

Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh Parish Council

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 12 JULY 2016

Convened at Woodham Mortimer & Hazeleigh Village Hall 7.30pm

In attendance

Parish Councillors: Simon Brady (SB) Chairman, Andrew Macmorland (AM), Pauline McDonald (PM), Kim McDonald (KM), Ian Spurr (IS), Kim Broadhurst (KB)
Andrew Ritchings (AR) Clerk to the Council recording proceedings

120.16 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Stephen Pemberton was unable to attend due to work commitments. County Council Penny Channer sent apologies due to annual leave and District Councillors were in attendance at other engagements.

121.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr AM declared non-pecuniary interests to agenda item 124.16 those applications associated with Land North East of Woodham Mortimer Lodge, land adjacent The Grange land south of Hatch House Farm and Church House Farm, those interests being business associations with the applicants though unrelated to the planning applications. Cllr AM also declared a pecuniary interest in planning item The Elms being the applicant of the proposed conversion.

Cllr Ian Spurr declared a non-pecuniary interest to agenda item 124.16 Church House Farm being the adjacent landowner and friend of the applicant.

122.16 OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Speaking as a member of the public AR wished to express his disappointment at the condition of the local Public Rights of Way network. Many field edge paths are overgrown which are the maintenance responsibility of the Highway Authority and some cross field paths are obstructed by crops. It is understood that highway budget decreases have resulted in a reduction to scheduled maintenance operations. Cllrs supported the views raised and instructed the Clerk to draft a letter to Penny Channer expressing the dissatisfaction and seek clarification of future maintenance proposals.

Actions AR to draft a letter to Penny Channer expressing the Councils PROW views.

Close meeting for public speaking

123.16 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 June 2016 were proposed by KB and seconded by KM as a true record of events agreed by all present at that meeting and duly signed as such by the Chairman.

124.16 PLANNING

LAND OPPOSITE MILL COTTAGE – following the withdrawal of the appeal to re-stock the area with trees originally issued by the Forestry Commission in January 2014, the re-stocking order has still to be ratified by the Environment Minister.

OUT/MAL/14/01103 – LAND SOUTH OF WYCKE HILL AND LIMBROOK WAY

MALDON – Outline application for up to 1,000 dwellings, employment area, primary school, open space, allotments sports playing field, landscaping, vehicle access onto existing highway network and associated infrastructure, including footway link from Royal Oak PH and provision of Public Rights of Way linking Maldon to Purleigh. **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

FUL/MAL/15/00146 – LAND NORTH EAST OF WOODHAM MORTIMER LODGE, LODGE ROAD, WOODHAM MORTIMER – Brick pier and metal entrance gates to barn

site. Alterations to internal arrangement including foaling box and alterations to fenestration (retrospective). Following the refusal by the Planning Authority to the aforementioned application Cllrs resolved to retain the application on future agendas until such time any further activity is noted.

ILLUMINATED SIGN AT A414 HAND CAR WASH – No further reports from the Planning Authority have been issued.

OUT/MAL/15/01327 – LAND NORTH AND WEST OF KNOWLES FARM WYCKE HILL MALDON – C3 residential development (up to 370 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**

FULL/MAL/15/00477 – STRELLEY BARN POST OFFICE ROAD – New build single storey dwelling in grounds of existing residential barn conversion. **APPEAL DISMISSED**

HOUSE/MAL/16/00313 – THE WILLOWS BRYANTS LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – External and internal refurbishment of the house with an uplift to its façade. First floor is to be rebuilt completely and an additional one-storey rear extension to be erected. **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY – AREA COMMITTEE**

HOUSE/MAL/16/00415 – THE ELMS LODGE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Conversion of existing double garage and rear extension to provide ancillary accommodation for family members of The Elms. Ground floor consisting a shower room and utility/boot room, in addition to living and combined kitchen/dining areas. First floor providing bedroom accommodation and a bathroom, with 4 No. dormers to increase head height on upper floor. **REFUSED**

FUL/MAL/16/00522 – LAND SOUTH OF HATCH HOUSE FARM BURNHAM ROAD HAZELEIGH – The erection of a new agricultural building. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

FUL/MAL/16/00505 – HERMES BURNHAM ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Demolishment of current dilapidated bungalow and construction of 2 storey house plus detached garage. **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY**

FUL/MAL/16/00581 – CLAREMONT CHELMSFORD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Proposed single storey extension, re-roofing with rooms in roof and detached cart lodge. **DECISION TBA FROM PLANNING AUTHORITY – AREA COMMITTEE**

AGR/MAL/16/00592 – CHURCH HOUSE FARM HAZELEIGH HALL LANE WOODHAM MORTIMER – prior notification for the erection of agricultural building. **REFUSED**

FUL/MAL/16/00626 – FORMER LYNFIELD POST OFFICE ROAD WOODHAM MORTIMER – Variation of Condition 2 on approved planning permission **FUL/MAL/15/00338** to vary the design and position of the garage and the parking arrangement to the front of Plot 1 and Plot 2. Cllrs resolved to make no comments.

125.16 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No reports were received by District/County Cllrs.

126.16 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Lodge Road - verge defects - from its junction with the A414 to Hazeleigh Hall Lane - **Enquiry 2319066** - (HA assessed 06/11/2014). No further activity.

Footpath 11 Hazeleigh - flooding issues southern side of nature reserve reported by local resident **Enquiry 2391077** (reported 12/03/2015 assessed 03/07/2015). No further activity.

Lodge Road - excess surface water issues – **Enquiry 2438287** logged 28/12/2015. AM to report.

Footpath 13 Hazeleigh – missing fingerpost - **Enquiry 2426505** HA to investigate within 28 days (06/10/2015). No further activity.

Footpath 22 Woodham Mortimer - missing fingerpost - **Enquiry 2426504** HA to investigate within 28 days (06/10/2015). - No further activity.

Lodge Road ‘unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles’ signage – **TO BE DECIDED BY LHP**

Speed Activated Sign – Communication from County Councillor Penny Channer has advised that SAS's are not available for loan. Woodham Walter PC has also confirmed that although they previously received periodic appearance of an SAS, one had not been seen for many months and a contact was no longer available. AR would contact the Local Highways Panel as suggested by Penny Channer and approach the Dengie Group of Parish Councils to seek information from other parish councils.

Actions *AM to survey surface water issue in Lodge Road*
 AR to contact LHP & DGHPC re SAS

127.16 VILLAGE HIGHWAY SIGNAGE

Two companies had been located providing appropriate warning signage for attaching to wheelie bins. It was resolved to order one pack of signs from Smartwheelie.co.uk at a cost of £8.95 as proposed by KB and seconded by KM with all Cllrs in agreement. Preferable sign to be ordered should state "40 please drive carefully through our village".

128.16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SCHEME

No activity to report.

129.16 CORRESPONDENCE

For Circulation: No correspondence for circulation.

For Discussion:

Anglian Water – a letter received from Anglian Water – from October 2016 the responsibility of many private water pumping stations will transfer to them, AW are requesting that information be distributed by the Council for local parishioners to identify and report any such pumping stations. Cllrs seek clarification of the exact nature of a 'water pumping station' and AR would seek to clarify with return correspondence.

Unity Trust Bank – notification received from the Parish Council banking provider has advised that its Alto Debit Card facility will be withdrawn from 01/09/2016. UTB are providing an optional version and AR would complete relevant application as long as the new card provides exactly the same conditions.

Conservation Design Awards – MDC have invited Cllrs to provide a nomination for the CDA judging panel. SB would contact MDC direct offering himself as a nominee.

Actions *AR to contact Anglian Water*
 AR to review and complete application for alternative debit card
 SB to offer name for CDA judge

130.16 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF BUDGET & BANK STATEMENTS ENDING JUNE 2016

All Cllrs received current budget comparison figures up to end of June 2016, no questions or matters of concern were raised. KM reviewed quarterly bank statements which all appeared in order. Budget review and statements proposed by KM be accepted, seconded by AM and agreed by all present and duly signed by the Chairman.

131.16 BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

AR advised balances of: Unity current Account T1 £102.32. Tailored Deposit Account £4598.66. Alto Debit Card £99.50. Total Council cash funds being £4800.48.

132.16 AUTHOURISATION OF PAYMENTS

A & J Lighting Solutions (SO) July	13.80	(11.50 excl VAT)
E.ON non-metred electricity (DD) July	13.90	(13.24)

As the current account balance is just over £100.00 AR advised a transfer of £500.00 be made from the deposit account. Payments and transfer proposed by IS and seconded by AM to be authorised which was agreed by all present.

133.16 BANKING FACILITIES

AR advised that having contacted First Direct, Santander and HSBC none of these could provide a similar service to Unity Trust Bank and that the Council is resolved to commence paying bank charges on all transactions. AR suggested that current Direct Debits may be

able to be transferred to a 6 monthly basis rather than monthly and would contact Eon and A & J Lighting for consideration.

Actions AR to seek possibility of half yearly payments.

134.16 ELECTRICITY RATES

Further to Eon's notification of increased non-metered rates AR had contacted SSE, Haven Power and Green energy UK. So far only Green Energy have responded but their estimated costs are approximately 3 times higher than the notified new Eon rate.

135.16 PARISH COUNCILS COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

AR to complete during summer recess.

136.16 INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr IS had been approached by representatives of St Margarets Church to seek Cllrs views with respect to extra church parking likely to be required once the new housing estate is built on land south of Wycke Hill and north and west of Knolls Farm. AR asked to contact Penny Channer for advice. It was also suggested that church representatives contact the planning officer directly involved in the applications for advice and AR would advise IS contact details for forwarding to St Margarets Church consideration.

Actions AR to contact Penny Channer re extra parking advise
AR to advise IS planning officer contact

Date of next Ordinary Meeting - Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 7:30pm.

..... *Simon Brady*..... (Simon Brady Chairman to the Council) 13 September 2016