

Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 09 OCTOBER 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), Kim Broadhurst (KB), Richard Britton (RB), District Cllr Henry Bass (HB). County Cllr Penny Channer (PC) (arrived just before item 139.18), Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings. There were no members of public in attendance.

133.18 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Andrew Macmorland

134.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

135.18 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present

136.18 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 11 September 2018 as proposed by KM and seconded by KB as a true record of events were agreed by all present at that meeting and duly signed as such by the Chairman.

137.18 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.* AR advised that according to MDC's Planning Portal this application was due before the Committee on 23/03/2017, District Cllr Bass was unaware why it had not been determined and would make further enquiries.

WOODHAM MORTIMER PLACE – *Reported development (27/02/2017) - No activity*

18/05078/DET - LAND SOUTH OF WYKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK WAY MALDON
Compliance with conditions notification FUL/MAL/18/00071 (Variation of conditions 5,13,21,25,43,53,55,61,63,67,68,69,74,81,84 on approved application OUT/MAL/14/01103 (Outline application for up to 1000 dwellings, an employment area of 3.4 hectares (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8 uses), a local centre (Use Classes A1-A5, B1a, C2, C3, D1 and D2 uses), a primary school, two early years and childcare facilities, general amenity areas and formal open space including allotments, sports playing fields, landscaping, sustainable drainage measures including landscaped storage basins and SuDs features, vehicle accesses onto the existing highway network and associated infrastructure.) Condition 45 - Trees & hedgerows. Condition 47 - Position & proposed depth of excavation trenches for all services. Condition 54 - Allotments plan. Condition 61 - Management & maintenance of all watercourses. Condition 64 - Foul water drainage. Condition 67 - Submission of archaeological assessment. Condition 68 - Secured implementation of archaeological assessment. Condition 74 - Contaminated land assessment. Condition 81 - Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). Condition 84 - Superfast broadband

CONDITIONS CLEARD 05/10/2018

Fairviews (Formerly Land Adj to Colts Pightle), Post Office Road – *Conditions compliance (25/06/2018) – No activity*

18/00874 OAKSIDE POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Claim for lawful development certificate for proposed remodel of existing dwelling including single storey rear extension and providing habitable room within existing loft space and the introduction of Velux rooflights within the existing roof. APPROVED*

18/00871 ST MARGARETS RECTORY MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – To provide a 13 space car park, construction of a new entrance, removing some hawthorn hedging, gravelled parking area, cycle parking, kerb edging and closed boarded fencing to enclose car park. **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING**

18/01082 MILL HOUSE BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH – Detached garden room in rear garden. Cllrs did not perceive any issues affecting the surrounding environment and recommend GRANTING the application

18/01066 LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK WAY – Advertisements attached to hoardings, no more than 100m in length in total, to promote Maldon as a great place to live and work an announce the creation of the South Maldon Garden Suburb
As there appeared to be many advertisement boards already erected Cllrs had NO COMMENTS to make.

Actions AR to submit recommendation of permission re: Mill House

138.18 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Cllr Henry Bass advised there was little to report this month other than the ongoing Council reorganisation which is proving to be quite unsettling for staff and everyone involved with the Council. Also reported was the District Council's annual 75 mile run/walk event of the complete Maldon District coastline known as the 'Salt Marsh 75', which was again well attended and considered to be another successful event.

County Cllr Penny Channer reported ECC have commenced their Health & Wellbeing campaign, noting that Maldon has been reported to have one of the highest occurrences of obesity in Essex.

139.18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Matters associated with the Parish Council's proposals seeking to resolve issues associated with the A414 and B1010 were discussed. As no direct response had been received from Essex Highways, County Councillor Channer was able to advise the Council the following updates:

- 1. Proposed extension of the 30mph limit currently imposed on the A414 Chelmsford Road from Oak Corner Roundabout along Maldon Road to Rectory Lane** - a formal response is waiting from Essex Highways following the July site meeting and Cllr Channer will contact the local Highways Manager
- 2. To introduce a 40mph limit on Maldon Road from Rectory Lane to Lodge Road** - a formal response is waiting from Essex Highways following the July site meeting and Cllr Channer will contact the local Highways Manager.
- 3. To extend the current 40mph limit on the B1418 Southend Road from The Grange to Oak Corner Roundabout** (this would reflect the same limits applied through Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers) - an Automatic Traffic Count survey is to be conducted at the Councils advised location
- 4. To introduce a 40mph limit along the B1010 Burnham Road from Oak Corner Roundabout to the crossroads at Lodge Road Goat House Lane** (this would reflect the same limits applied along the Fambridge Road Hazeleigh) - an Automatic Traffic Count survey is to be conducted at the Councils advised location
- 5. To introduce 2 crossing points on the A414 in Woodham Mortimer;**
 - 1) to access the footways near Post Office Road and the bus stop opposite
 - 2) to access the footways adjacent to Bryants Lane and Conduit Lane

Cllr Channer advised that the crossing point proposals have been added to the Local Highways Panel schemes and will be surveyed for feasibility.

Discussions continued to the subject of the Local Pothole initiative - County Cllr Guidance for the Local Pothole Repair Programme. A recent communication from the Deputy leader of ECC and the Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Bentley has invited County Cllrs to provide their top 20 pot hole/highway defect locations. PC will be asking Parish Councils for their top 3 defects which she will assess to be included in her top 20 list. Cllrs did not identify any specific defects other than the ongoing issues as noted on the agenda.

Actions PC to contact Highways Manager re: A414 speed restrictions

Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House) (enquiry No. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017)
rotten verge reflector posts - No activity

Lodge Road (junction with A414) – (enquiry No.s 20385657, 2502209,3146993)
Continuous running water from ditch adjacent to storage compound - Following a site meeting with Essex Highways on 14/09/2018 it was reported that once the landowner excavated the ditch the Highway Authority would programme a clearance of the culvert running under the road which should allow the water collecting in the ditch to dissipate preventing an overflow onto the highway. It was also noted an extensive amount of fly tipping had occurred in the highways storage compound and this will be cleared by Essex Highways. Parish Cllrs also pointed out that multiple sections of the hedge growing alongside the A414 from Danbury to Woodham Mortimer Church along with foliage encroachment onto the pavements also required clearance which was agreed by Essex Highways to be added to their maintenance programme. SB reported that since the meeting the hedge has been cut back between Bryants and Rectory Lane but pavements have not been attended to, the hedge still needs trimming between Rectory Lane and the Church and the hedge and pavement needs attention between Danbury and Bryants Lane.

Actions AR to follow up hedge/pavement clearance

Lodge Road 'unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles' signage (application 28/03/2016) – Approved for delivery in the 2018/19 works programme - It was reported that after 2.5 years from the date of application the missing aforementioned sign has finally been reinstated.

Fambridge Road – vehicle speeding issues and proposed footway - Following discussions with the Community Action Team KB advised the best times to deploy the TruCam speed guns would be on Monday mornings at the previously agreed location a few metres north of the Royal Oak PH. KB proposed to employ the officers on 3 Mondays in November, the 1st and 3rd Mondays between 06:30-07:30am and the 2nd Monday between 07:00-08:00am as these are problematic times particularly with large HGV speeding and consequent noise issues. TruCam operatives are available at a fee of £31.87 per hour and the cost to the Council would therefore be £95.61 for the 3x 1hour Monday periods. The proposal was seconded by RB and all Cllrs having reviewed the 2nd quarter budget figures were in agreement to fund the activity.

Actions AR to contact Community Action Team to arrange operation TruCam

Tom Tit Lane – heavy goods vehicle signage (22/06/2018) – EH have agreed to replace the weight limit sign with an 'unsuitable for HGV' sign - No activity

A414 Chelmsford Road – (enquiry No. 2574475) 30mph limit sign damage - No activity

Conduit Lane – overhanging dead tree hazard (24/07/2018) – AR enquired if Cllrs know the situation regarding the dead tree that was reported to PC along with photographs taken by SB. PC had correspondence with the HA but there had been no activity. AR will review the email trail and follow up if necessary.

Actions AR to review emails and follow up if required

Conduit/Bryants Lane – blocked drains causing flooding (02/09/2018) - SB had intended to show EH officer the blocked ditches at the site meeting of 14/09/2018 but weather conditions prevented surveying the site. SB will follow up the programme of works with cabinet office

Actions SB to obtain schedule of repair

140.18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

2nd Quarter budget summary (01 April to 30 September 2018) – AR had previously emailed all Cllrs the current status of the Councils finances to the end of September 2018 and no matters of concern were raised.

2nd Quarter bank statement review (01 July to 30 September 2018) – non authorisee KM scrutinised Council bank account statements for 2nd quarter business and all was in order.

Balance of accounts – AR reported Unity Trust T1 Current account to 09/10/2018 of £669.65 and Unity Trust Instant Access Account of £3413.53. There had been no transactions on the Councils Debit Card other than the usual monthly fee of £3.00

Authorisation of payments: - a payment of £20.00 was authorised for the forthcoming poppy wreath to be presented by the Chairman at the Remembrance Day Church Service. The above accounts and payments as proposed by KM and seconded by PM were agreed and approved by all Cllrs present.

141.18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Cllr Andrew Macmorland had sent a report in his absence: The fingerpost to the footpath opposite Rectory Lane on the B1010 is broken, AR advised this had been reported by himself on behalf of the Council on 06/10/2015 and also by the Ramblers on 31/03/2016 and the Council had been advised by Essex Highways on 21/05/2018 that the defect was low priority and is therefore unknown at this time when it may be repaired.

The Hazeleigh Village sign post has had 2 new uprights replaced.

It had been reported to Cllr Macmorland that the hedge needs cutting back in Conduit Lane as well as overhanging trees as it is now difficult to walk the lane.

142.18 CORRESPONDENCE

EALC Highways Briefing – 07/11/2018 09:30am Foakes Hall Great Dunmow

143.18 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

AR had clarification of questions from the Data Audit regarding the transmission of web and email traffic and was able to complete this part of the survey.

144.18 INFORMATION ONLY

AR advised the Councils insurance is due for renewal in November and he had contacted EALC seeking alternative suppliers for comparison quotations. EALC has advised Came & Company and BHIB and AR would contact them for quotations.

It was reported that local businesses had received enquiries from confused members of the public asking whether they are able to visit their premises, concerns have been raised by various establishments that the 'Road Closure' notices in Fambridge Road were causing confusion with possible loss of trade. Cllrs will report the concerns to Essex Highways and can advise that all businesses in Fambridge Road, Hazeleigh are open and accessible.

The Council have been advised of the following non-material planning item:

18/01156 3 Meard Post Office Road Woodham Mortimer - Application for non-material amendment following grant of planning permission HOUSE/MAL/18/00626 (Single storey rear extension) Amendment sought: Change rendered wall finish to a C05 Marley board cladding finish.

The following applications were received after the agenda had been published and would circulate with Cllrs for comments. If the Chairman resolves to call a meeting in order to make representation prior to the consultation expiry date of 02/11/2018 he will advise the Clerk accordingly.

18/01086/HOUAS ROSEMARY COTTAGE 15 CONDUIT LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER
– *Single storey rear and two-storey side extension with a lean roof over*

18/01063/FUL LITTLE GRANGE FARM MARLPITS ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –
Convert 2 No. redundant agricultural barns to a live/work unit with an extension. Convert 2 No. smaller outbuildings to formal live/work. Demolish 1 No. barn and lean to extension. New build 1 No. cart lodge and 1 No. cart lodge with office above

The Council received an enquiry regarding the situation of the planning condition at Lodge Farm Lodge Road. It was previously understood that once the new property had been completed and occupied the existing old house would be demolished. The Council understand the new property is occupied but it is unknown if the old house has commenced demolition. District Cllr HB advised he would seek an update and advise the Council.

Date of next meeting 13 November 2018

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 13 November 2018