

# Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 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), County Cllr Jane Flemming (JF) Andrew Ritchings (AR) – Clerk to the Council recording proceedings

#### 133.21 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllrs Stephen Pemberton (work commitments), Kim Broadhurst (unwell) District cllr Karl Jarvis was unable to attend.

#### 134.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

#### 135.21 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of public in attendance.

#### 136.21 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 14 September 2021 as proposed by KM seconded by AM were agreed as a true record of events by all Cllrs.

#### 137.21 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.* **PENDING CONSIDERATION BY LPA**

**21/00693 – GOLF DRIVING RANGE BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – *Outline planning permission with the matter of access for consideration is sought for the demolition of the building and replacement of the driving range and pitch and putt with up to 25 new one and two single storey dwellings and public open space with an equipped play area.* **REFUSED BY THE LPA**

**PROPOSED CREMATORIUM** – to be situated opposite Woodham Mortimer Church (Pre Planning Application). By invitation Parish Councillors attended a presentation by the applicants of the proposed crematorium, Cllrs agreed the pre-planning application presentation was useful to understand the proposals, there is currently a drop-in public presentation in Woodham Mortimer Village Hall for anyone wishing to view and ask questions about the proposals, this is to extend for 2 days finishing on the 13 October 2021. Cllrs will wait until a formal application is received from the Planning Authority to discuss the details at one of its council meetings.

**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)*

Two letters of representation were sent to the Council for consideration during the deliberations of the application. The Council have previously raised various concerns to the 2 preceding applications at this site and following scrutiny of this latest application along with local representation the council resolved that there does not appear to be any identifiable need for such office space in this location. It is also considered that the development would pose a detrimental effect to the rural character of the surrounding area and considered that the narrow lane servicing the proposed site, that currently serves only

a few residential properties, is not suitable for the perceived additional vehicle volumes. AM abstained from making a representation with remaining Cllrs recommending the application be REFUSED.

**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.* Cllrs were initially unsure if more than one dwelling is proposed as the Application proposal heading indicates change of use to dwelling house(s) though details provided in the planning portal indicate only one dwelling is being proposed. Cllrs understand the barn is currently in use to facilitate farming activities and do not perceive there to be the necessity of a further dwelling which would likely conflict with the working environment and do not support the change of use. The Council recommends REFUSAL of the application.

**21/00977 – ROSE COTTAGE 13 CONDUIT LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER** – *Single storey rear extension.*

Further to the previous refused application (21/00511), Cllrs welcome the proposed modifications, support the application and recommend GRANTING planning permission.

**BRADWELL B POWER STATION** – No updates

### **138.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Cllr Flemming's October update report had been circulated to Cllrs.

SB advised JF many complaints had been received from parishioners about the suspension of the green bin collections. SB also advised that MDC charge for this facility but other District/Borough Councils provide the service free of charge.

Cllrs asked if JF could fwd road closure information, JF doesn't receive the notification directly but will send AR a link to Essex Highways road closures webpage which will be posted on the Parish Council's website.

JF advised that funds are available again from the Locality Fund, Cllrs to consider items suitable for the grant and AR to research projector and screen devices. SB requested the Locality Fund grants to be added as an Agenda item for next month.

### **139.21 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.* It was reported that the residents steering group had convened a productive meeting and another meeting will be held in November.

**Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House)** (*enquiry Nos. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) and 2705814 logged 01/03/2021) rotten verge reflector posts.*

**Footway Defect A414** – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church.* JF is progressing the issue with the Essex Highways.

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

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

### **140.21 HIGHWAYS DEVOLUTION SCHEME**

There was nothing to report and the item will be removed from agendas until further notice.

### **141.21 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS**

There were no matters to report.

### **142.21 PARISH COUNCILLOR EXPENSES POLICY**

Following further discussion it was resolved to adopt the Expenses Policy without amendment as proposed by KM and seconded by AM. RB abstained from agreeing to adopt the document.

#### 143.21 COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL SCHEDULE

AR confirmed he had advised the current provider the updated cost of replacement street lighting parts as advised by A & J Lighting which has been adjusted on the 2021-22 schedule. Cllrs agreed to accept the renewal schedule from the current provider and will compare costs with other companies next year.

#### 144.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

**Balance of Accounts** – AR advised T1 current account balance of £413.82 – and instant access Deposit account £4,209.89. Total funds on deposit = £4623.71

**Payments were authorised for the following:**

Insurance renewal	£325.94
A&J Lighting annual maintenance contract	£180.00
Transfer from deposit to current account	£750.00

#### 145.21 INFORMATION ONLY

The Council received a letter from Essex Air Ambulance seeking donations – cllrs are very happy to promote the service but feel donations of public money is something that individual parishioners should choose themselves.

AR advised a new planning application had been received after the October agenda had been published - 21/00883 Little Owls Post Office Road Woodham Mortimer, erection of a two storey detached dwelling and outbuildings in place of manege/stables. It was undecided whether to convene an extraordinary meeting to make a representation before the 28 day Planning Authority deadline for comments.

Date of next scheduled meeting will be 09/11/2021

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 09 November 2021