

# Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

## ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – TUESDAY 09 JULY 2024

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

**In attendance:** Parish Cllrs: Simon Brady (SB), Kim McDonald (KM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Stephen Pemberton (SP), Lorraine Cobb (LC), Richard Britton (RB).  
County Councillor Jane Fleming (JF). District Cllrs Simon Morgan (SM) and Mark Durham (MD).  
Andrew Ritchings Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.

#### 74.24 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Graham Harle was unable to attend due to overseas work commitments.

#### 75.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllrs to declare any pecuniary registerable or non-registerable interest to any agenda items.  
SP declared pecuniary interests to planning items; Land opposite St. Margaret's Church, Hall Farm land and Solar Farm item 80.24.

#### 76.24 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public in attendance.

#### 77.24 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 11 June 2024 as proposed by SP seconded by KM were approved as a true record of events by Cllrs at that meeting.

#### 78.24 PLANNING

**24/00011/VAR – LAND OPPOSITE ST MARGARET'S CHURCH MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** - Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission 21/01276/FUL (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) **LPA Deadline 09/04/2024 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA**

**24/00125/FUL – LAND ON SOUTH SIDE MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –** Demolish existing buildings, redevelop site and siting of two additional mobile homes with associated facilities for Gypsy and Traveller use. **WITHDRAWN**

**24/00284/FUL – ST FRANCIS POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –** Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings, erection of replacement dwelling, with associated landscaping, parking, refuse and cycle storage. **LPA Deadline 22/05/2024 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA**

**24/00262/VARM – HALL FARM LAND HAZELEIGH HALL LANE HAZELEIGH –** Variation of condition 27 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)) on approved planning application 22/00261/FUL (The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping.) Variation seeks: - Inclusion of a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan as an approved document. **LPA Deadline 03/07/2024 TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA**

**24/00366/FULM – LAND SOUTH WEST OF THE WARREN HACKMANS LANE PURLEIGH –** Proposed solar farm together with sub-station, ancillary buildings, structures, landscaping, emergency lighting and access. **LPA Deadline 24/07/2024. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA**

**HAMMONDS FARM –** Chelmsford City Council's Local Plan Review. Cllrs had no comments in respect to the Hammonds Farm development proposals.

**24/00424/HOUSE – WHITEGATES POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – *Single storey front extension. Single storey rear extension. Alterations to roof forms of existing porch and rear projection. Changes to fenestration including blocking up windows and door, addition of new windows and doors. Alterations to existing windows, changes to external materials, removal of chimneys and new chimney.* **LPA Deadline 18/07/2024.** Having compared the existing and proposed views Cllrs feel the changes to the front fenestration would result in a detrimental appearance to the existing property and street scene and recommend REFUSING the application.

**24/00425/LDP – WHITEGATES POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – *Claim for lawful development certificate for proposed flat roof dormer to rear roof slope with sky light.* **LPA Deadline 18/07/2024.** The Council has no information in respect to whether the claim can be defined as permitted development.

**24/00494/HOUSE – KINVARA MANOR LODGE ROAD HAZELEIGH** – *Erection of carport and alterations to the existing driveway.* **LPA Deadline 13/08/2024.** Cllrs do not perceive the proposed carport will result in a detrimental effect to the current street scene and recommend GRANTING the application.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 12/24 ADJ OAK MANOR CHELMSFORD ROAD** - *Notification of Order made on 02/07/2024.* - Noted by Cllrs.

#### **79.24 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Both County and District Cllrs advised that due to pre-election period not much activity or meetings had taken place over the previous month. District Cllr Simon Morgan reported there is ongoing personnel changes at the District Council, the Cultural Funding Project initiated by central government has identified two sites at Burnham and Hythe Quay Maldon that will benefit from the funding available. District Cllrs are concerned that the Committee decision to refuse 160 houses at a site in Latchingdon was overturned by The Planning Inspectorate contrary to MDC's Local Development Plan which may have significant consequences for other proposed developments.

JF advised the Locality Fund is able to fund the installation of benches at non sheltered bus stops, Cllrs to consider making an application.

#### **80.24 SOLAR FARM ON HALL FARM LAND HAZELEIGH HALL HAZELEIGH**

An updated contract has been received from the solar farm development company but still does not include the payment amount as requested by Cllrs. All Cllrs agreed that the contract should be reviewed by a legal professional and AR will make further enquiries.

#### **81.24 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

**A414 Pedestrian Crossing** – *measures to aid crossing the hazardous A414 Maldon Road, LHP Scheme No. 6.* - Cllrs were pleased to learn that technical drawings have been submitted and approved along with funding for the implementation of 2 refuge crossing islands; to be located near Post Office Road and Conduit Lane, expected delivery is towards the end of the current financial year.

**Footway Defect A414** – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church. LHP Scheme No. 36.* - No activity.

**Footpath 11 Hazeleigh (Dragons Path)** – *gate restriction.* Correspondence from parishioners has indicated there is some local preference for the green lane footpath to be returned to its previous character full of attractive flora which will hopefully see the return of various wildlife. Cllrs thought if replanting to occur then the respective landowner should be contacted, as the

land is unregistered and landowner unknown AR will write to adjacent landowners to see if they can help. Cllrs authorised a small allowance for Land Registry documents circa £20.

**Vehicle Activated Speed Sign A414 adj Oak Manor Chelmsford Road.** – VAS Installation.

Nothing to report.

**Conduit Lane** – County Cllr Member Led Maintenance Scheme to repair poor surface conditions.

Essex Highways have rejected County Cllr Jane Flemings request for repairs to be undertaken in conduit lane as “it does not meet the criteria”. AR to inform original requestor.

**Bryants Lane** – Vehicle conflict from Claremont Garden entrance/exit. County Councillor

Fleming has submitted an application to the Local Highways Panel of schemes for improvements to be made to signage and traffic flow. Further information to be available at the next LHP meeting.

**Chimney Lane** – 'Unsuitable for HGV' signage. LHP Scheme No. 22. Nothing to report.

**A414 Speed limit** – Parish Council request to limit speed to 40mph from Oak Corner to Morrison's Roundabout. County Cllr Fleming advised she had already submitted a request for the limit to be reduced to 30mph between Oak Corner and Post Office Road so a 40mph limit between Post Office Road and the current 40mph limit at Limebrook Farm would be submitted as an additional application..

**82.24 BUS SHELTERS** - Graffiti removal. An attempt to completely remove the graffiti from 2 bus shelters has been unsuccessful probably due to the type of shelter construction material and length of time since the graffiti first appeared. A further attempt will be made with an alternative chemical on 19/07/2024 and if signs of graffiti still remain after that attempt the Council will consider the application of an anti-graffiti paint coating to cover the whole shelters.

#### **83.24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (April-June) Review of payments/receipts.** – The first quarter of financial activity was reviewed by Cllrs and bank statements were scrutinised by KM as a non-authorisee of payments, no matters of concern were raised and all Cllrs approved the detailed summary of accounts.

**Balance of Accounts** – Clerk advised the following balances:

Unity Trust Instant Access Savings Account	£8,568.01
Unity Trust T1 Current Account	£1,025.38
Total funds on deposit	£9,593.39

**Authorisation of payments:**

Land Registry documents	£20.00 (aprox)
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#### **84.24 INFORMATION ONLY**

The Council usually has a summer recess in August but SB suggested an August meeting would be beneficial so that the September meeting doesn't become extended, majority of Cllrs were in agreement and the next scheduled meeting will be 13/08/2024.

..... (Chairman of the Council) 13/08/2024