

# Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

## ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES – TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 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), Graham Harle (GH), Lorraine Cobb (LC), Richard Britton (RB).  
Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings

#### 141.23 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Stephen Pemberton was unable to attend. County Cllr Jane Flemming was not able to attend due to logistical problems.

#### 142.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None declared.

#### 143.23 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### 144.23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of ordinary Parish Council Meeting 10 October 2023 as proposed by GH and seconded by KM were agreed as a true record of events by all Cllrs at that meeting.

#### 145.23 PLANNING

**23/00799/HOUSE – BRELADES BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Proposed front extension, porch, insertion of dormers to front elevation. APPROVED BY THE LPA**

**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. APPROVED BY THE LPA**

**23/01036/SCR – LAND EAST OF TOM TIT LANE MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – EIA Screening Opinion request for a proposed solar photovoltaic farm together and associated infrastructure. LPA Deadline 25/11/2023.** - Cllrs considered the proposed solar farm development would have a significant effect on the immediate and surrounding area and therefore it would be essential for an EIA to be undertaken particularly as a screening was required at the approved Low Carbon site on Hall Farm land Hazeleigh. Cllrs resolved to request the Planning Authority deem that an EIA is to be conducted.

**23/00800/LDP – BRELADES BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed flat roof dormer (extension of existing flat roof dormer). LPA Deadline 28/12/2023.** No Comments.

#### 146.23 COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Cllr Jane Flemming circulated her Maldon Division monthly report which included the following topics of information: HAVE YOUR SAY ON RECYCLING CENTRE BOOKINGS!; SCHOOLS: ACCESS FUNDED DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES; ECC CONDITIONALLY AWARDED £69M FOR ARMY AND NAVY TRANSPORT PACKAGE; HELP DEFINE OUR NATURAL SPACES; HIGHWAYS – NEW WAY OF FIXING POT HOLES; TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT FLOODING; ESSEX FOREST INITIATIVE; DISCOVER A REWARDING CAREER IN EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE; ADVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) ; STAY SAFE WHEN ONLINE SHOPPING; SIGN UP TO THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD THIS NOVEMBER; GET AHEAD THIS NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH; AUTUMN COVID BOOSTER VACCINES OFFERED TO ESSEX RESIDENTS; BEAT THE

WINTER BLUES; THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE, SO HAVE YOUR SAY; HIRE A SPACE IN ONE OF OUR LIBRARIES.

#### **147.23 SOLAR FARM ON HALL FARM LAND HAZELEIGH HALL HAZELEIGH**

The Council are still waiting for clarification whether a specific sum can be identified within the legal agreement.

#### **148.23 LOCALITY FUND**

County Cllr Jane Flemming to advise if the Councils litter bin (x2) application has been accepted.

#### **149.23 ST PETER'S HOSPITAL**

All Cllrs were in agreement that the letter drafted by SB should be sent to the NH Trust highlighting concerns raised at the relocation of various hospital services.

#### **150.23 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 and Footway Clearance Scheme by County Cllr Flemming - June 2023.* Nothing to report.

**Footpath 11 Hazeleigh** – *width and gate restrictions.* Further complaints have been received from parishioners that large farm vehicles have cleared side foliage and left deep muddy ruts. Cllrs are frustrated that the situation remains unchanged since being reported in December 2022 which is causing significant dissatisfaction with parishioners. AR to contact EH for clarification of intended resolution.

**Burnham Road Hazeleigh gateway structure** – *sightline restrictions.* JF to advise if the gateway structure is to be relocated.

**Hay/Straw deposits** – No further action deemed necessary at this time.

**Proposed Diversion of Footpath 17 Woodham Mortimer** – *Cllrs to discuss proposals to divert the route of FP17 to allow development of the approved crematorium development.* Cllrs do not believe it is necessary for the public to be inconvenienced by the relocation of the footpath given that a minor section of a proposed car park is to be constructed across it which could easily be moved to leave the route of Footpath 17 undisturbed. Cllrs question why the Local Planning Authority approved a development that would obstruct a Public Footpath. Without further research of the approved application Cllrs DO NOT SUPPORT the proposed diversion.

**Proposed Diversion of Footpath 18 Woodham Mortimer** – *Cllrs to discuss proposals to divert the route of FP18 east of Kestrel's Cottage Lodge Road.* It is understood the proposed field edge route has been used by the public for many years so the diversion will be reflecting what is already available on the ground.

#### **151.23 BUS SHELTERS – MAINTENANCE**

Work has been completed to remove the overgrown foliage around 2 village bus shelters which are now looking much tidier. An estimate to remove the graffiti was considered far too expensive and AR was requested to seek other contractors for comparison quotations.

It was agreed that an estimate should be obtained to remove the graffiti and then a coat of clear anti-graffiti product to be applied and white paint to concrete internals.

#### **152.23 LITTER BINS**

As per the aforementioned Locality Fund item 148.23 SB has requested 2 Topsey Royale litter bins at £190.73 each plus their installation cost of £165.00 to £185.00 plus VAT each.

MDC have advised where the need for a litter bin is identified the District Council will supply and install the respective bin; the PC would have to pay £53.16 for one year collection charge after which it would be defrayed at MDC's expense.

### 153.23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### Balance of Accounts:

Unity Trust T1 Current Account	£931.89
Unity Trust Instant Access Savings Account	£5417.49
Total funds on deposit	£6349.38

#### Authorisation of payments:

There were no payments to authorise	
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### 154.23 INFORMATION ONLY

#### 23/01070/LBC – KEEPERS COTTAGE BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER –

*Construction of gazebo. LPA Deadline 04/01/2024.* Cllrs decided it was not necessary to arrange an extraordinary meeting to meet the Planning Authority consultation deadline and will discuss the application details at its December meeting.

SB to forward AR a copy of the Remembrance Day poppy wreath invoice.

Next scheduled ordinary meeting is 12/12/2023

*Simon Brady* (Chairman to the Council) 12/12/2023