# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillor F A Delderfield (Chairman)
Councillors: Cllr. Mrs C Adams, Mrs J M Bass, Mrs H R Dundon, T E Gregan and B S Marshall. Also present was District Council Ward Member J Hughes.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C L Atkinson and District Councillor R Siddall.

**059.23 CO-OPTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**
Following the election of Councillors on 4 May the Council is required to Co-opt two persons to fill casual vacancies. The requirements to hold an election have not been met (the vacancies have been the subject of a public notice and less than 10 registered voters have requested an election by the deadline specified by the returning officer). 9Four applications for co-option following public notice were received and the Council is now required to select two of the candidates.

Each of the candidates was named in alphabetical order and the Chairman invited proposals for their selection. Two candidates were proposed and seconded and a third proposed but failed to be seconded. The Chairman then asked Members to declare their votes by show of hand and Mrs A V Heaviside and J V Keyes were duly elected. None of the candidates were present.

**060.23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
There were no disclosures.

**061.23 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**
Sixteen members of the public were present of which thirteen are part of a volunteer group concerned about play equipment at the Jubilee Recreation Ground. The equipment is frequently deliberately damaged and now some is beyond repair. The Group is willing to undertake fund raising activities to finance the provision of new play equipment there.

The Council welcomed the interest of the group and its suggestions. The Chairman explained that Bull Green may be a better location for younger children's equipment as it is more open and in public view. (District Councilor Jade Hughes is looking for potential grant providers.) He would invite representatives of the Group to discuss plans at a future meeting.

**062.23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2023 were confirmed and signed.

**063.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
There were no matters arising.

**064.23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS OF OTHER BODIES AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.**
The Chairman reported the recent death of Gillian Mary Chaplin, a Member of the Parish Council from 7 September 1987 to June 1991. Mrs Chaplin lived in Maldon

road for a long period of time and in recent years had been a resident of the Willie Alms Houses.

**065.23 PLANNING POLICY AND STRATEGY:**
There were no items of Planning Policy to discuss.

**066.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
**Planning Decisions:** The Clerk reported on the latest planning decisions of the Maldon District Council.
**Latest Applications:** Comments on planning applications received up to week ending 9 June 2023 were as follows:

(Note: The Parish Council receives notification of and may give its views on planning applications, in accordance with planning legislation, policy and local plans. The Maldon District Council is responsible for making decisions on them.)

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| **FUL/MAL/23/00461** Installation of 10No. Lighting columns for the floodlighting of four tennis courts. Forrester Park Golf And Tennis Club Beckingham Road<br><br>The council has several concerns about this application.<br><br>Noise pollution by the players using the flood lights due to open space will create a dull noise, disturbing residents. The development would have a material impact on light levels in the environment around the site and will have the potential to adversely affect nearby buildings and open spaces.<br><br>There could be potential significant impact on wildlife and the ecosystem. This would have as a negative effect on nature conservation and be contrary to the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981<br><br>The Council is concerned about the light pollution aspect, particularly as we have a no street lighting generally in the Parish. The lights could be used every night until late in the evening and would produce an uncomfortable glare within the countryside even if filtered or the use of ultra-violet filtering light is used.<br><br>The glare within the countryside may also result in a distraction to drivers, seeing bright lights in the distance.<br><br>The Council recommends refusal. |
| **OUT/MAL/23/00497** Outline planning application with some matters reserved for the enlargement of existing access and erection of 2No detached bungalows. Land North Of Captains Wood Road.<br><br>The Council notes that this application is for development outside of the Great Totham South development boundaries and in any event it is overdevelopment of the site.<br><br>The Council is also aware that there is a five-year housing supply provision in the area rendering additional development unnecessary. The Council recommends refusal. |

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**NMA/MAL/23/00528** Application for non-material amendment following grant of reserved matters application 21/00384/RES (Reserved matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale covering details of strategic landscaping and infrastructure for Phase 1 comprising;
(a)landscaping for the approved Relief Road,

(b)phase 1 entrance green,

(c)phase 1 spine road,

(d)green corridors, strategic open space and levels for Phase 1 (including Local Equipped Area of Play)

(e)acoustic bund for phase 1

Together with details of a network of pedestrian and cycle routes in relation to Phase 1 pursuant to condition 28 of approved planning application 15/00419/OUT (Part outline/part detailed (hybrid) application for mixed use development including:
(i) Residential development (Use Class C3) for up to 1138 dwellings including

30% as affordable housing (Outline)

(ii) Residential Care for up to 120 beds (Use Class C2) (Outline)

(iii) "Neighbourhood" uses which may include retail, commercial, and community

uses (Use Classes A1 and/or A2 and/or A3 and/or A4 and/or A5 and/or D1a

and/or D1b) (Outline)

(iv) Primary school and early years childcare facility (Use Class D1c) (Outline)

(v) A relief road between Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road (Detailed element)

(vi) Formal and informal open space (including any associated sports pavilion/clubhouse) (Use Class D2e) (Outline);

(vii) Construction of initial gas and electricity sub-stations (Detailed); and

(Viii) All associated amenity space, landscaping, parking, servicing, utilities (other than as listed in item (vii) above), footpath and cycle links, on-site drainage, and infrastructure works (Outline).)

Amendment sought: To re-align the point of access from the consented spine

road into the Primary School site within Phase 1, Westcombe Park, Heybridge,

Essex

Land At Broad Street Green Road And Langford Road And Maypole Road Great Totham Essex

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**067.23 FINANCE**

**Confirmation of Payments:** Payments were confirmed for:

| Amount (£) | Payee | Service |
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| 207.86 | Cllr. Hannah Dundon | Reimbursement for items purchased for Coronation Fete 8 May 2023 |
| 820.00 | C R Potter | Salary/allowance |

**External Audit:** It was agreed that the Annual Accounting Statement should be approved and signed and sent to PKF when the internal audit is complete.

**068.23 AMENITIES**
**Report of the Chairman of the Amenities Committee**:
Cllr. C L Atkinson sent the following report in his absence: *Councillor Gregan will be dropping two of the quotes for fencing at Jubilee Recreation Ground into Clive. As you will see they are far above the price originally estimated for this. In the light of this and the Safety Report the Members will have to decide where we go on this. Regarding the Safety Report the areas pointed out are the same as last year and the year before, I think we should await the full report before deciding on our action*.

The report was received and adopted.

**Overgrown Hedge:** A School Road resident had complained about the Jubilee Recreation ground hedge being overgrown at the rear of her property.
**Ash Tree at Cricket Field:** The ash tree at the Cricket field has partly died and a branch has fallen into a neighbouring property. The Clerk will contact the tree surgeon who had dealt with the oak tree. Cllr B S Marshal offered to look at it.
**Playground Inspection Reports:** A summary of the reports was received (see above). The boat has been badly damaged and Cllr. B S Marshall will arrange its removal along with the pole support. He will also deal with the Zip-Wire sticking.
**Jubilee Recreation Ground:** Further to a Freedom of Information request about the condition of some of the equipment at the Jubilee Recreation Ground, the following response was received:

*Good evening,*

*I write representing our group - Great Totham Park Support - who wish to support the works required to Great Totham Park based in the Recreation Ground.*

*As some of you included in this email are aware, I recently reached out with concerns over the disrepair and visible health and safety issues of the park. I included photos and I attached my previous email chains, to which Clive Potter has kindly responded to previously. It has been evident when speaking with other families within the village and seeing on social media others' concerns and disappointment of the condition in which the park has fallen to.*

*Since then, we have started a Facebook Group called Great Totham Park Support and I include the link for this at the bottom of this email. Within 2 days, we have so far reached 89 members who offer their support and ideas in ways in which we can help the Parish to drive forward works required at the park for a safe and engaging space for the children.*

*I understand that Jade Hughes (included in this email) updated a post on Facebook on Saturday stating "At the last GTPC meeting this was discussed and I am looking into various grants we may be able to get to help fund the huge costs involved in replacing some of the new play equipment". Many of the members within the group have provided local grants available which may benefit our village and our park and I hope that these may be useful in the Parish investigative works should they not be aware of some….*

The message was noted and it is the intention of the Council to work with the Group as discussed earlier.

**069.23 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**
**Localism Rangers Work:** Some road signs are obscured by vegetation which requires removal.

**070.23 COMMUNITY POLICING, SAFETY AND REGULATION**
**Community Protection Team Report:** The latest report was noted. It was also noted that the Team applies penalties for speeding and certain other offences.
**Speedwatch reports:** Cllr C L Atkinson had advised that three checks have been carried out during the month with 31 drivers reported as driving over the speed limit with the highest reported speed being 51mph.
**Parking in Hall Road near Junction:** Cllr Jade Hughes is to raise the matter of parking in Hall road close to the junction with the B1022 as a resident had raised it.
**Defibrillator at Great Totham North:** The Clerk reported that a resident at Great Totham North is involved with trying to arrange for a defibrillator at Great Totham North.

**071.23 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
There were no items.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm