

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY 20 JULY 2021

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

In attendance: Parish Councillors Simon Brady (Chairman SB), Kim Broadhurst (KB), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Richard Britton (RB), Stephen Pemberton (SP).

1 member of public

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

93.21 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Andrew Macmorland was unable to attend due to work commitments; County Cllr Jane Flemming and District Cllr Karl Jarvis sent apologies.

94.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

SB declared a non-pecuniary interest in Highways item Fambridge Road being related to landowners subject to the potential footpath. KB declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item being the landlord of the public house that the potential footpath will terminate.

95.21 PUBLIC FORUM

Member of public and Cllrs agreed that it was disappointing given the amount of local development that no consideration has been given to the effect that will be imposed on residents of the villages, it was also frustrating that no further activity or response has occurred from the meetings with Essex Highways in respect to safer crossing measures on the A414. The representative of the steering group would follow matters up and rally residents that have already made representation to the County Council.

96.21 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 22 June 2021 were approved as a true record of events as proposed by KM seconded by SP and agreed by all Cllrs in attendance.

97.21 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE

KM reported that interest has been shown from a parishioner with some hesitancy in respect to the requirements of the role. KM will draft a role description for dissemination and inclusion in the next Parish Magazine edition.

98.21 REVIEW OF COUNCILS ASSET LIST

RB questioned whether street lighting items are insured for the correct values and AR will seek replacement equipment costs from the supplier in order to compare costs. Other than the aforementioned the updated Asset List was approved by all Cllrs present.

99.21 PROVISION OF RESOURCES FOR PLANNING ITEM DISCUSSIONS

Most Cllrs review planning application details on various digital devices some of which are brought to meetings, it was considered impractical for the Clerk to print application details and bring to meetings at the village hall. The ability to be able to screen plans via a projector at meetings would be beneficial and AR will seek costs for review at the September meeting.

100.21 PLANNING

21/00435 – BURY FARM FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH – *Erection of an infill storage building (validated by LPA 22/04/2021).* PENDING CONSIDERATION BY LPA

21/00191 – BURY FARM FAMBRIDGE ROAD HAZELEIGH – *Erection of two storey side extension to form an annex.* PENDING CONSIDERATION BY LPA

21/00511 – ROSE COTTAGE 13 CONDUIT LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Single storey rear extension.* REFUSED BY LPA

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

21/00486 LAND ADJACENT TO OAK CORNER COTTAGE SOUTHEND ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *New build, 2 bedroom single storey dwelling.* **PENDING CONSIDERATION BY LPA**

21/00608 HAWTHORNS POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Proposed rear extension and relocation of side door.* **PENDING CONSIDERATION BY LPA**

21/00729 – HILL PLACE RECTORY LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – *Formation of internal door opening to ensuite bathroom from first floor landing.* Cllrs have no objections to the additional door opening proposals.

BRADWELL B POWER STATION – There were no updates to report.

101.21 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Cllr Karl Jarvis provided the following report which had been disseminated to Cllrs by email:

Accounts – the accounts for 2020/2021 are being audited and I am told that we are one of the first Councils to be so advanced.

Leisure Centres (Blackwater and Dengie 100 sports centres, run by Places Leisure) – we have agreed to provide ongoing financial support for the rest of the municipal year. Costs have been offset to a degree by government funding, although this will still impact on MDC reserves.

Five-year housing land supply – As you know there is a need for councils to demonstrate that there are sufficient sites available to meet the housing requirements for the next five years; this is known as the Five-Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS). I have previously reported that MDC is failing to demonstrate a 5YHLS. Since I last reported the position has deteriorated further and is now at just 3.26 years. While this situation continues planning applications for new residential accommodation will continue to be determined in accordance with the NPPF, including the 'Tilted Balance', rather than the adopted Local Development Plan.

LDP review (target date end 2023) – I would encourage all Parish Councils to get involved as soon as possible

Call for sites – this expired 21 May and at some point, sites will be discussed.

ONE Maldon District – MDC are considering the adoption of 'ONE Maldon' which is a strategy that should enable joined up approach to community safety and health and well being.

102.21 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**. KB advised that discussions had occurred with relevant landowners and the new housing estate developer and a permissive route has been agreed on private land connecting the new estate to the rear of the Royal Oak Pub. County Cllr Flemming had requested a site meeting and AR would contact her to arrange a date suitable for all.

A414 Pedestrian Crossing – *measures to aid parishioners to cross the hazardous A414 Maldon Road.* The representative of steering group seeking a crossing of the A414 has heard from County Council Durham that matters are moving slowly, but there have been no further developments.

Lodge Road – (adjacent to Old Mill House) (*enquiry Nos. 2525149 logged 15/07/2017) and 2705814 logged 01/03/2021*) rotten verge reflector posts. No activity to report.

Footway Defect A414 – *Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church.* Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted AR & a member of public will agree a site survey date.

Conduit Lane – *proposed 20mph speed restriction.* No activity to report.

Lodge Road ECC storage compound – *earth deposits.* Cllrs were disappointed with the response by County Cllr Buckley advising the CC have no intention of clearing the fly tipped waste. The site is considered an eyesore and the response unsatisfactory, the matter will be followed up with County Cllr Flemming.

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

Fambridge Road – Multiple pot holes - Cllrs agreed it is particularly disappointing to see that still no repairs have been made to the large pot-holes. KB would discuss the matter with County Cllr Flemming at the prospective forthcoming footpath site meeting as mentioned above in the first item of Highway Matters.

Salt Bag Partnership Scheme – SP advised no further salt is required as current stores are adequate.

103.21 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

AR noted that some paths have recently been cut by Essex Highways but many remain difficult to access due to the excessive foliage growth this year.

104.21 PARISH COUNCILLOR EXPENSES

EALC have provided an example expenses policy document which AR will modify to suit the Council.

105.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Balance of Accounts – Clerk advised; T1 Current Account = £382.32; Deposit Savings Account = £5,209.89. Total funds on deposit = £5,592.21

Authorisation of payments -

None	

106.21 INFORMATION ONLY

There will be no meeting in August and the Council will revert back to its usual 2nd Tuesday in the month on 14/09/2021.

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Chairman to the Council) 25 August 2021