

Woodham Mortimer With Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 09 JUNE 2015

convened at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall 7.30pm

In attendance

Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (Chair)(SB), Kim McDonald, Stephen Pemberton, Kim Broadhurst, Ian Spurr and Andrew Ritchings (AR: Clerk to the Council recording proceedings)

There was one member of public present (to be co-opted onto the Council) at the start of the meeting, another member arrived at 8:00pm during item 81.15 Planning.

75.15 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Andrew Macmorland was unable to attend due to farming commitments.
District Cllrs Henry Bass, Mark Durham were attending Maldon District Council meetings.

76.15 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AS COUNCILLORS

Cllrs Kim Broadhurst and Stephen Pemberton who were absent at the first meeting following 07 May elections duly signed their Acceptance of Office declarations.

77.15 COUNCIL VACANCY CO-OPTION

Following 07 May Elections a position for a Cllr representing Hazeleigh remained vacant, notice had been given to the electorate should they have wished to call a further election, no responses had been received by the Monitory Officer and the Parish Council resolved to co-opt Pauline McDonald onto the Council. This was proposed by IS and seconded by KB all other Cllrs were in agreement and Cllr P McDonald duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

78.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to Agenda items.

79.15 OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

PM being the only member of public in attendance had been formerly co-opted to the Council therefore there were no members of the public present. *(see below minute regarding late attendance of other member of public after item 83.15)*

80.15 PREVIOUS MINUTES

KM proposed and IS seconded the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 12 May 2015 were a true record of events, agreed by all cllrs present at that meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

81.15 PLANNING

LAND OPPOSITE MILL COTTAGE – no further information or activity has been noted
T&CPA 1990 (TREE PRESERVATION REGULATION 2012) ORDER NO.7/14 – MANDALAY POST OFFICE ROAD WM – *Provisionally effective Order made 17/12/2014 to be confirmed or otherwise within a period of 6 months (17/06/2015).* **CONFIRMED 04/06/2015**
OUT/MAL/14/01103 – LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMBROOK WAY MALDON – *Outline application for up to 1,000 dwellings, employment area, primary school, open space, allotments sports playing field, landscaping, vehicle access onto existing highway network and associated infrastructure.* Reported as **APPROVED** by IS and KB - both Cllrs attended the Planning Meeting at the Maldon District Council Chambers. IS presented further Council comments in addition to its consultation response seeking a commitment to the proposed footway linking the Royal Oak to Limebrook Way roundabout along with public footpath improvements between Hazeleigh and Purleigh.

The Chairman thanked IS & KB for attending and representing the Council, further debate ensued with respect to delivery of the aforementioned path requests, it was resolved to maintain

the application as an agenda item and monitor all reports associated with the site. Cllrs questioned whether Danbury Parish Council had been consulted and whether they would be aware of the many various other applications in the Dengie area likely to affect traffic flows along the A414 through Danbury, cllrs asked AR to contact DPC in order to raise their awareness.

FUL/MAL/14/01289 – LAND BETWEEN MIDDLEWICK FARM THE MARSHES

SOUTHMINSTER – *Variation of condition 37 of approved FUL/MAL/10/00004 nine wind turbine generators.* **WITHDRAWN**

FUL/MAL/15/00146 – LAND NORTH EAST OF WOODHAM MORTIMER LODGE, LODGE ROAD, WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Brick pier and metal entrance gates to barn site. Alterations to internal arrangement including foaling box and alterations to fenestration (retrospective).*

DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY

FUL/MAL/15/00242 – COLTS PIGHTLE, POST OFFICE ROAD, WOODHAM MORTIMER – 2 detached dwellings of 2000sq ft each. **REFUSED**

FUL/MAL/15/00291 – NIGHTINGALE HOUSE, 2 LITTLE MEADOWS, CONDUIT LANE, WOODHAM MORTIMER – *replacement stable.* **APPROVED**

FUL/MAL/15/00137 – THE WILLOWS BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER– *Part demolition of ground floor rear parts and formation of new single storey extension to rear. 2 new windows front elevation.* **APPROVED**

FUL/MAL/15/00338 – LYNFIELD POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER– *Demolition of existing dwelling and replace with 2 chalet style 1½ storey dwellings with a single garage to plot 1.* **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

FUL/MAL/15/00318 – SOUTHWOODS, HAZELEIGH HALL LANE, HAZELEIGH – *Erection of 2 agricultural buildings – reception building/staff facilities and agricultural store.*

DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY.

FUL/MAL/15/00341 – HILL FARM RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *removal of previous extensions and outbuildings/garage. Construct extensions & pool annexe.*

Discussions surrounding this application focused mainly on the scale of the proposed extension although the design was deemed sympathetic congruent with the existing dwelling, all Cllrs agree the pool annex was appropriate – In resolving a decision 2 Cllrs did not support the application against 3 in support of, therefore the majority decision was to recommend that the Planning Authority grant permission.

FUL/MAL/15/00395 – LAND SOUTH OF HATCH HOUSE FARM BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH – *erection of lean to on existing agricultural building for agricultural storage.*

The Council had already raised concerns regarding the use of the existing building for keeping of livestock which had not been part of the original application and although had recommended refusal of a farm dwelling at the same site this had subsequently been granted permission by the Planning Authority and therefore justification for the extra storage may be proven. Cllrs were concerned at the escalation of buildings now approved and situated at the site and resolved to make no comment to this application.

Actions *AR to contact Danbury Parish Council
AR to forward approval of Hill Farm
AR to forward representation for land south of Hatch House Farm*

82.15 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Cllr Mark Durham sent the following report: The Secretary of State has called in the LDP to determine whether the inspector has treated it with proportionality and fairness. This effectively means that MDC have had to hand it over in total to the minister who will make the final decision as to whether the plan is sound or unsound. It could actually mean that the plan can be adopted ahead of the schedule given to MDC by Mr Vickery if the Department for Communities and Local Government find the submission to be in order.

83.15 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lodge Road - verge defects - from its junction with the A414 to Hazeleigh Hall Lane - **Enquiry 2319066** - (HA assessed 06/11/2014) - no updates

Bryants Lane - verge defects - from outside Claremont Nursery to the first house on the left hand side – **Enquiry 2319059** - (HA assessed 07/11/2014) - no updates

Rectory Lane - earth deposits, flooding and ditch obstruction issues reported by local resident **Enquiry 2399387?** (incorrect No.) (Reported 09/03/2015) – AR reported contact from MDC Environment Officer indicating he had written to the landowner with respect to the storing of manure and is awaiting a response which would be conveyed to the Council once in receipt.

Footpath 11 Hazeleigh – flooding issues southern side of nature reserve reported by local resident **Enquiry 2391077** (HA aware 14/03/2015 to be investigated within 28 days) – AR sent an email on 19/05/2015 seeking clarification of the 28 day investigation but had received no response.

Fambridge Road – Footway provision – this would now be pursued as part of the Wyke Hill development aforementioned in item 81.15

Maldon Road A414 – Parishioner safety concerns, there had been no further information and the Chairman requested to keep the item on next month's Agenda.

Footpath 20 Woodham Mortimer – damaged footbridge **Enquiry 2399832** – The ECC website had been updated on 08/06/2015 indicating they have inspected a DEFECTIVE BRIDGE ON PROW and would be scheduling a repair

Bryants Lane – impact to the lane of increased HGV traffic – AR advised this matter to be discussed without public attendance.....

The Chairman suspended current proceedings in order to open the meeting for the member of public to speak who had arrived during item 81.15

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The owner of the Woodham Mortimer Driving Range attended the meeting wishing to make an initial approach seeking Council views with respect to a prospective future housing development at the Driving Range site, the initial proposal is for 10 luxury properties in keeping with the area. No application has yet been made to the Planning Authority as the applicant wishes to engage with the Parish prior to any application being made, the landowner welcomes discussions with parishioners. The Chairman advised the attendee that Cllrs would discuss any matters involving the site should parishioners request such a meeting and would make a formal decision to any such proposals once a full application is supplied in detail for a consultation response from the Planning Authority.

Close meeting for public speaking

The only member of public present then departed from the meeting.

.....HIGHWAY MATTERS CONTINUED

Bryants Lane – impact to the lane of increased HGV traffic – No further actions required pending further information.

B1010 Oak Corner – missing signage - **Enquiry 2324291** (reported 28/01/2015) repair scheduled. No new signage had been installed, the Council asked AR to contact ECC Highways seeking a schedule.

Actions AR to contact ECC highways regarding missing signage

84.15 CORRESPONDENCE

For Circulation:

Circulation papers dispatched as noted on 09 June Agenda plus Armed Forces Day flyers and MDC T&CPA 1990 lists w/ending 29 May, 05 June 2015

For Discussion:

Letter from Priti Patel – A letter received from recently re-elected Priti Patel invited the Council to contact her should any issues be required for her attention. Cllrs would consider any appropriate matter and an Agenda item will be added in July for proposals.

DHGPC meeting – the next meeting of the local councils would be on 17 June 2015, AR encouraged Cllrs to attend and would endeavour to attend himself.

85.15 BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

AR reported bank account balances of: Tailored Account £824.29; Tailored Deposit Account £5406.19 and Alto Debit Card £48.79

86.15 AUTHOURISATION OF PAYMENTS

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| A & J Lighting Solutions (SO) May | 13.80 | (11.50) |
| E.ON non-metred electricity (DD) May | 14.36 | (13.68) |
| Clerks quarterly salary (Nett) | 488.93 | |
| HMR&C (Clerk income tax) | 122.20 | |
| Clerks work from home expenses | 52.00 | |

The Clerks quarterly salary comprises 3 month's pay at the newly agreed rate plus back payments of difference in increased pay from January 2015

AR recommended a transfer of £1000.00 should be made from the Tailored Deposit Account to the Tailored Account.

The above payments were proposed by KM and seconded by SP to be authorised, all Cllrs present agreed.

87.15 CLERKS CONTRACT

The details of Clerks updated contract as agreed under item 39.15 at the 10 March 2015 meeting had been scrutinised by Cllrs and approved by all, the Chairman and Clerk duly signed the contract.

88.15 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL

AR advised that a response from Titan Internet had finally been received but wasn't particularly helpful, a cost was given but no advise with respect to email service had been received. From the three companies approached; **Lodge Information Services** (Woodham Ferrers/Danbury), **123 Connect** (Benfleet) and **Titan Internet** (Glasgow), Cllrs thought the local company Lodge Information Services offered good value and AR informed the Council that LIS responded quickly and provided all relevant information in a clear understanding manner, KM proposed and SP seconded to contract LIS for their registration and email services.

Actions AR to contact LIS and make the necessary arrangements

89.15 INFORMAITON ONLY

Dog waste bins - It has been noted that two waste dog bins have been installed at locations in Woodham Mortimer, the Parish Council are unaware who has fitted the bins and who is responsible for their maintenance and would be contacting the District Council for further information.

The Chairman requested an Agenda item be added for appointment of a Vice Chairman.

Pensions Regulator – letter received from the Pensions Regulator advising The Council that every employer with at least one member of staff must enrol those eligible into a workplace pension scheme. AR to seek further information

Royal Oak Quarry – letter received from Simon Chaffe had not adequately advised why the Council had not been consulted on ALL recently approved applications at the Quarry. Also clarified that any issues relating to the Quarry should be discussed at future Liaison Group Meetings and the 6 monthly report due in April will be provided in early July.

PM reported that water discharge and flooding issues had been resolved.

A new planning application at Kestrels Cottage Lodge Road Woodham Mortimer was received too late for inclusion in the June Agenda. Details would be circulated and if any Cllr wishes to make a representation an extraordinary meeting would be convened and published as required – Chairman to advise.

Actions AR to contact MDC re: dog waster bins
AR to contact The Pensions Regulator

Meeting closed

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 14 July 2 015 at 7:30pm.

Simon Brady..... (Chairman to the Council)

Tuesday 14 July 2015