

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2022

Convened at Woodham Mortimer & Hazeleigh Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting which commenced at 7:00pm

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), District Cllr Simon Morgan (SM). Andrew Ritchings (AR) – Clerk to the Council recording proceedings.

37.22 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None received

38.22 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR (REPRESENTING HAZELEIGH)

Councillors were delighted to welcome Graham Harle onto the Council representing Hazeleigh, as proposed by AM and seconded by SP. The Council once again has a full complement of Councillors and look forward to Graham's valuable contributions. Cllr Harle completed his declaration of acceptance of office and Cllrs authorised AR to arrange an additional email account to be set up for Graham's official Parish Council correspondence.

39.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SP declared pecuniary interests to planning items; Crematorium, detached ancillary building at Hall Farm and proposed solar farm, being the landowner of the applications. AM declared a non-pecuniary interest to the same aforementioned applications having business associations with the landowner. SB declared a non-pecuniary interest in Highways item Fambridge Road being related to landowners subject to the potential footpath.

40.22 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

41.22 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 08 March 2022 were agreed as a true record of events as proposed by KM and seconded by AM.

42.22 POINTS OF ORDER (PROXY AND CASTING VOTES)

Further to queries raised at the March meeting SB and AR clarified that any person presiding over a Council meeting has the ability to submit an initial vote to a motion and if an equality of votes result is then entitled to a final casting vote. It was also clarified that in order for a vote to be included, Councillors must be present at the relevant meeting where the motion is voted upon. The aforementioned information is covered in the Council's *Arnold-Baker Local Council Administration* handbook purchased as advised by the EALC and page 10 of the Council's own *Standing Orders*. These matters are specified in Schedule 12 Paragraph 39 of the *Local Government Act 1972*.

43.22 PLANNING

21/01276/FUL - LAND OPPOSITE ST MARGARET'S CHURCH MALDON ROAD WOODHAM Mortimer - *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).* AWAITING DECISION BY DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

22/00066 – 4 GOAT HOUSE LANE HAZELEIGH

Change to external materials. **APPROVED**

21/01271 – THE COOPERS MONUMENT MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER

Restoration of Coopers Monument/Obelisk. **AWAITING DECISION BY DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

22/00069 – BURY FARM FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH

Proposed Car Port. **APPROVED**

22/00074 – HALL FARM MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER - *Detached ancillary oak framed annexe.* **REFUSED.**

22/00261 – HALL FARM LAND HAZELEIGH HALL LANE HAZELEIGH – *The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping.* RB questioned why the planning notice has been posted in Hazeleigh Hall Lane. **AWAITING DECISION BY LPA**

21/00138 – LAND ADJACENT THE WILLOWS BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Proposed No. 1 dwelling with carport.* APPEAL No. APP/X1545/W/21/3283976. **AWAITING DECISION BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

22/00443 – LAND REAR OF HILL BARN RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –

Proposed conversion of existing equestrian/storage buildings to form 1No. new dwelling and associated development. Cllrs resolved that the conversion of the equestrian/storage buildings to a single dwelling would not provide a negative impact to the current site and recommend GRANTING permission. It was noted that plans associated with the application named the site as Parsonage Wood Farm which provided some confusion.

BRADWELL B POWER STATION – No updates.

44.22 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

SB welcomed new District Cllr Simon Morgan to the meeting, thanked him for attending and all Cllrs wished him well in his new role.

County Cllr Jane Flemming circulated her April report covering the following topics: Ukraine; Resources for Ukrainians; Helath Resources; Guidance for Councils; Homes for Ukraine Scheme Update; Health Group Update; Housing Assurance/Safeguarding Update; Ports of Entry Update; Finance Update; School Places for Ukrainian Children; New TravelEssex App; Get Active with Essex Library of Things; Great British Spring Clean; Essex Libraries – Big Easter Book Hunt; Essex Trading Standards; Chelmsford North East Bypass Update; Beaulieu Railway Station.

JF advised she recently attended an LHP meeting, it was noted that the LHP budget is underspent and this is mainly due to County Council limited resources.

RB asked if funds have not been spent why various long standing highway issues have not been resolved. SB advised this is due to targeted budgets which are identified each financial year for specific purposes.

SM advised he has been approached by a Ukranian translator offering their services should that be of interest to anyone.

45.22 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.* JF advised this scheme had been proposed to be removed from the LHP list of schemes but she argued the case for it to remain, Cllrs were grateful the scheme should still

be considered but noted it had been ongoing since 2014 without any decision and were doubtful it would ever proceed to a successful conclusion.

A414 Pedestrian Crossing – *measures to aid crossing the hazardous A414 Maldon Road*. JF advised that herself and Cllr Scott will be attending the site on 29/04/2022 between 10:00 and 13:00, Cllrs noted that this would not enable Cllr Scott to perceive the full issues of crossing difficulties as the major problems occur during morning and evening rush hours.

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*. Cllr Scott attending on 29/04/2022 between 10:00 – 13:00. JF advised there is potential for the maintenance issue to be moved onto the LHP and would advise further following her visit with Councillor Scott.

Lodge Road (junction with A414 Maldon Road) – *earth deposits on verge* (ref No. 2710764 logged 29/03/2021). It was noted the old storage site at the A414 end of Lodge Road now appears to be redundant as it does not seem to have been utilised for some time. Cllrs requested AR write to the County Council via JF seeking ECC's intentions for the site and asking whether they would considering putting the land up for sale.

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATHS 14 HAZELEIGH & 41 MALDON

Cllrs resolved not to submit any comments to the proposed diversion of the footpaths at the Crest Nicholson development site.

46.22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Final Quarter Review – the final quarter accounting statement was disseminated and approved by all Cllrs, no matters of concern were raised. Bank statements were approved by non-signatory KM.

Account balances - AR advised Account balances of: T1 Current Account £809.43, Instant Access Deposit Account £711.09. Total funds on deposit = £1,520.52

Authorisation of payments:

Street Light repair (new pole bracket Conduit Lane/A414)	106.80
EALC/NALC Affiliation Fees	TBC at next meeting
Npower non-metered electricity charges for street lights	174.08
Transfer of funds from Instant Access to Current Account	300.00

The above payments and transfer as proposed by KM and seconded by SP were approved by all Cllrs.

47.22 INFORMATION ONLY

Date of next Council Meeting - 10/05/2022 which is the Councils Annual Meeting.

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 10 May 2022