

Woodham Mortimer With Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2017

Convened at Woodham Mortimer & Hazeleigh Village Hall 7.30pm

In attendance

Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB) Chairman, Andrew Macmorland (AM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Stephen Pemberton (SP), Richard Britton (RB).
Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.

There was one member of the public in attendance.

1.17 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Kim Broadhurst was unable to attend and sent his apologies, District Cllr Mark Durham sent apologies due to attendance at another meeting.

2.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr SP declared a pecuniary interest to item 5.17 Land South of Wycke Hill that interest being a landowner of part of the area of land concerned.

Cllr AM declared a non-pecuniary interest to agenda item 5.17 Land North East of Woodham Mortimer, those interests being business associations with the applicant though unrelated to the planning application.

Cllr SB declared a non-pecuniary interest to item 5.17 Bryants Nurseries being an adjacent property owner.

3.17 OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The applicant of Planning item 16/01377 Land south of Hatch House Farm attended the meeting and gave a brief summary of the proposed dwelling granted under outline planning permission 14/01182 and matters associated with future activities at the farm, siting of the proposed garage location was discussed and clarified.

4.17 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 December 2016 as proposed by PM and seconded by KM were agreed to be a true representation of business, agreed by all present at that meeting and duly signed as such by the Chairman.

5.17 PLANNING

LAND OPPOSITE MILL COTTAGE – Maldon District Council have advised that siting of a large container and vehicle access requires planning permission.

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, including footway link from Royal Oak PH and provision of Public Rights of Way linking Maldon to Purleigh.* **GRANTED SUBJECT TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENT (167pp)**

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).* **APPEAL ALLOWED, PLANNING GRANTED**

ILLUMINATED SIGN AT A414 HAND CAR WASH – No updates since 10/10/2016

COUPA/MAL/16/01055 – BYANYTS NURSERIES BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM

MORTIMER – *Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to storage.* **PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED AND GRANTED**

16/01810/OUT - LAND EAST OF RUNSELL VIEW & LITTLE FIELDS AND NORTH OF MALDON ROAD DANBURY CHELMSFORD - *Outline planning application 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.*

Click to View - <http://publicaccess.chelmsford.gov.uk/online-16/01810/OUT>

DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY

FUL/MAL/13/00100 LAND ADJACENT COLTS PIGHTLE POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER CHELMSFORD - *Construction of new dwelling – CLAIMED BREACH OF PLANNING* – no updates notified since 19/12/2016

HOUSE/MAL/16/01271 & LBC/MAL/16/01290 – MILL HOUSE BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH – *Small single storey extension to rear of house, between the existing kitchen and a store room. Addition of a carport to the detached office/studio.* **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

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**

RES/MAL/16/01377 LAND SOUTH OF HATCH HOUSE FARM – *Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following approved outline permission OUT/MAL/14/01182 (Erection of farm workers dwelling).* Cllrs considered the proposals shown in the application as per the granted outline planning permission and resolved to SUPPORT the Application.

Actions AR to submit representation of support for land south of Hatch House Farm

6.17 ROYAL OAK QUARRY

Following enquiries with the County Council regarding concerns to rising water levels at the quarry, pumping has been in operation and levels have subsided. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the site.

7.17 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Penny Channer provided a report including the following items which has been uploaded to the Councils website: - 26,000 new school places by 2025 ● Bright future for LED rollout ● New Wi-Fi scheme launched for communities in Essex ● Review of Bus Services Across the County ● Chelmsford Park and Ride update ● 5 December - Broomfield Hospital Shuttle Bus ● Extra £250k for gully cleansing this winter; 23,000 and counting! ● Essex County Council's Duke of Edinburgh participants awarded for dedication ● ACL pre-school wins silver award ● Google Digital Garage course- free supported learning at your own pace ● Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund - now open ● Small Business Saturday ● BIG Business Boost Winners ● Innovation 50 named ● Award winning children's teams ● Greggs Foundation - Environment Grants ● £27.7 million Independent Living programme ● The Big Knit ● Turning community project dreams into reality ● Award winning outdoor learning ● Art for Art's Sake ● Bathing beauties ● Social workers scoop national prizes ● Switch and save ● Free online support service for young people experiencing worry ● anxiety or stress ● Apply for your child's primary school place ● Essex is trailblazing homelessness prevention ● Nominate your unsung hero ● Dry January ● Public Consultation on Replacement Waste Local Plan ● Super Sam spreads the word to help Essex become one of the best connected counties in the UK ● Essex Employee brought festive cheer to children ● Exciting new Essex career factsheets

available for school students ● Primary school performance tables cap a great year for education in Essex ● Easier journeys for drivers in Maldon.

8.17 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Footpath 11 Hazeleigh - flooding issues southern side of nature reserve reported by local resident **Enquiry 2391077** (reported 12/03/2015 assessed 03/07/2015). The Highway Authority have now confirmed that vegetation cutting will be carried out on a cyclical schedule as advised (30/11/16).

Lodge Road - excess surface water issues – **Enquiry 2438287** logged 28/12/2015. Following claims by both Essex Highways and Essex & Suffolk Water that the running water is not their responsibility the Council are awaiting a further response from EH to advise their contact details at E&SW.

Footpath 13 Hazeleigh – missing fingerpost - **Enquiry 2426505** HA to investigate within 28 days (06/10/2015). Awaiting replacement fingerpost (as advised 30/11/2016). No activity seen.

Footpath 22 Woodham Mortimer - missing fingerpost - **Enquiry 2426504** HA to investigate within 28 days (06/10/2015). – 30/11/2016 Still awaiting inspection. Essex Highways have advised the fingerpost will be installed within the schedule of the Diversion Order requirements by 11/01/2016.

Lodge Road 'unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles' signage - no further notifications since submitted application of 14/03/2016. **TO BE DECIDED BY LHP**

Speed Activated Sign – Further to the Parish Council's application for a SAS to be sited in Fambridge Road, data supplied by MDC following traffic surveys have shown that average speeds in the 40mph limit area were 43.7mph for vehicles travelling south and 41.8mph for vehicles travelling north. Average speeds for vehicles travelling through the 60 mph limit area taken at Purleigh Wash were noted as 53.3 southwards and 44.4 northwards. Policies for installation of SAS's require mean averages to be at least 5mph over the posted speed signs and the data gathered at Fambridge Road do not meet these criteria. Consideration could be given to reducing the length of the 40mph speed limit so that it starts north of the properties, rather than several hundred metres of a 40mph speed limit that does not make sense to drivers. A gateway treatment could then be considered at the new start of the 40mph speed limit. Cllrs were disappointed that its application for a SAS in Fambridge Road has been declined and resolved to pursue the gated option as suggested by MDC.

Provision of additional parking at Woodham Mortimer Church – no further information reported. Cllrs thought it would be appropriate to consider the parking matter in more detail once the developments at Wyke Hill commence operations.

Rectory Lane Closure – No activity to report

Variable Message Sign – Following correspondence with ECC confirming that the recent sign situated on Oak Corner roundabout was a Variable Message Sign and not a Speed Activated Sign Cllrs commented that either sign would be welcome if it would help speed reduction in Fambridge Road and instructed the Clerk to request a sign be sited in Fambridge Road.

Actions *AR to request gating option in Fambridge Road be progressed*
AR to request VMS to be sited in Fambridge Road

9.17 AGRICULTURAL AND LIVERY CRIME

Further to the comments made by the Maldon & Chelmsford District Commander and the website links to various statistics supplied by the Police Crime Commissioner Cllrs noted that the community did not appear to be well attended and an increase in police communication and activity would be welcomed. It was reported that some criminals had been apprehended in conjunction with recent local burglaries. The Council instructed the Clerk contact the District Commander and seek clarification of matters to be put in place in order to reduce the unsatisfactory situation.

Actions *AR to respond to District Commander email*

10.17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SCHEME

The were no updates to report.

11.17 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council received notification of the confirmed **Diversion Order of Footpath 22 Woodham Mortimer.**

Defective street light Conduit Lane – following confirmation that the street light at the junction of Conduit Lane and the A414 Cllrs resolved to instruct a repair as members of the public were incurring difficult dark conditions when walking along the lane, including youngsters alighting from buses on their way home from school. AR suggested the annual maintenance visit usually undertaken in February/March could be brought forward a few weeks and would contact A & J Lighting to see if this was possible. Otherwise the extra expense would be met from reserve budgets.

Multi-Pay Debit Card application – An application form sent to Unity Trust Bank on 30/10/2016 was not received, a copy of the application was sent again on 15/12/2016, the form has been returned with an additional Bank Mandate form to be completed by authorisees, this was signed by PM & SB and AR will once again dispatch to UTB.

Parish Council precept cap - EALC have confirmed the government's decision not to extend council tax referendum principles and Parish Council's would not be subject to precept caps for the 2017-18 financial year.

St Margaret's Churchyard – SB has received correspondence from the Church advising that current maintenance funding levels have become unsustainable and invite the Council to discuss matters associated with future provision of maintenance of the churchyard. AR to review relevant information and guidance for discussion at the February meeting.

Actions AR to instruct A&J Lighting to action street light repair

12.17 BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

AR advised current funds of: Unity Trust Deposit Account £2099.83. Unity Trust T1 Current Account £982.64. Total funds on deposit = £3082.47

13.17 CLERKS UPDATED CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerks CoE was updated as agreed at the December meeting (Agenda item 206.16) and was approved and signed by the Chairman.

14.17 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND PRECEPT DEMAND 2017/18

Further to discussions and potential Council liabilities at the December meeting Cllrs considered actual increases to be implemented in the next financial year would include the Clerks salary and the significant increase in bank charges. Also included in discussions was the prospective commitment to potential churchyard maintenance and extra street lighting repairs above the usual yearly maintenance schedule. Correspondence from the District Council advised that although central government had decided not to cap parish council precepts for the year 2017-18 restrictions are likely to be imposed sooner rather than later and consideration should be given to protecting a responsible balance of funds. In consideration to the above commitments and potential liabilities KM proposed an increase of 15% be applied to the previous years' demand which would amount to a precept of £3,852, this was seconded by AM and agreed by all present. In conjunction with the MDC Tax Base figure the Band D precept for both parishes will be £12.69.

15.17 AUTHOURISATION OF PAYMENTS

A & J Lighting Solutions (SO) January 13.80 (11.50 excl VAT)

The above payment proposed by AM seconded by SP was agreed by all to be authorised.

16.17 INFORMATION ONLY

AM reported a large pot hole at the junction of Lodge Road and the A414.

Date of next Ordinary Meeting - Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 7:30pm.

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

14 February 2017