

Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2021

Convened online via Zoom at 7:30pm

In attendance: Parish Councillors; Simon Brady (SB, Chairman), Kim McDonald (KM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Stephen Pemberton (SP). County Cllr Penny Channer (PCh)

3 members of the public

Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Parish Council recording minutes

44.21 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllrs Richard Britton advised apologies due to urgent business, Andrew Macmorland is away and unlikely to attain internet access, Kim Broadhurst had previously advised work commitments. District Cllr Karl Jarvis was unable to attend due to other meeting engagements.

45.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made. AR advised if at times Cllrs are unsure whether to declare a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest due to various circumstances, it is best to either declare an interest anyway or seek advice from MDC's Monitoring Officer. SP declared a non pecuniary interest to Planning item Bradwell B Power Station being a landowner of various infrastructure appraisal routes to the Power Station.

46.21 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting 09 March 2021 were approved as a true record of events as proposed by SP seconded by KM and agreed by all present at that meeting.

47.21 PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public in attendance raised concerns regarding the exit of Footpath 12 Woodham Mortimer onto the B1010 Burnham Road which runs from Little Grange Farm to connecting to the B1010 opposite Post Office Road. Due to the location of the roadside hedge on the blind bend it is very difficult to safely view any approaching traffic travelling westward and it is wondered whether the hedge could be cut lower to a level that provides visibility in order to safely cross the road. Cllrs advised the best approach would be to report the hazard on the Essex Highways website so that a relevant inspection could be undertaken by an appropriate Officer.

48.21 PLANNING.

20/01337/FUL – BARN AT OLD MILL HOUSE VINEYARD HAZELEIGH HALL LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – convert agricultural barn into vineyard manager's dwellinghouse with associated internal and external alterations, layout amenity area and plant native hedgerows and trees (amended proposal). PENDING CONSIDERING BY LPA

21/00031/DLA – LIMBURN HOUSE MALDON ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Application for the Discharge of Planning Obligation on permission FUL/MAL/04/000676 (holiday accommodation). APPROVED

21/00138/OUT – LAND ADJACENT THE WILLOWS BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – Proposed No.1 dwelling with carport. REFUSED

BRADWELL B POWER STATION – SB has been in contact with a representative from Bradwell B and with agreement from Cllrs would offer meeting dates of 25/05 or 01/06.

LAND ADJACENT TO A414 (ARTICLE 4 NOTICE)

No updates

49.21 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Penny Channer's April report was disseminated to Cllrs on 09/04/2021. Cllr Channer will be standing down as a County Councillor and not seeking re-election at the forthcoming elections in May. SB proposed sincere thanks to Cllr Channer for the help,

support and advice given to The Council over the years and gratitude for making time to attend many of the Councils Village Hall and Zoom meetings, this was agreed by all Cllrs and everyone wished Penny good wishes for the future and her continued work as a District Cllr which she intends to maintain.

50.21 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**. AR advised no further information had been provided to The Council. It is understood the revised option to install a Footway connecting Footpath 1 Hazeleigh with the newly constructed path at the edge of the new estate had been discussed at the recent Local Highways Panel meeting but AR could not find any mention of the item in the available minutes. AR to follow up with Cllr Durham.

A414 Pedestrian Crossing – measures to aid parishioners to cross the hazardous A414 Maldon Road. Following Parish Council/member of public representative information provided to Essex Highways in respect to bus stop location drop off points and various representations made by concerned parishioners to Cabinet member Kevin Bentley, the matter is being reviewed further by Essex Highways and the Council will wait until after the May elections to follow the item up.

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

Footway Defect A414 – Foliage/soil restricting width of footway/pavement between Runsell Green Danbury and Woodham Mortimer Church. No activity.

Conduit Lane – proposed 20mph speed restriction. PCh advised she had suggested it would be appropriate to wait until Essex Highways have concluded their Speed Management Review before pursuing the parishioner requested reduction in speed limit.

Lodge Road ECC storage compound – earth deposits - Following the report to Cllr Walsh that large earth and waste deposits still reside in the ECC owned storage compound, EH have advised that the only clearance carried out behind the gate was the fly tipping of the hazardous waste, there was no intention to fully clear the site, and if the Parish Council believe there to be further fly tipping, to provide photographs and further investigations would be undertaken. SP to supply photos of fly tipping.

Lodge Road (junction with A414 Maldon Road) – earth deposits on verge (ref No. 2710764 logged 29/03/2021) Essex Highways investigations have advised that the issue is not as serious as many other issues to which they are aware and won't be taking any further action.

Fambridge Road – appearance of various pot holes – It is unknown whether the potholes reported by Cllr Broadhurst at the previous meeting have been reported to Essex Highways, SB requested that ECC Customer Services be contacted which could be sent via Cllr Channer.

51.21 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Other than the above discussions in the Open Public Forum regarding FP 12 Woodham Mortimer no other matters were reported.

52.21 PARISH COUNCILLOR EXPENSES

It has been noted that historically Parish Cllrs have very rarely claimed any expenses for duties carried out on behalf of the Council but attendances at forthcoming meetings across the district on behalf of the Council will include travel expenses which should be reclaimed. EALC to be contacted to ascertain the exact legal process.

53.21 FURTHER MEETINGS IN RESPECT TO COVID-19

Cllrs decided to convene the May annual Council Meeting a week earlier than the usual second Tuesday in the month meeting in order to conform to the Coronavirus Act meeting procedures, which currently mean any meeting held after 06/05/2021 should not be convened by way of an online format. This is currently subject to court proceedings and it is

hoped more clarification will be received by the May meeting. Date of next meeting was set at Tuesday 04 May 2021 to be convened online via the Zoom platform.

54.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

AR advised current bank balances of: Deposit Savings account £1,172.89, T1 Current Account £120.12, total funds on deposit = £1,293.01

Final Quarter Review Accounting Statements had been circulated to Cllrs along with bank statements which were approved by non signatory Cllrs and no matters of concern were raised.

Payments were authorised for: EALC/NALC Affiliation Fees £215.61 and Eon non-metered electricity £301.53. In order to meet the aforementioned payments a transfer of £500 was agreed to be made from the Deposit Account to the Current account.

The above financial items as proposed by KM and seconded by SP were agreed by all Cllrs in attendance.

55.21 INFORMATION ONLY

SB asked for information about recycling bags to be provided on the PC's website, bags are now available for collection from the Hurdlemakers Arms.

..... *Simon Brady* (Chairman to the Council) 22 June 2021