

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018**

Present: Cllr. A. Fluker, Cllr. A. Snowdon, Cllr R. Moull & Cllr N Whiting
In attendance: Mrs E Smith (Clerk)
Members of the public: 8

18-19/24.ELECTION OF CHAIR & SIGNING ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Moull nominated Cllr Snowdon, Cllr Fluker seconded – AGREED

18-19/25.ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR & SIGNING ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Moull nominated Cllr Fluker, Cllr Snowdon seconded – AGREED

18-19/26.ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

- a) Finance – all Councillors
- b) Transport – Cllr Hall
- c) Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils (DHGPC) – all Councillors
- d) Bradwell Power Station Local Community Liaison Committee (LCLC) – Cllr Fluker
- e) Police – all Councillors
- f) Tree Warden – Mrs J Griffiths has agreed to continue
- g) Footpaths – Cllr Snowdon
- h) Asheldham Quarry Liaison Committee (AQLC) – all Councillors
- i) Highways – Cllr Fluker

2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ENTERED

18-19/27.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Hall

18-19/28.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members made the usual declaration that all members live and/or work in the District and declared a global declaration.

18-19/29.MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018 were approved & signed. AGREED by all Councillors present.

18-19/30.QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

An opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise issues

Code of Conduct consistent with “Nolan Principles” set out in Appendix 1 and the provisions of S29(1) Localism Act 2011.

Representatives for planning application FUL/MAL/18/00230 Nature reserve were present and shown 3 Parish Councillors around the site earlier in the day. The nature reserve had been uncared for for 20 years. The proposed education centre would be free of charge for local primary schools. Many local residents, groups and organisations have shown support for this application. The residential aspect of the planning application is to deter vandalism at the site and to manage the site and the fish ponds.

The Dengie Crops representative informed the PC that harvest had started today. All Dengie Crop vehicles are green in colour and have numbers on them for identification purposes. Cllr Snowdon asked if numbers could be put on the front of the vehicles also.

Signed.....

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A local resident asked if a speed restriction could be imposed in Manor Road, especially from the school house to the Dengie straight as there are no pavements and it is dangerous for pedestrians. The PC supported this, Clerk to contact ECC.

Reconsider speed limit on the B1021 road (locally known as the dengie straight) – Clerk to make contact with Tillingham Parish Clerk.

A local resident informed the PC that the drains and gulleys were still blocked in Southminster Road. Clerk advised that it has been reported and has been put on MDC's list of scheduled work but no date has been given – Clerk to chase.

ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ENTERED

18-19/31.HIGHWAY & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

- a) Updates of all works reported to MDC shared with the meeting.
- b) A lengthy discussion was had about the recent roadworks and road closures. It was felt that the work had not been completed and not to an acceptable level. The road closure signs had not been put in the right place and had caused much confusion, mayhem and arguments. Clerk to write to MDC & ECC and ask Mr Bentley to the next PC meeting.
- c) Notification has been received that the Public Diversion footpath order will commence on 11th May 2018, for footpath numbers 8 & 22

18-19/32.PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning application(s) received during the course of December and January:

HOUSE/MAL/18/00430

Two storey extension – 3 New Hall Farm Cottages, Hall Road, Asheldham

This item was not discussed as the closing date for the PC's response was 10/05/2018. This was explained to the meeting and the applicant. The planning application was still with MDC to make a decision.

FUL/MAL/18/00230

Erection of an education centre, team room, 6 x log cabins, 6 x fish breeding pods etc – Asheldham Pit, Southminster Road, Asheldham.

Three Councillors had attended the site today and three out of the four councillors present at the meeting agreed that it would be a big benefit to the local community, the wildlife and local tourism. There has been large local support for this application.

3 voted to support, Cllr Fluker abstained.

ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC LEFT

b) correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:

- i. List of planning applications 14/15/16/17/18
- ii. List of planning decisions and appeals 14/15/16/17/18

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c)Planning enforcement updates

- i. Keelings Lane – Caravan -17/00149/CU
 - ii. Caravans etc – Land east of bungalow – 16/00421/CU
 - iii. Nature reserve – 16/00006/DEV
- ALL STILL ONGOING**

18-19/33.FINANCE

- a) Financial statements to end of May 2018 were viewed, approved and signed. Payments for June were agreed.

BANK	c/f 1st April 2018		£3,081.35
	Community account no. 80925519		£511.17
	Business Premium account no. 80950459		£2,570.18
		Bank Account Total	£3,081.35
Income 17/18			
	Balance c/f 1st April 2017		£3,081.35
	Precept		£0.00
	MDC LCTS Grant		£0.00
	Bank Interest		£0.00
	William Ayletts	William Ayletts money (Asheldham & Dengie)	£0.00
	VAT refund		£0.00
		Total Income 2017-18	£3,081.35
Expenditure 17/18		Cheques cleared to date 2017-18	£0.00
Bank Balance		income less expenditure as at 30/01/2018	£3,081.35
		cash book balance as at 30/01/2018	£3,081.35
		Actual cash book balance as at 30/01/2018	£3,081.35
LESS	RESERVES	Election expenses	-£1,000.00
		Grant from Transparency Fund	-£826.32
		Asheldham William Ayletts Fund held	-£182.50
		Remaining usable funds.	£1,072.53
Signed:		Print Name:	Date: 14/

- b) It was unanimously agreed to amend the bank mandate to enable the clerk to pay bills on-line. The clerk is to sort out online viewing access for Cllr Snowdon to check accounts and payments on-line via internet banking.
- c) The internal audit was viewed and relevant paperwork signed ready to publish. It was unanimously decided to opt out of the external audit and the paperwork was signed accordingly.

18-19/34.REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

This will be given in the Annual Parish Assembly meeting at 8pm.

18-19/35P3 & PROW MEETING

Cllr Snowdon reported on the recent meeting, which unfortunately was not well attended. Now going through the formalities regarding competency before group can start work. Public liability is covered by ECC. Cllr Snowdon urged local residents to report any issues.

18-19/36.DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

Cllr Snowdon reported that there was no further update at present.

18-19/37.SUPERFAST ESSEX PROGRAMME

Cllr Whiting reported that there was nothing further to add from the last update. If residents want faster broadband now, there are options out there, such as County Broadband, but they are not cheap.

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18-19/38.GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

It was decided to defer the decision regarding the new GDPR legislation and making a decision whether to use the MDC Data Protection Officer at a cost to the PC, until the bill has been passed through all the relevant channels to exempt local authorities from the new legislation.

18-19/39.POLICING

No update, PS Morley has retired. Cllr Fluker suggested contacting Spencer Clarke at MDC.

18-19/40.POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The debit card policy was agreed by all present.

18-19/41.SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

The representative from Dengie Crops advised residents that tractors should not be passing in Manor Road, they have been instructed to only use this road one way each day (which way will change daily).

One of the contractors working on the road has told a local resident that the whole road is due to be re-surfaced around the Asheldham bends. Clerk to make enquiries.

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18-19/42.EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No external meeting attended by Councillors or Clerk

18-19/43.CORRESPONDENCE

To note correspondence received which is for information only.

Maldon Art Trail / Festival leaflet

18-19/44.ANY ITEMS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Any item presented for discussion and decision at this point of the meeting that is not on the Agenda must be presented at the beginning of the meeting to members for inclusion and only with their agreement can this item be discussed and a decision made.

18-19/45.INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

An opportunity for members to raise any items they wish to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Update Standing Orders

Update Financial regulations

18-19/46.DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 4th June 2018 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8pm and Cllr Snowdon thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

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