

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2022

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).

County Cllr Jane Flemming (JF).

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

1.22 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None received

2.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SB declared a non-pecuniary interest in Highways item Farnbridge Road being related to landowners subject to the potential footpath. AM declared a non-pecuniary interest in the proposed Crematorium and SP declared a pecuniary interest in respect to the same item.

3.22 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

4.22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 14 December 2021 as proposed by KM, seconded by PM were approved as a true record of events by Cllrs at that meeting.

5.22 PLANNING

21/00889/RES - LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMEBROOK WAY MALDON ESSEX

*Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for Phase 2 of the Western Parcel of outline planning permission 20/00074/FUL (Variation of condition 10 (speed review strategy) and 20 (pedestrian/cycle crossing of Limebrook Way) on approved application 19/01134/FUL (Removal of condition 11 (details of 'Access Link Strategy')) on approved planning application 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.)) comprising the construction of 210 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), new public open space and car parking. **AWAITING DECISION BY DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE***

PROPOSED CREMATORIUM – to be situated opposite Woodham Mortimer Church (Pre Planning Application). The Council have now received the Planning Application consultation from the Local Planning Authority and an extraordinary public meeting will be convened on 26 January 2022 at the Village Hall at 7:00pm in order for Cllrs to consider all comments before making a representation to the Planning Authority.

BRADWELL B POWER STATION – Nothing to report

6.22 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Jane Flemming circulated her January Report which included the following topics: VACCINE HUB VOLUNTEERS; TRANSPORT TO BOOSTER APPOINTMENTS; ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL UNVEILS £200M CLIMATE ACTION PLAN; CARBON-CUTTING TRANSPORT; STRATEGY REFLECTS COP26 STRATEGY, ESSEX CELEBRATES NATIONAL TREE WEEK; RESIDENTS RECEIVE SUPPORT TO KEEP THEIR HOMES WARM THIS WINTER; BUS OPERATOR CONTACT DETAILS; ADD DISCOUNTED BUS TRAVEL TO YOUR TRAIN TICKET WITH PLUSBUS; WHY BUY WHEN YOU CAN BORROW?; CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING; FUNDED WORKPLACE HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMME AND MHFA; ENGLAND TRAINING FOR YOUR ORGANISATION.

JF to send AR respective link to ECC website that advises road closures.

7.22 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.* There is now a permissive Footpath leading from the rear of the Royal Oak pub to Footpath 1 Hazeleigh with the intention of it continuing to the new housing estate joining Limebrook Way. Cllrs debated whether the scheme as noted on the LHP should now be withdrawn but were reluctant to do this unless some guarantees could be achieved to re-instate the scheme should the permissive path ever be closed to the public. AR to check previous minutes seeking Cllr Bass's commitment for the footway to be included in the approved planning s106 Agreement. JF to forward AR the results of a Highway search clarifying landownership adjacent to Fambridge Road.

A414 Pedestrian Crossing – *measures to aid crossing the hazardous A414 Maldon Road.* Nothing to report.

Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House) (*enquiry Nos. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) and 2705814 logged 01/03/2021) rotten verge reflector posts.* Nothing to report.

Footway Defect A414 – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church.* Nothing to report.

Lodge Road (junction with A414 Maldon Road) – *earth deposits on verge (ref No. 2710764 logged 29/03/2021).* Nothing to report.

Fambridge Road – *Multiple pot holes.* Most potholes now seem to have been filled and all work should be completed by week ending 15/01/2022.

8.22 LOCALITY FUND GRANT

ECC have confirmed the Councils application has been received, the information will be checked and the Council will be advised in due course if funding is approved.

JF advised there are still funds available. The Village Hall Committee will discuss further potential items needed, AR asked if boardwalk over flooded ground on a Public Right of Way (FP11 Hazeleigh) could be funded from Locality Fund Grants, JF to make enquiries.

9.22 CLERKS EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY REVIEW

Cllrs agreed to raise Clerks salary to SCP14 maintaining the same 22 hours per month to commence from April 2022. As proposed by KM seconded by AM and agreed by majority.

10.22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance of Accounts: AR advised account balances of; T1 Current Account £538.19; Instant Access Account £3,460.10 - Total funds on deposit = £3,998.29

3rd quarter budget review - cllrs reviewed the last 3 months account transactions October to December 2021 which raised no matters of concern.

Authorisation of payments:

Zoho E-Mail user accounts (6 users)	£69.12

The above mentioned account balances, 3rd quarter review and authorisation of payments were approved and agreed by all Cllrs.

11.22 INFORMATION ONLY

Due to the resignation of Parish Councillor Kim Broadhurst there now follows a period where the electorate can call an election which expires on 20/01/2022, if no election is called the Council may co-opt someone onto the council to fill the vacancy.

Date of next scheduled Parish Council meeting is 08/02/2022

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 08 February 2022