – vehicle speeding issues and proposed footway – Further to AR enquiries regarding the use of TrueCam in Fambridge Road the Council have been advised there is a cost to its use of £31.00 per hour. Cllrs would like to know how the cost has been achieved and the breakdown thereof, AR to seek clarification and whether there is a minimum hire time.

A414 Maldon Road – traffic volume and vehicle speeding issues – The Council have been advised the pedestrian/traffic survey is to commence on 15/01/2018

Lodge Road – Salt box condition junction of Hazeleigh Hall Lane awaiting ECC response

Rectory Lane Hill Farm Bridge/Culvert No.2151 – road closure awaiting ECC update

Lodge Road – new bus route awaiting response from ECC Public Transport

Car sales – A414 layby – Ref: Ecc3722729 12 17. ECC have clarified the selling of cars issue in the layby stating, "it is not illegal for vehicles to be parked in a layby if they are covered by a valid vehicle excise licence (e.g. taxed). It is however an offence under Section 3 of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 for a person to have two or more motor vehicles parked within 500 metres of each other, advertised for sale. This Act is enforced by the local council, so in this instance we are advised that this would fall within the remit of MDC for intervention. It is therefore recommended that the Parish Council continues to liaise with MDC in seeking possible action.

Cllrs are somewhat confused by the reluctance of MDC to take any action as this same issue was resolved by them previously quite quickly. The aforementioned statement from ECC suggests that anyone could utilise the layby, if quite a few different individuals decided to sell cars from the layby there would be no space for general parking use. The Clerk will clarify matters with MDC

B1010 Hazeleigh - fallen village sign post just before E J Taylors – the village sign near Taylors has been confirmed still visible though leaning and may eventually fall over. A further sign outside Sturbridge (B1010 near Rectory Lane) is reported to have fallen over.

Tom Tit Lane – heavy goods vehicle signage – Following the report by local resident of a missing heavy goods vehicle sign at the end of Tom Tit Lane/A414, ECC have advised if an unsuitable for HGVs sign was to be situated at this junction there would be a lot of sign information for drivers to process, the sign would be an advisory one only and would not prohibit larger vehicles using the road. However ECC offered to arrange an automatic traffic count of Tom Tit Lane which would capture speed and vehicle volumes. Cllrs agreed this may provide valuable information and instructed AR to request the ATC be implemented.

Actions Clerk to seek clarification of TrueCam costs
Clerk to follow up layby parking with MDC
Clerk to report fallen village sign outside Sturbridge

9.18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The gap in the hedge on Footpath 23 near the northern end of Lodge Road has been cleared by the landowner. Cllrs would like to thank the landowner for improving public access through the gap.

AM advised some trees had fallen down across Footpath 11 Hazeleigh (rear of old churchyard) and these had now been cleared by volunteers. It was reported that Footpath 2 Hazeleigh (east of Hazeleigh Hall) had been marked out by the landowner across the crops but the final 50 metres of rough grassland near the junction with the old railway line was impassable and required cutting by the Highway Authority

Actions AM to seek clearance of northern end Footpath 2 Hazeleigh

10.18 AGRICULTURAL AND LIVERY CRIME

No matters to report

11.18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SCHEME

No matters to report

12.18 CORRESPONDENCE

Energy Grants – a letter had been received from Priti Patel advising the Council that applications for energy grants could be made, the Council were unable to identify any projects meeting the criteria

DHGPC meeting – next meeting to be held dated 17/01/2018 at 19:30 Southminster which would include removal of Parish Trigger discussions

Invitation to PKF Littlejohn webinar 23/01/2018 - 11:00-12:30

13.18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

AR advised bank account balances of: Current Account £81.15, Deposit Account £3,104.44, Total funds = £3,185.59, the monthly fee of £3.00 for the Council's Debit Card is due for payment on 23/01/2018.

Councillors reviewed and approved third quarter financial balances and raised no matters of concern as proposed by KM and seconded by SP

14.18 CLERKS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerks new contract of employment agreed at the December 2017 meeting was signed by both the Chairman and Clerk

15.18 INFORMATION ONLY

It has been reported to the Council that work has commenced at approved application The Willows (Application No.s 15/00137 & 16/00313), however it appears that a new entrance has been created on land between The Willows and The Rise in order to provide access for construction vehicles, Cllrs have concerns that the access has created a new entrance onto Bryants Lane and would like to clarify with the Planning/Highway authority whether permission is required for the new access.

Clerk reported that EALC has advised Councils should be publishing all items of expenditure over £100.00 on their websites, AR will provide an appropriate spreadsheet for uploading once completed.

The Chairman had been contacted by a parishioner concerned about large engineering/earth works in a field off Tom Tit Lane, Cllrs would make further enquiries.

Actions AR to contact PA for clarification of new highway entrance in Bryants Lane
Cllrs to investigate reported engineering works in Tom Tit Lane

Date of next ordinary meeting 13 February 2018

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Clerk to the Council)

13 February 2018