

Woodham Mortimer With Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018

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

In attendance

Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB) Chairman, Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Andrew Macmorland (AM), Stephen Pemberton (SP), Richard Britton (RB), Kim Broadhurst (KB)
District Cllr Henry Bass, County Cllr Penny Channer (arrived during item 5 of 20.18 Planning)
Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings
One member of public

16.18 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None received

17.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made

18.18 PUBLIC FORUM

The member of public in attendance wished to discuss the results of the vehicle/pedestrian survey carried out on the A414 between the Royal Oak roundabout and Post Office Road, all agreed the results were very difficult to understand due to the technical nature of the data and Cllrs resolved it was difficult to ascertain the amount of pedestrian conflict. The data seemed to suggest that average speeds were lower than the posted 60 mph limit, however it was difficult to comprehend the vehicle/conflict summaries and the Clerk was asked to seek further clarification from Essex County Council.

Cllrs resolved that the objective is to seek an implementation of a 40mph limit and to provide a safe crossing of the A414 for pedestrians. It was noted that a 40 mph limit has been imposed from the road between Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers and Cllrs would like to review the traffic survey data that would have been used to implement the limit at that location. It was also considered that as there is currently a 30mph limit in place on the Chelmsford Road near the Indian Restaurant to the roundabout then further limits should be imposed through one of the busiest pedestrian areas of Woodham Mortimer. The development of the South Maldon Garden Suburb at Wyke Hill will only exacerbate the difficulties for pedestrians.

19.18 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The drafted minutes had been changed to note the Automatic Traffic Count survey of Tom Tit Lane was arranged by an officer of ECC and not MDC, the amendment was agreed and the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on 09 January 2018 as proposed by AM and seconded by PM were agreed as a true record of events by those Cllrs present and duly signed by the Chairman

20.18 PLANNING

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**

WOODHAM MORTIMER PLACE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Reported unauthorised development* – no further information since MDC confirmed a of breach of planning control had been identified on 13/06/2017 (originally reported by the Council on 27/02/2017)

ESS/35/MAL LAND AT ROYAL OAK QUARRY MALDON ROAD WOODHAM

MORTIMER – Continuation of use of land for mineral extraction through a revised phasing scheme without compliance with Conditions 20 (Soil Storage); 39 (Phasing Scheme) and 41 (Water Management) of planning permission ref no: ESS/19/14/MAL
DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY

FUL/MAL/17/00923 – LAND SOUTH WEST OF OAK ACRES MALDON ROAD

WOODHAM MORTIMER – demolition of existing buildings and construction of 2no. chalet bungalow dwellings **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

FUL/MAL/17/01197 – E J TAYLOR AND SONS LTD MILL WORKS BURNHAM ROAD

HAZELEIGH - Addition of two extensions for office use to the existing cottage/office building, creating a total additional floor area of 962sqm, and the provision of further parking facilities. Following a Planning Officers recommendation to refuse permission the application was 'called in' by the District Cllr and the North West Area Committee resolved to **GRANT PERMISSION**. AR asked if the Parish Council would normally be notified if a District Cllr intended to call an application to committee and the results thereof, it was confirmed this would not normally be the practice and that minutes of Planning Committee decisions are available on the MDC website providing a record of the deliberations leading to Committee decisions. AR would review the minutes and advise Cllrs at the next meeting.

HOUSE/MAL/17/01306 – VALLEY HOLDING POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM

MORTIMER – Extension to existing double garage and construction of new cart lodge style garage at front of property. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

17/01902/OUT – LAND EAST OF RUNSELL VIEW & LITTLE FIELDS AND NORTH OF

MALDON ROAD DANBURY – Outline planning permission for up to 90 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing) with public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage (SuDS) and vehicular access off Maldon Road. All matters to be reserved with the exception of main site access **REFUSED**

16/01810/OUT - LAND EAST OF RUNSELL VIEW & LITTLE FIELDS AND NORTH OF MALDON ROAD DANBURY APPEAL REFERENCE REFERENCE

APP/W1525/W/17/3176978 – planning appeal by Gladman Developments – outline planning permission 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 **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

HOUSE/MAL/17/01328 & LBC/MAL/17/01329 – MILL HOUSE BURNHAM ROAD

HAZELEIGH – Demolish unauthorized conservatory and remove unauthorised front door and replace with new single storey garden room and new front door to existing Grade II Listed house. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

HOUSE/MAL/17/01439 – RUSSET HOUSE GOAT HOUSE LANE HAZELEIGH –

Amendment to an existing planning approval Ref: HOUSE/MAL/17/00781. First floor extension. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

HOUSE/MAL/17/01495 & LBC/MAL/17/01499 – GRANGE COTTAGES SOUTHEND

ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Removal of 2 storey rear extension & 2 no. conservatories. Proposed internal alterations to convert the 3 cottages to a single dwelling, 2no. 2 storey rear extensions, garden room, minor repair works & erection of a 2 bay cart lodge. There were no matters of concern to Cllrs and all agreed to recommend **GRANTING PERMISSION**.

HOUSE/MAL/18/00098 – LAUREL VILLA 25 CONDUIT LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –

Increasing the size of approved garage (Application Ref: HOUSE/MAL/15/00599). Cllrs did not think the proposals impose a detrimental impact on the street scene and all agreed to recommend **GRANTING PERMISSION**.

HOUSE/MAL/18/00165 – ORCHARD HOUSE LODGE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER –
Rebuild and reconfigure existing carport with a new roof There did not appear to be any planning matters of concern to the Council and all agreed to recommend GRANTING PERMISSION.

Actions Clerk to submit recommendation of granting for Grange Cottages, Laurel Villa and Orchard House

21.18 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Cllr Henry Bass reported that MDC's element of the Council Tax had been set to increase by 2.99 percent. The situation regarding the future of St Peter's Hospital was still unclear, MDC planning officers have spent significant amount of time liaising with the Mid Essex Hospitals Trust over many years in order to seek a viable proposal but matters were constantly changing and the Planning Authority have resolved to withdraw from further discussions until firm proposals are submitted by the Trust. Cllrs urged Cllr Bass to maintain the pressure for the continuation of the Hospital.

County Councillor Penny Channer reported the ECC element of Council Tax had been set to rise by 5%, this includes a 2% increase on social care. The full County Councillor report has been uploaded to the Parish Council website and includes the following topics: Record programme of more than £300 million will be invested in roads, schools, new homes and supporting the economy across Essex, as part of the County Council's budget proposals for 2018/19; Pioneering projects are being sought in a first-of-its-kind national challenge to find the next generation of ideas to help improve the lives of people living with dementia; More than 22,000 new school places will be needed across Essex over the next decade, according to a new strategy published by Essex County Council; Secondary schools in Essex have cause for celebration after new statistics confirmed the county's GCSE pupils again performed above the national average; The Superfast Essex broadband programme has reached a new high, enabling 100,000 homes and businesses to access superfast broadband; A six week consultation began (Monday 5 February 2018) on proposed changes to car parking charges at a number of Essex Country Parks; A new Essex County Council drug and alcohol project was officially launched following a royal visit on Wednesday 7 February 2018.

22.18 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lodge Road - (enquiry No. 2438287 logged 28/12/2015) *Continuous running water from the ditch at the junction with Hazeleigh Hall Lane* – no activity to report

Lodge Road - (enquiry No. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) *rotten verge reflector posts* - no activity to report

Footpath 22 Woodham Mortimer - (enquiry No.2426504) *finger post to be installed within Diversion Order requirements by 11/01/2017* - no activity to report

Lodge Road '*unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles*' signage (application 28/03/2016) – AR reported the signage has been approved for delivery in the 2018/19 works programme. Cllr KB noted the budget allocation of the new signage was reported to be £1,500, Cllrs considered this to be very expensive for a single sign-post and asked the Clerk to seek a breakdown of costs.

Fambridge Road – *vehicle speeding issues and proposed footway* – The Council have been advised TruCam costs associated with seeking the deployment of specially trained officers who work in conjunction with the Police Casualty Reduction team are to be charged at £31.00 per hour. Cllr KB will advise the most appropriate dates/times at the March meeting for Cllrs to consider the costs of the TruCam initiative to be utilised.

A414 Maldon Road – *traffic volume and vehicle speeding issues* – Matters associated with the survey results have been discussed fully in the public open forum and the Clerk will be seeking clarification of results from the County Council

Lodge Road – *Salt box condition junction of Hazeleigh Hall Lane* – County Cllr PC is awaiting an update from Essex Highways

Rectory Lane Hill Farm Bridge/Culvert No.2151 – road closure since 22/01/2013 – No activity to report

Lodge Road – new bus route - Essex Highways have confirmed that Lodge Road is not to be used as a new bus route and have informed Hedingham Coaches accordingly. Verges on Lodge Road will be assessed in March 2018 in order to identify any issues caused by the buses for works prioritisation. It has however been noted that the buses are continuing to use Lodge Road which will be reported to EH for action.

Car sales – A414 layby – the selling of vehicles from the layby is to be monitored and if the selling of vehicles is deemed to contravene the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 action will be taken by the appropriate authority.

B1010 Hazeleigh - fallen village sign post adjacent to Sturbridge B1010 – AR to report

Tom Tit Lane – heavy goods vehicle signage- Information provided by the recent Automatic Traffic Count survey revealed a high volume of traffic using Tom Tit Lane which Cllrs believe provides evidence that the missing 'unsuitable for HGV's' signage should be re-installed. The Council consider that additional signage in order to mitigate vehicle passing issues resulting in verge damage (likely to incur Essex Highways repair intervention) would outweigh any perceived 'information overload' particularly once diversion notices due to the 5 year closure of Rectory Lane have finally been removed.

Actions Clerk to seek cost breakdown of new signage in Lodge Road
Clerk to seek clarification of pedestrian/vehicle conflict survey results and confirm the objectives of the Parish Council
KB to advise dates/times of TruCam use at March meeting
Clerk to report continued use of Lodge Road as bus route
Clerk to report fallen road sign on B1010
Clerk to convey comments re: Tom Tit Lane ATC survey

23.18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

It was reported that the gap in the hedge on Footpath 16 Woodham Mortimer to the north east of Rectory Lane is barely accessible. AM would attempt to seek clearance of the gap.

24.18 AGRICULTURAL AND LIVERY CRIME

Further reports of farm building burglaries have been relayed to Cllrs who are disappointed that police seem unable to reduce occurrences in order to protect agricultural assets

25.18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SCHEME

No matters to report

26.18 CORRESPONDENCE

Brook Cottage Burnham Road - hazardous highway entrance – Further to correspondence between a local resident and County Cllr PC regarding hazardous exit conditions onto the B1010 Burnham Road, the Council resolved to ask that a Local Highways Panel Scheme Validation be carried out as offered by Mr John Simmons of Essex Highways.

Fambridge Road - Gateway scheme – residents in Fambridge Road making enquiries regarding mitigation progress due to excessive vehicle speeds have been advised of the potential Gateway Scheme currently being reviewed by the Local Highways Panel

Lodge Road closure – The Council have been notified of a one day closure of Lodge Road on 24 April 2018 due to works being carried out by Essex & Suffolk Water

Data Protection Briefings – AR advised that changes to the General Data Protection Regulations due to come into force in May 2018 have potential consequences to Council activities and recommends attending an EALC briefing course on 13 March 2018 at a cost of £45.00, part of the cost should be recoverable as a bursary due to the Council's low annual income.

Maldon District Renewable and Low Carbon Technologies Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – consultation – Cllrs have no comments

The Willows – *report of additional highway entrance* – further to the report of a potential new entrance being constructed in Bryants Lane, the Council have been advised an inspection of any potential breach of planning will be undertaken.

Actions Clerk to respond to EH offer of LHP validation scheme re: Brook Cottage
AR to complete form for GDPR briefing and apply for bursary of costs

27.18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

AR advised bank account balances of:

Current Account £78.15,

Deposit Account £3,104.44

Total funds = £3,182.59

£3.00 is owed to the Council's Debit Card due for payment on 23/02/2018.

Clerk recommends a transfer of funds from deposit to current account which was agreed at £300. The aforementioned transfer along with the £45.00 Data Protection briefing course cost was proposed by KM seconded by SP and agreed by all to be authorised.

28.18 INFORMATION ONLY

AR handed AM back up discs of important Council files for him to keep at a separate location to the Council's computer and other set of back up discs.

The letter sent by the Council to MDC expressing concerns regarding the removal of the **PARISH TRIGGER & DISCONTINUATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION PAPER COPY DETAILS** received a general letter response sent to all Parish Councils. The matter will be discussed further as an agenda items at the March 2018 meeting.

Date of next ordinary meeting 13 March 2018

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

13 March 2018