

# Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023

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

**In attendance:** Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB presiding), Kim McDonald (KM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Stephen Pemberton (SP), Richard Britton (RB), Andrew Macmorland (AM), Graham Harle (GH). County Cllr Jane Flemming (JF).

District Cllrs: Simon Morgan (SM), Mark Durham (MD)

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

5 Members of the Public:

#### 28.23 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None

#### 29.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SP declared a registerable non-pecuniary interest in item 33.23. AM declared non pecuniary interest in planning items Keepers Cottage and Highlands having conducted business with the respective landowners.

#### 30.23 PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public attended the meeting to thank Cllrs for their efforts in achieving removal of the barbed wire fencing at Footpath 11 Hazeleigh. It was noted the kissing gate is still in position which the Highway Authority had advised should also be removed. Parishioners were happy that matters are being resolved and welcome the time when the 'Dragons Path' is returned to its previous 'green lane' character for the enjoyment of all walkers and wildlife.

#### 31.23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 14 February 2023 as proposed by SP and seconded by KM were agreed as a true record of events by Cllrs.

#### 32.23 PLANNING

##### **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* APPEAL NO. APP/X1545/W/22/3303806. **APPEAL ALLOWED**

##### **22/01256/RESM - LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMBROOK WAY MALDON –**

*Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of Phase 3 of the Western Parcel (comprising 78 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), new public open space and car parking) of approved planning application 22/00393/VARM (Variation of condition 35 (details of employment land) on approved 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.)) **LPA Deadline 10/04/2023**

**AWAITING DECISION BY LPA**

**22/01264/FUL - TYNDALES FARM SOUTHEND ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Section 73A application for Change of use of land and agricultural buildings to mixed Class E(g)/B8 Use.

**LPA Deadline 03/03/2023 AWAITING DECISION BY LPA**

**23/00035/LDP - BRELADES BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension and new opening on the side.

**LPA Deadline 13/03/2023 AWAITING DECISION BY LPA**

**22/01263/LBC – KEEPERS COTTAGE HAZELEIGH HALL LANE** – Proposed detached annex incidental to the dwelling house. **LPA Deadline 17/02/2023. WITHDRAWN**

**23/00034/HOUSE - BRELADES BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Proposed porch, front extensions, dormers to front and the increase of width to rear dormer.

**LPA Deadline 03/04/2023 AWAITING DECISION BY LPA**

**23/00041/FUL – ANNEXE HIGHLANDS BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Extension to an existing residential annexe. **LPA Deadline 09/03/2023** Cllrs consider the annex appears to retain the character of the existing building and do not perceive any detrimental effect on the current street scene and recommend GRANTING the application.

**2300114/HOUSE & 2300115 – THE OLD FORGE CHELMSFORD ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Single storey rear extension, internal alterations and changes to front boundary.

**LPA Deadline 18/04/2023** Cllrs consider the extension to be of bulk, scale and character that will have a detrimental effect to the listed dwelling within its setting and location and recommend REFUSAL of the application.

**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. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

**23/00189/HOUSE - WOODLAND VIEW MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Demolition the existing garage. Erection of a part single, part two-storey rear extension, two storey front extension, loft conversion, a car part and glazing and material changes throughout.

**LPA Deadline 18/04/2023** Cllrs do not feel that significant improvements have been proposed to the previously refused application 22/00856/HOUSE and the current proposals still constitute a design of bulk and scale that would dominate the site to the detriment of the character and appearance of the surrounding area especially in close proximity to listed buildings and recommend REFUSAL of the application.

**23/00230/LDP – 5 FALKLAND GREEN POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER** – Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed 2.4m dropped kerb. **LPA Deadline 27/04/2023**

Cllrs are not able to ascertain whether the dropped kerb constitutes permitted development and understand the road servicing all the properties at Falkland Green is not public highway but owned and maintained by Moat Housing Association, this information will be conveyed to the Local Planning Authority.

### **33.23 SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

There are no updates to report.

### **34.23 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

District Cllr Simon Morgan provided information on the following subjects: Voter ID Posters; New FreshService Page; New WAP Expenses Module for Members; Green Waste Increase; Broadband Social Tariff; Cold weather warning. Cllr Morgan also reported that MDC have

passed their next financial year budgets and advised that the District Council will be introducing an open door policy the times of which will be available from MDC's website. County Cllr Jane Flemming's monthly report was circulated to Cllrs which included the following topics: MDC Community Hub Grant Scheme; Essex Highways useful links and reading; £2 Bus Fare Cap to be extended; Ambitious Essex supply chain campaign; Important change to your recycling centres; Your chance to win £60 of supermarket vouchers!; ACL Essex; 9% pay increase for foster carers; We've all got opinions, we want yours; Boost your Green Career with ACL. Cllr Flemming also advised that a review of the Local Highways Panel of schemes is undergoing a major review and Cllrs raised concerns about the potential withdrawal of long standing schemes such as the pedestrian crossing near the Oak Corner roundabout and footway clearance adjacent to the A414.

### 35.23 RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The updated Risk Assessment of Council activities which now includes reference to the General Data Protection Regulations as recommended by the Internal Auditor was approved by all Cllrs as proposed by SP and seconded by RB.

### 36.23 HIGHWAY MATTERS

**A414 Pedestrian Crossing** – *measures to aid crossing the hazardous A414 Maldon Road. Scheduled for early 2023 feasibility study. Nothing to report.*

**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 awaiting funding (February 2023). 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 post. Nothing to report.*

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

**Footpath 11 Hazeleigh** – *width restriction, loss of wildlife habitat*

Parish Cllrs welcome the removal of the barbed wire fencing providing a wider path for public access, some fencing remains in place restricting the width at its eastern end, Clerk to contact Essex Highways to ascertain if there is an official recorded width and any other history details of the path. The Forestry Commission have advised they will be conducting an investigation associated with the clearance of flora.

### 37.23 BUS SHELTERS/STOP SIGNS

Still no response from Essex Highways to AR email of 31/01/2023 seeking advice how to resolve the reported graffiti, litter and foliage issues, Clerk to follow up.

Ownership of the property adjacent to the obscured bus stop sign on Maldon Road near Post Officer Road has been determined, SB to contact the owners and see if clearance is possible.

### 38.23 FINANCIAL

#### Balance of Accounts:

Unity Trust T1 Current Account	367.83
Unity Trust Instant Access Savings Account	3674.50
Total funds on deposit	4042.33

#### Authorisation of payments:

Village Hall hire (dating back to March 2020 to Feb 2023)	275.00
Clerk emoluments	
Quarterly salary (Nett)	633.60

Quarterly salary HMR&C	158.40
Work from home allowance (13 weeks)	52.00
Transfer from Instant Access to Current Account	1,500.00

The above payments were agreed by all Cllrs as proposed by KM and seconded by GH.

**39.23 INFORMATION ONLY**

SB reminded Cllrs of the forthcoming 04/05/2023 Parish Elections and offered help in completing application forms if required.

AR advised the Annual Parish Meeting is usually held in April and Cllrs decided the meeting as last year should precede the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm

Date of next scheduled meeting which is the Annual Parish Assembly is 11/04/2023 at 7:00pm followed by the ordinary monthly Parish Council Meeting.

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 11/04/2023