

**MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: - Cllr(s) Snowdon, Moull, Hall & Whiting

In attendance: Mrs. E. Smith (Clerk)

Members of the public: 4

Cllr Snowdon welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

18-19/81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Fluker who is currently attending a meeting at MDC

18-19/82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

18-19/83. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Monday 2nd July 2018

The minutes of the 2nd July 2018 were approved & signed. Proposed: Cllr Hall and Seconded by Cllr Moull – AGREED.

18-19/84. 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.

A member of the public expressed great concern regarding the sludge that is being spread on the farm land in the village. If the sludge is not treated properly the remains (which can contain arsenic, mercury, viruses & bacteria) are air born and are thought to have the capacity to make people ill. Great concern was raised as to whether Skeggs was following correct procedures regarding this matter, waste is being brought in from Scotland and London. This is something the PC will look into and make enquiries with the relevant authorities. Concerned members of the public were referred to the Environment Agency, who deal with complaints on these matters (this can be done on their website).

PC to make enquiries as to who monitors and licences this situation.

Clerk to ask the DHPG to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Clerk to phone the Knightswood centre as the trustees would like to erect a sign outside of their premises.

18-19/85.HIGHWAY & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

To receive updates on outstanding highways issues *and* an opportunity for members to raise any new highways issues.

- a) Clerk to take photos of any road defects on the Asheldham bends and report on the ECC website. The overnight work that happened the last two Friday nights has been completed. The erosion of the verges is also very bad at the moment. Clerk to also report large pothole in Foxhall Rd.

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- b) Cllr Snowdon informed the PC that the National speed limit is set by the government and ECC can reduce it. Clerk to ask DHPG to put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- c) Regarding the request to reduce the speed limit in Foxhall Road/ Green Lanes, the clerk reported that she had had one response from a local PC after an e-mail to all the surrounding local Parish councils. Unfortunately, they were unable to help as they didn't use the road. Clerk to ask DHPG to put on the agenda for the next meeting. Clerk to write to the MP.
- d) Regarding the request to reduce the speed limit in Manor Road – clerk to produce a leaflet for Cllr Snowdon to deliver to residents on this road asking for their written support. Clerk to also ask for resident's support in the Parish magazine. Clerk to enquire as to whether the rangers could do speed checks at this location. Clerk to write to the MP.
- e) Regarding the request to reduce the speed limit along the Dengie Straight – clerk to e-mail the Tillingham Parish Clerk again. Clerk to also ask for resident's support in the Parish magazine. Clerk to write to the MP.
- f) Loose straw & grain on the road causing the gullies and drains to be blocked is causing a real issue for residents. This has been reported to MDC many many times. The amount of HGV's and farm traffic is causing erosion of the verges and the straw and debris has been particularly bad. The roads around the villages are inadequate for this type of transport. Clerk to report to Highways that the bushes and trees need to be cut back that line the road, as this is not helping the issue (the roads are so narrow that the farm vehicles are hitting all the overhanging trees and bushes causing more debris). It is particularly bad by Bacons farm, along from Glebe Rd. ECC have permitted 3 large companies to operate and gave planning permission for their expansion, it is now inadequate for the gulleys and drains to only be cleared once a year.

18-19/86.PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning application(s) received since the last meeting:

HOUSE/MAL/18/00825	Asheldham (P)	Tillingham (W)
Detached triple garage		
1 Hawthorne Cottages Rushes Lane Asheldham Essex		
(UPRN - 100091260371)		
Mr & Mrs Osborne		
Case Officer: Devan Lawson Tel: 01621 875845		

It was unanimously decided to support this application with the condition that it is not to be used as a dwelling.

FUL/MAL/18/00605

Asheldham (P)

Tillingham (W)

Change of use of the site to residential, demolish existing building and erect a chalet style dwelling with associated off-street parking and amenity area
Land East Of W heatsheaf Farm Rushes Lane Asheldham
(UPRN - 010014002587)

Mr & Mrs Robinson

Case Officer: Anna Tastsoglou Tel: 01621 875741

It was unanimously decided that Councillors would look over the plans at home and then e-mail the clerk with their response.

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

- i. List of planning applications 26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34
- ii. List of planning decisions and appeals 26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34

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

18-19/87.FINANCE

- a) Financial statements to end of August 2018 and payments for September 2018 approved.

BANK			
Community account no. 80925519			£547.40
Business Premium account no. 80950459			£7,024.26
		Bank Account Total	£7,571.66
Income 2018/19			
Balance carried forward 1st April 2018			£3,081.35
Precept			£5,714.00
VAT refund			£108.83
Bank Interest			£1.28
William Ayletts	William Ayletts money (Asheldham & Dengie)		£66.50
	Total income 2018/19		£8,971.96
Expenditure 2018/19		Cheques cleared to date	£1,942.25
Bank Balance		income less expenditure as at 30/07/2018	£7,029.71
		includes clerks wages paid on 01/09/2018	£541.95
		cash book balance	£7,571.66
		Actual cash book balance as at 30/01/2018	£7,571.66
LESS	RESERVES	Election expenses	-£1,000.00
		clerks wages paid on 01/09/2018	-£541.95
		Asheldham William Ayletts Fund held	-£210.50
		Remaining usable funds.	£5,819.21
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- b) It was unanimously decided to give the same donation as last year of £20 to Southminster Parish Council for help towards the Halloween party in the park for all children in the Dengie.
- c) It was unanimously decided to give a £50.00 donation to Essex & Herts Air ambulance after their recent letter kindly requesting donations.

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18-19/88.REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor absent due to attending a MDC meeting.

18-19/89.P3 & PROW UPDATE

Cllr Snowdon reported that there had been no activity, but he is looking into the broken bridge on footpath 13 that has been previously reported to ECC, to see if this is a project that is suitable.

18-19/90.CHANGES TO MID ESSEX HEALTH TRUST

Cllr Snowdon reported on a meeting that he had attended about the amalgamation of Chelmsford, Basildon and Southend Health Trust. It was reported that it is quite concerning that Basildon & Southend both have over 10,000 members each but Chelmsford only have 5,000. Everyone living in the Chelmsford area is encouraged to become a member to have their say and to be able to vote. The worry is that more services could go to Basildon and Southend. More information can be found at www.meht.nhs.uk

18-19/91.DENGIE VILLAGE SIGN

Cllr Snowdon has received 2 quotes between £4700 - £5700. A discussion took place regarding funding, Cllr Snowdon reminded the PC that this is not a PC matter but a group of residents coming together to purchase the sign. As no decision is to be made on the village sign by the PC, other councillors felt it best left off the agenda. Cllr Snowdon to update the PC as need be.

18-19/92.POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- a) It was agreed by all councillors present to adopt the Co-option policy
- b) It was agreed to defer the adoption of the Financial Regulations to the next meeting as Cllr Fluker had some amendments to suggest.

18-19/93.SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

It was noted that equipment is running all day and soil being removed from the location. Enforcement 16/00421/CU refers – clerk to speak with enforcements.

It was noted that Dengie Crops were running very considerably during this busy period. Clerk to pass this information on.

Skeggs was mentioned again – his lorries have been believed to be seen speeding, going up grass verges and uses the footpath to get round one of the corners on the Asheldham bends.

It was also mentioned that Skeggs is using land at the end of Cemetery Lane and foreign lorries are believed to picking up and dropping off waste from there? Does Skeggs need a licence to work from other premises / locations other than his own? Clerk to make enquiries.

18-19/94.EXTERNAL MEETINGS

To receive reports on any external meeting attended by Councillors or Clerk

18-19/95.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 risk assessment
- Update assets register
- Fibre Broadband

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18-19/96.DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 3rd October 2018 at 7pm

The meeting finished at 9.20pm and Cllr Snowdon thanked everyone for attending.

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