

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

Convened at Woodham Mortimer & Hazeleigh Village Hall at 7:30pm

In attendance: Parish Cllrs: Simon Brady (SB Presiding), Kim McDonald (KM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Richard Britton (RB), Graham Harle (GH), Lorraine Cobb (LC).

District Cllrs Simon Morgan and Mark Durham

Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings

112.23 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Stephen Pemberton was unable to attend due to being away on holiday. County Cllr Jane Flemming sent apologies for not being able to attend this month.

113.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SB declared a non pecuniary interest to planning item Southlands Bryants Lane being a resident of the lane.

114.23 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public in attendance.

115.23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 15 August 2023 approved as a true record of events as proposed by RB seconded by LC and agreed by all Cllrs present at that meeting.

116.23 PLANNING

22/00344 – LAND ON SOUTH SIDE MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Change of use of land for 2 Gypsy/Traveller pitches comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan per pitch, alongside the formation of permeable hardstanding.* APPEAL NO.

APP/X1545/W/22/33080465 **APPEAL AND APPLICATION OF COSTS ALLOWED BY PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

23/00674WTPO – MANDALAY POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – T1 – Copper Beech (T2 on TPO 7/14) Crown lift by 4m. Lateral reduction 1.5. T2 – Copper Beech (T1 On TPO 7/14) – Lateral reduction by 1m. LPA Deadline 05/09/2023 PERMISSION GRANTED BY LPA

23/00556/RESM – GOLF DRIVING RANGE BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Reserved matters following outline approval 22/00482/OUT (Outline application with all matters reserved for up to 18 dwellings with a provision for affordable housing.) LPA Deadline 04/10/2023. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA*

23/00738/LDE – THE FARM OFFICE RESIDENCY TYNDALES FARM SOUTHEND ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Claim for lawful development certificate for the retention of an existing dwellinghouse. LPA Deadline 27/09/2023. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LPA*

23/00792/HOUSE – KESTRELS COTTAGE LODGE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Single storey front/side extension, loft extension and external alterations. LPA Deadline 05/10/2023*

Cllrs feel there will not be any detriment to the current street scene and surrounding area and recommend GRANTING permission.

23/00799/HOUSE – BRELADES BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Proposed front extension, porch, insertion of dormers to front elevation. LPA Deadline 16/10/2023* Cllrs believe there will not be any detrimental effect to the current street scene and recommend GRANTING permission.

23/00810/FUL – LAND AT SOUTHLANDS BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –

Change of use from paddock to equestrian manège, construction of manège and associated fencing and muck clamp. LPA Deadline 10/10/2023. Cllrs raise no objection to the application for construction of a manège, but would like to point out that the site is adjacent to Public Footpath 5 Woodham Mortimer; Section 40(d) of the Communities and Local Government Validation of Planning Applications states that for full planning permission applications require to be accompanied by a plan that accurately shows all public rights of way crossing or adjoining the site. It is noted FP5 is not shown on any plans which may not allow full appraisal of the affect if the development to public path users.

117.23 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Cllr Jane Fleming's monthly report had been circulated to Cllrs for their information. District Cllr Simon Morgan reported that the Local Development Plan Working Group has been meeting regularly and recommendations will be put to the Full Committee for review shortly. MDC budget review Working Group has also been busy; sadly it looks likely there will be a deficit of funds potentially impacting on services. The District Council have requested a meeting with NHS representatives in response to the relocation of services from St Peters Hospital, MDC are disappointed that no consultations had occurred prior to decisions being made. District Cllr Mark Durham advised that Local Highways Panel budgets have been reduced as funds have been reallocated to other schemes such as pot hole repairs and there are severe concerns over future County Council finances as increases in social care escalate along with pending reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) issues to address.

118.23 SOLAR FARM ON HALL FARM LAND HAZELEIGH HALL HAZELEIGH

Solar Farm developer has clarified the 'energisation date' but Cllrs request that the benefit sum proposed be stated within the Agreement. AR to contact Low Carbon and request amendment to the Agreement document. RB proposed to consider separating monies into yearly maximums and that some funds should be offered for Village Hall repairs. Cllrs to continue reviewing RB's Application of Funds document for comments at next meeting. GH advised that initial construction has caused access issues and will forward AR respective details so that the developer can be contacted.

119.23 LOCALITY FUND

No further information to report.

120.23 ST PETER'S HOSPITAL

Following MDC's Press Statement about the NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board announcement that certain services are to be relocated from St Peter's Hospital the Parish Council will be writing to the Board expressing their disappointment and concerns for local residents. The Council hope that services affected will be easily available at other locations within the district. SB to draft a respective statement for AR to review.

121.23 VILLAGE DEFIBRILATOR

AR to include information about the village defibrillator in the next Parish Magazine.

122.23 HIGHWAY MATTERS

A414 Pedestrian Crossing – *measures to aid crossing the hazardous A414 Maldon Road. Scheduled for early 2023 feasibility study.* Although as mentioned in District Cllr Durham's report funding has been reduced for LHP schemes it was agreed last year the feasibility study of this scheme will still go ahead, however even if feasible there is unlikely to be further funds available to implement the crossing aids.

Footway Defect A414 – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church. (First logged by Essex Highways at site meeting with SB 14/09/2018. Logged again by AR as a defect on 06/12/2022 Ref: 2808413). Added to LHP list and Footway Clearance Scheme by County Cllr Flemming - June 2023. Nothing further 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.* Essex Highways have confirmed that at this time, there are no plans to replace the bollards on Lodge Road as they are out of scope in the current Maintenance Strategy. The condition of the road and verge in the area are however being monitored and if subsequent works are deemed to be appropriate then their reinstatement will be considered. Considering the aforementioned Essex Highways position and the protracted time this has been on agendas Cllrs reluctantly agreed to remove the item from future agendas unless any activity is noted.

Lodge Road (junction with A414 Maldon Road) – *earth deposits on verge (ref No. 2710764 logged 29/03/2021).* The same scenario as the Lodge Road bollards is noted at this location and again Cllrs reluctantly agreed to remove the item from future agendas unless any activity is noted.

Footpath 11 Hazeleigh – *width and gate restrictions.* Essex Highways Enforcement Officer has advised the Council they are will be attending the site again soon in an attempt to resolve the obstructing gate and width restriction.

Burnham Road Hazeleigh gateway structure – *sightline restrictions* – awaiting further advice from County Cllr Flemming.

Straw/hay deposits - Having contacted County and District Cllrs in respect to a parishioner complaint about deposits of hay and straw being dispersed along various roads, there does not appear to be any rule infringements, however should anyone consider that highway drainage is being compromised or feel there is a hazard to road users they are able to report such incidents on the Essex Highways website for the Highway Authority to investigate.

123.23 BUS SHELTERS – MAINTENANCE

The Council have received an estimate for foliage clearance work around 2 bus shelters which is considered acceptable, AR to contact contractor to advise acceptance.

County Cllr Jane Flemming to advise the PC whether ECC will accept transfer of ownership of 2 Parish Council owned bus shelters to the County Council.

Insurance company requested a respective police incident No. is required for any claim of graffiti damage, Cllrs agreed that AR should contact Maldon District police to obtain an IN. Cost of repair to be sourced once claim form is completed.

124.23 LITTER/DOG BINS

MDC have advised that any requests for servicing of new litter bins will be considered as long as there is a proven need for them, i.e. they are not in close proximity to other litter bins and they are not on private land. If agreed a charge for the first year of emptying must be paid by the parish council, thereafter emptying will be added to the existing street cleansing contract. The repair and/or replacement of the bin will remain the responsibility of the parish council. Cllrs requested AR to obtain the cost of the first year collection.

125.23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance of Accounts:

Unity Trust T1 Current Account	£410.94
Unity Trust Instant Access Savings Account	£7,369.14

Total funds on deposit	£7,780.08
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Authorisation of payments:

Information Commissioner's Data Protection fee	£35.00
Clerk salary	£697.46
Clerk work from home allowances	£52.00
HMR&C	£174.40
Transfer of funds from savings account to current account	£1,500.00

The above payments and transfer of funds were approved by all Cllrs as proposed by KM and seconded by RB.

126.23 INFORMATION ONLY

Date of next scheduled Ordinary Meeting 10/10/2023

Simon Brady (Chairman to the Council) 10/10/2023