

# Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – TUESDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2021

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

**In attendance:** Parish Councillors Simon Brady (Chairman SB), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Richard Britton (RB), Andrew Macmorland (AM), Stephen Pemberton (SP).

District Cllr Karl Jarvis (KJ).

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

One member of public.

#### 146.21 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Kim Broadhurst and County Councillor Jane Flemming were unable to attend.

#### 147.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

AM declared a non-pecuniary interest to Planning items proposed crematorium, land rear of Hill Place and Little Owls due to business associations. SB declared a non-pecuniary interest in Highways item Fambridge Road being related to landowners subject to the potential footpath. SP declared a pecuniary interest in respect to the proposed Crematorium.

#### 148.21 PUBLIC FORUM

The Council were asked if there had been any updates from the Local Highways Panel in respect to the potential pedestrian crossing of the A414 but there had been no further activity. It was reported that the potential installation of a crossing to help facilitate the proposed Crematorium development opposite Woodham Mortimer Church had been circulated in the village, Cllrs advised that as no consultation notice has been received from the Local Planning Authority all matters associated with the proposals are speculative and will wait until details have been received in order to scrutinise and debate the proposals. KJ advised to continue liaising with their County Cllr and ECC Officers to make sure the matter will continue to be reviewed.

#### 149.21 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 12 October 2021 were approved as a true record of events as proposed by KM seconded by AM and agreed by all Cllrs present at that meeting.

#### 150.21 PLANNING

##### **21/00529 & 21/00530 OAK CORNER COTTAGE SOUTHEND ROAD WOODHAM**

**MORTIMER** – *Two dormers to front of roof slope and replacement of window/door to ground floor with single three casement window.* **APPROVED BY LPA**

##### **21/00936 – LAND REAR OF HILL BARN RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –**

*Proposed conversion of existing equestrian/storage barn building to form offices (Use Class E(g)) and associated development (Re-submission of planning application ref: 20/01021/FUL refused on the 15th January 2021)* **APPLICATION HAS BEEN CALLED TO COMMITTEE AND IS AWAITING DECISION BY THE LPA**

**21/00978 – BARN AT HATCH HOUSE FARM BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH** – *Change of use of agricultural buildings to dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.* **AWAITING DECISION BY THE LPA**

**21/00977 – ROSE COTTAGE 13 CONDUIT LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER** – *Single storey rear extension.* **AWAITING DECISION BY THE LPA**

**21/00883 LITTLE OWLS POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – *Outline application with matters of access, layout and scale for determination for the erection of a 1No. two storey detached dwelling and outbuildings in place of manege/stables, altered access and extended access driveway.* - Councillors considered there had been a number of applications over the years at the application site providing various external buildings and the inclusion of another 2 storey dwelling would be overdevelopment causing a detrimental harm and appearance to the countryside contrary to Policies S1, S2 and S8 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan. The site lies outside the defined settlement boundary in a rural environment a considerable distance from facilities, schools and support services and therefore has poor accessibility. The NPPF identifies opportunities for new developments to maximise sustainable transport and the application in the Councils opinion does not appear to meet the criteria of sustainable transport. Pedestrian access to bus stops would incur travel along sections of non-footway carriageways including a crossing of the hazardous A414 if returning from Chelmsford or traveling to Maldon, this road being only restricted to a 50mph limit that has no available pedestrian crossing. For the aforementioned reasons Cllrs recommend REFUSAL of planning permission.

**PROPOSED CREMATORIUM** – to be situated opposite Woodham Mortimer Church (Pre Planning Application). Nothing to report

**BRADWELL B POWER STATION** – SB attended a further meeting but nothing of significant interest to report.

#### **151.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**County Cllr Jane Flemming** provided a November Report which was circulated to Cllrs and included the following topics: Chelmsford North East Bypass Update; ECC High Street; Business Summit; Borrow Litter Picking Equipment for free; Supperfast Essex; Changes to recycling centre opening times; Everyone's Essex – the plan for the next four years; The Essex plan for working families; Working to make Essex safer for women; Essex Explorer; New pilot aims to reduce abuse at school crossings; Community and voluntary groups to receive free devices; Roads, Streets and Travel – Make walking our first choice; ACL Essex – New programme of courses launched; Small and medium sized businesses; Apply for the business adaptation grant; have your say; Maldon District Council update; Council launches annual residents and business survey.

**District Cllr KJ** provided a November report which was circulated to Cllrs and included the following topics: MDC Accounts in process of being audited; Leisure Centres (Blackwater and Dengie 100 sports centres, run by Places Leisure) – next 6 month plan; Bradwell B Consultation – The appeal allowed; Five-year housing land supply; LDP review (target date end 2023); Call for sites; MDC Press release following disruption at 4 Nov full Council meeting.

SB advised he'd been contacted by many residents in respect to the garden waste collection service MDC giving out incorrect information KF advised to contact head of waste at MDC.

#### **152.21 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 parishioners to cross the hazardous A414 Maldon Road.* Steering group to convene a further meeting in order to combine crossing requirements evidence. SB advised the recent County Cllr report provided information about Walking Strategies which may be of help.

**Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House)** (*enquiry Nos. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) and 2705814 logged 01/03/2021) rotten verge reflector posts.* No activity.

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

**Lodge Road (junction with A414 Maldon Road)** – *earth deposits on verge* (ref No. 2710764 logged 29/03/2021). No activity. Ask County Cllr to follow up.

**Fambridge Road** – *Multiple pot holes.* No activity.

**153.21 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS**

As there had been no interest to take up the role of PROW Liaison Representative this item will be removed from future agendas and any footpath or bridleway issues will be reported in the general Highway Matters agenda item.

**154.21 LOCALITY FUND GRANT**

Clerk is awaiting contact from the Essex County Council Locality Fund Team in respect to potential claim for a projector and screen in order to review details of planning applications at respective Council meetings. Chairman advised an application could be made on behalf of the A414 Crossing Steering Group to receive Personal Protection Equipment for any future traffic surveys.

**155.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter budget review account statements had been circulated to all Cllrs along with bank statements supporting the transactions. No matters of concern were raised and all accounting appeared in order.

AR reported balances of: T1 Current Account £774.98; Instant Access Account £3,459.89

Total funds on deposit = £4,234.87

There were no payments to authorise.


**156.21 INFORMATION ONLY**

AR reminded Cllrs that the December meeting is usually budget discussions to set the precept for the next financial year (2022/23).

Village Hall representative advised that Burns Night will be returning next year with the scheduled date of 22/01/2022.

Date of next scheduled Parish Council meeting is 14/12/2021

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 14 December 2021