

MINUTES OF ASHELDHAM AND DENGIE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD on Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

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

In attendance: Mrs. E. Smith (Clerk)

Members of the public: 5

Cllr Snowdon welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

18-19/97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies.

18-19/98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

18-19/99. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the 3rd September were approved & signed. Proposed: Cllr Hall and Seconded by Cllr Whiting – AGREED.

18-19/100. 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.

ARG reported that they had trimmed the perimeter near the sandlings and had cleared motorbike tyres and wheels from footpaths in the area. They also reported that there is a planned litter pick on 1st December – this will be publicised in the usual way with all the details nearer the time.

A local resident asked about the gate and enforcement issue at land east of the bungalow (16/00421/CU refers). Clerk to write to occupants again and ask for a response.

There has been damage to a tree and telegraph pole, Green Lanes just to the west of the j/w Southminster Road. Cllr Snowdon reported this to MDC but they are not going to deal. The land owner has tried to tidy. Clerk to write to the land owner.

18-19/101.HIGHWAY & PUBLIC FOOTPATH ISSUES

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

The clerk was unable to report the overgrown bushes / hedges in Manor Road and has been told that they will be cut back after September when bird nesting season has finished. Clerk to chase.

18-19/102.PLANNING MATTERS

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

FUL/MAL/18/00835

Proposed single storey dwelling

Land Adjacent To Ashfield Hall Road Asheldham Essex

(UPRN - 200000913869)

Mr Andrew Russell

Case Officer: Anna Tastsoglou Tel: 01621 875741

It was decided to object to this planning application for the following reasons. 1 Councillor voted for, 3 against and 1 abstained.

The application doesn't accord with the MDC design guide and the local development plan. It is outside the settlement boundaries. It is not sustainable. It doesn't accord with parking regulations.

FUL/MAL/18/01111

Asheldham (P)

Tillingham (W)

Stationing of mobile home for rural workers for temporary period of 3 years. Rationalisation of existing livery business to form part livery and full livery. Erection of 5 stables with associated tack room and feed store

Land North Of Asheldham Farm Hall Road Asheldham Essex

(UPRN - 010014003131)

Mr & Mrs D Henson

Case Officer: Anna Tastsoglou Tel: 01621 875741

It was decided to support this planning application – 4 Councillors voted for and 1 abstained

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

- i. List of planning applications 35/36/37/38
- ii. List of planning decisions and appeals 35/36/37/38

c) Planning enforcement updates

- i. Keelings Lane – Caravan -17/00149/CU
Update from enforcements – they are liaising with the owners and are awaiting paperwork
- ii. Caravans etc – Land east of bungalow – 16/00421/CU
Update from enforcements – they are now working with the Environment agency and Highways on this and are waiting for further information from the owners
- iii. Nature reserve – 16/00006/DEV
Update from enforcements – formal action is ready to be taken

18-19/103.FINANCE

Financial statements to end of September 2018 and payments for October 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	£2,066.25
Bank Balance		income less expenditure as at 30/07/2018	£6,905.71
		unreconciled payments	£665.95
		cash book balance	£6,905.71
		Actual cash book balance as at 30/01/2018	£6,905.71
LESS	RESERVES	Election expenses	-£1,000.00
		unreconciled payments	-£665.95
		Remaining usable funds.	£5,239.76
Signed:		Print Name:	Date: 05

18-19/104.REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Fluker reported that he is now the leader of MDC. MDC has undergone some restructuring, and is now working with a 3 director model.

18-19/105.POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Financial Regulations were unanimously agreed to adopt by all those present with Cllr Fluker's amendments. (14.2 change figure to 0 or delete sentence, 12.2 remove 5%, 4.1 bullet 1 – should be all items, 4.8 delete the words from 'for this purpose...')

18-19/106.CORRESPONDANCE

- a) It was unanimously agreed not to purchase a parish map from the company sending out e-mails offering this service.
- b) It was unanimously agreed to invite a representative from the Neighbourhood Watch Association to a PC meeting after the very kind offer from the Chairman of the Association. Clerk to arrange this

18-19/107.FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND

Cllr Whiting reported that at this present time there was no funding available for Asheldham & Dengie to receive Fibre Optic Broadband or Superfast Broadband.

18-19/108.RESIGNATIONS

- a) Cllr Whiting handed in his resignation due to moving out of the area. Cllr Whiting thanked the PC and the PC thanked him in return for all his hard work. Clerk to let MDC know and start advertising the vacancy.
- b) The Clerk handed in her resignation due to family commitments. The Clerk reported that the previous Clerk's circumstances had changed and she would like to return to the role. The Clerk to gain written confirm from EALC that this can happen without the need to advertise. The Chairman will then visit the previous clerk to discuss contracts, wages etc. It was suggested a hand over period to be completed by 1st December, if not sooner.

18-19/109.SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr Snowdon reported that he had been finding out information regarding the sludge/ waste/ muck spreading and still has a lot to read but is making progress. He mentioned local residents concerns at the DHGPC meeting and other PC's were also very concerned. Cllr Snowdon also reported that there are specific times that spreading cannot occur, he believed this to be between mid October to spring.

Cllr Snowdon reminded everyone about the meeting he attended last month regarding 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

It was reported that there were some broken posts by the Asheldham noticeboard, but nobody knew who was responsible for them or who put them in.

Cllr Snowdon enquired as to whether the PC were going to purchase a poppy wreath this year, he will look into this.

18-19/110.EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cllr Snowdon reported that he had attended the DHGPC meeting and had reported to them many local residents concerns about speeding vehicles on rural country roads. The National Speed Limit is 60mph. Each PC representative was asked to take this matter back to their Parish for discussion. The DHGPC are going to make enquires with ECC.

18-19/111.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

18-19/112.DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBC

The next meeting date is still to be confirmed as either Monday 5th November or Monday 12th November.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm and Cllr Snowdon thanked everyone for attending.

