

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2015 AT 8.00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chairman: Cllr. Mrs C Adams.
Cllrs. C L Atkinson, F A Delderfield, A J Gable, J C Gegan, Mrs A V
Heaviside, J V Keyes and Mrs E Parsons.

Apologies for absence: Cllr R L Bass.

01.15 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cllr F A Delderfield had declared an interest in all planning applications as a member of the Maldon District Council's North-Western Area Planning Committee and would confine his role to advising on factual information where appropriate.

02.15 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Two members of the public were present one of whom introduced himself as attending on behalf of Mr and Mrs Keyes. There were no questions.

03.15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 December 2014 were confirmed and signed.

04.15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

05.15 COMMUNITY POLICING

Street Meeting: Great Braxted Parish Council had advised of some forthcoming street meetings, one of which will be held outside the Great Totham Village Hall at 12.00 on 29 January. Cllr J C Gegan noted that there had been some burglaries recently.

Speedwatch: Cllr C L Atkinson reported that training for Speedwatch volunteers has finally been offered at South Woodham Ferrers at 10.30 on 3 March and he explained the criteria for appointing volunteers. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Atkinson for setting this up which had been difficult, and Cllr. Mrs A V Heaviside for advertising

06.15 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND NEWS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES

There were no reports.

07.15 AMENITIES

Report of the Chairman of the Amenities Committee: Cllr C L Atkinson reported on amenities works in progress. Work has been carried out to the Jubilee Recreation Ground Maldon Road entrance and Bull Green and further work next to the War memorial Bus Shelter is imminent. The job will allow for the installation of a seat at a later date. Quotes will be invited for renewal of the access at the School Road side of the Jubilee Recreation Ground. The Clerk's is obtaining a quote to repair the zip-wire and replenish the cushionfall safety surface. The report was received and adopted.

Replacement Cricket Nets: The Chairman reported on a meeting she had had with Mr Davis and Mr Whiting at the Cricket Field to discuss replacement practice nets, for which the Cricket Club had been awarded grant support. Members discussed the matter and agreed that:

- The Council is, in principle, in favour of the project.
- The Club must confirm to the Council that all affected neighbours have now been consulted and there are no objections.
- There must be no removal, repositioning or replanting of the trees.
- The Council wishes to see details of and approve the security arrangements.
- The Club must confirm in writing to the Parish Council that, following advice from the Maldon District Council, planning permission is not necessary.

Clean-Up Day: It was agreed that the Clean-Up Day will be on the afternoon of 19 April this year meeting at the Village Hall and the Compasses. Cllr Mrs A V Heaviside will organise some publicity.

08.14 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Rangers Scheme: There was no further work identified.

Speed Limits: Following a meeting with Wickham Bishops Parish Council the Clerk had prepared an update paper of the Council's earlier review submission for an overall approach to speed limits in the area. It was agreed that this should be sent to the County Council. A copy is appended to these minutes.

09.15 PLANNING POLICY AND STRATEGY:

Parish Planning: The Clerk reported that he is reviewing the information received and hopes to complete an update on the *Village assets and preparatory work for parish planning* document for the next meeting.

10.15 HALL ROAD SEWAGE

Mr Gower of Hall Road had sent a copy of some correspondence he had with Anglian Water and the Consumer Council for Water about a complaint of sewage overflowing in Hall Road. It was agreed to ask other residents if they had noticed the problem and try to get a photograph. Also, should an appeal be lodged in respect of the refuse development proposal off Hall road the Council will send the information to the Inspector.

11.15 DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

The Clerk reported on storage capacity for the Council's papers, which is becoming critical. He outlined the types of documents held by the Council and those that must be retained and for how long and those which are available elsewhere. It was agreed that he works up a document retention policy for consideration at a later meeting.

12.15 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Colchester Borough Council advised of Drop-In sessions about its local plan. The nearest one is planned for 7 February at Tiptree. It was thought that the cricket Club might be interested in a call for expressions of interest in a community games event.

The Kent Association of Local Councils asked for support for Wingham Parish Council's suggestion in a Government consultation that parish (and town)

councils should become statutory consultees in the application process for goods vehicle operating licences. The reasoning is that local councils should be made fully aware of such applications, the granting of which can impact greatly both on the daily lives of residents and the local environment and; Parish Councils are well placed to assess the impact of any new operator centre or changes to existing centres in their area. As consultees they would be able to bring important local information to the attention of the licensing authority. It was agreed that this Council supports the proposal by Wingham Parish Council

13.15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Governance Arrangements: Maldon District Council has advised that any application for residential development of 50 or more dwellings will be considered and determined at an extraordinary meeting of the Council convened for that purpose. The Council is mindful of the emerging Local Development Plan which is currently under examination and instances where certain strategic applications may straddle Area Planning Committee boundaries. In all other respects, Area Planning Committees will still continue to deal with all other applications including major applications below the threshold set under the new arrangements. Cllr F A Delderfield advised that he expected that public representation arrangements would be similar to those existing for the Committees.

Appeal Notices: Notices of Appeal were received in respect of FUL/MAL/14/00600, Land adjacent 2 Poplar Grove Chase, pair of semi detached 2 bedroom houses. Written procedure to be used.
FUL/MAL/14/00446, Land west of Compass Hill Cottage, Chapel Road. New 2 bedroom home on land attached. Written procedure to be used.
FUL/MAL/14/00692, Land rear of Quinneys, Back Lane, Erection of one dwelling. Written procedure to be used.

Appeal Decisions: Decision notices were received in respect of: Costs application in relation to appeal FUL/MAL/14/00441, land between Mapstones and Ballingdon, Maypole Road, Great Totham. The application was refused.

FUL/MAL/14/00361, Demolition of existing hanger and erect a dwelling at Falcon Hall, Little Totham Road, Goldhanger. The appeal was dismissed.
FUL/MAL/14/00365, Change of use from garden to two dwellings at land at the side of No 6 Captains Wood Road. The appeal was dismissed.

Planning Decisions: The Clerk reported on the latest Maldon District Council planning decisions.

Latest applications: The applications lodged with the Maldon District Council to week ending 16 January 2015 were considered and the Council's comments were as follows:

OUT/MAL/14/01218 Erection of 2no. bungalows and 2no. chalet bungalows. Land West Of The Green Totham Hill Green:

The Council objects to the proposal which is outside of any settlement development boundary and would fail to protect or enhance the natural beauty, tranquillity, amenity and traditional quality of the rural landscape setting and fail to make a positive contribution to the locality. Development of the site would result in the unacceptable use and resultant loss of an important verdant gap separating development outside of the village settlement and which serves as an important, defining feature of the street scene and locality. The introduction

of dwellings on this site in addition to the associated domestic activities would lead to the unacceptable coalescence of otherwise sporadic development in this location and which would spoil the setting of the nearby listed building.

Moreover, the Council considers the proposal is for an unsustainable form of develop for housing remote from community services and essential support facilities and public transport which would be contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework's 'presumption of sustainable development'. The proposal is also contrary to development plan policies BE1 and CC6 of adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan, other core planning principles and guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework, and policies D1, N2, S1 and T2 of the Maldon District Submission Local Development Plan. The Council therefore recommends refusal.

OUT/MAL/14/01231 Proposed demolition of existing house and garage and the erection of 3 detached houses with garages. The Warrens 56 Walden House Road:

The Council objects to this proposal for development outside of the defined settlement boundaries, and any area intended for development and would have an undesirable impact upon the character of the countryside and its relative open appearance in this locality. (The Parish Council noted the planning inspector's reasons for dismissing an appeal for development on adjacent land under OUT/MAL/13/00825). Development other than a one to one appropriate replacement dwelling would constitute over-development and unwelcome urbanisation of the site on back-land with poor access to a busy road, and could lead to overlooking of nearby properties. The Council therefore recommends refusal.

FUL/MAL/15/00024 Replacement dwelling, Walden Cottage 58 Walden House Road:

The Council has no objection to the principle of a one to one appropriate replacement dwelling in line with the Maldon District Council's Planning Policies. However it does object to this application and considers the proposal unacceptable in terms of its scale, height and bulk and the resulting effect on the street scene and character and appearance of the area. (See appeal decision for development on adjacent land under OUT/MAL/13/00825). The Council therefore recommends refusal.

FUL/MAL/15/00025 Replacement dwelling. The Stables, Colchester Road:

The Council objects to this proposal as it is for development outside of any settlement development limits on land designated as traveller provision. To allow it would be contrary to Policy S8 (a to h & j to m) of the Local Development Plan and conflict with Policies S8(i) and H6 as it is identified as part of the District Council's LDP provision for travellers under H6(f). The Parish Council also has an unresolved matter with the District Council about the issue of a lawful development certificate involving the mobile home at the location, being the dwelling proposed for replacement. The Council believes the District Council issued the certificate fallaciously and therefore inappropriately. The Council therefore recommends refusal.

14.15 CONFIRMATION OF CHEQUES

Cheques were confirmed for:

Amount (£)	Payee	Service
40.50	The Compasses (C Brett)	Chairman's Reception
11.50	E-On	Bus shelter lighting 1 Oct 14 to 31 Dec 14
351.70	C R Potter	Salary/allowance £273.00 Broadband 27 Dec – 26 Mar £78.70
585	R Clark	Front access to Jubilee Recreation Ground & new boards around playground surface.

15.15 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Caravan in Church Road: It was noted that the caravan near the entrance to the track to Sain's Farm is still present there.

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm

GREAT TOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL - Review of Speed Limits Proposals made in January 2013. Date of Review January 2015.

Summary of Proposals (details are shown in the original report)

	Original Proposals - January 2013	Position at January 2015	Further Proposals
1	Replacement of the 40mph with a 30mph limit in Colchester Road and Braxted Lane in the north of the Parish.	40 mph speed limit extant. Speed monitoring equipment at present in place.	The original proposal stands. An additional consideration is increased traffic volumes expected from proposed large scale development around Maldon and Heybridge including easier access to the B1022.
2	A speed limit of 40mph from Roundbush Corner to the Village Hall on the B1022.	60 mph speed limit extant.	The original proposal stands. An additional consideration is increased traffic volumes expected from proposed large scale development around Maldon and Heybridge including easier access to the B1022.
3	An extension of the existing 30mph limit in Maypole Road to Wurono.	30mph speed limit recently extended for short distance south-eastwards from Wickham Bishops boundary. Other wise 60mph speed limit extant.	The original proposal stands with the additional proposal, following a meeting with Members of Wickham Bishops Parish Council, to extend it to south of the junction with Captains Wood Road. An additional consideration is increased traffic volumes expected from proposed large scale development around Maldon and Heybridge.
4	An extension of the existing (or planned) 30mph limits in Kelvedon and Prince of Wales Roads and Back Lane to Five Corners Junction.	30mph speed limit recently extended and linked in Kelvedon, Walden House and Great Totham Roads as far as the junction of these roads. Other wise 60mph speed limit extant.	The original proposal stands and would complement proposal 3 above.
5	An extension of the existing 30mph limit in Goat Lodge Road to the Beacon Hill junction.	60 mph speed limit extant.	The original proposal stands.