`MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillor Chairman: Cllr. F A Delderfield.
Councillors: Cllr. Mrs C Adams, C L Atkinson, Mrs J M Bass, Mrs H R Dundon, Mrs A V Heaviside and J.V Keyes.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T E Gregan, B S Marshall and District Council Members for the Ward; Councillors Jade Hughes and Richard Siddall.

084.23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS
The Chairman disclosed an interest in two planning applications to be discussed later on the agenda. The first as owner of a neighbouring property in planning application WTPO/MAL/23/00609 T1 - Oak - Fell (T5 on TPO 01/20). Land East Of Eaton Way; and the second, OUT/MAL/23/00680 Outline planning application with some matters reserved for access, layout and scale to construct a 2/3 bedroom detached dwelling. Land at 1 Staplers Heath, as related to the owner of a neighbouring property

085.23 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK
Three members of the public were present. There were no questions..

086.23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 July 2023 were confirmed and signed.

087.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There were no matters arising.

088.23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS OF OTHER BODIES AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.
There were no items to report.

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

090.23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Planning Decisions: The Clerk reported on the latest planning decisions of the Maldon District Council. The action of reporting planning decisions was questioned and it was decided that there is merit in hearing about them.
Latest Applications: Comments on planning applications received up to week ending 4 August 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.)

WTPO/MAL/23/00609 T1 - Oak - Fell (T5 on TPO 01/20). Land East Of Eaton Way – The Council objects to the felling of this ancient oak tree which pre-dates any nearby buildings by a century at least. Any structural effect on buildings should be dealt with using engineering solutions.

23/00525/HRN Sections of 34 hedgerows to be removed in order to install a new Sections of 34 hedgerows to be removed in order to install a new water main Pipeline Between Layer Water Treatment Works And Langford. Waterworks Hatfield Road Langford Essex – The Council has no objections provided the sections of hedges removed are re-planted. Note: The actual plans and papers would benefit from clearer indexing and descriptive titles to the individual papers.
FUL/MAL/23/00661 Repair and alteration works to curtilage listed agricultural barn to enable its use for farm welfare, workshop and studio. Barn A Lofts Farmhouse Broad Street Green Road – The Council has no objections provided the repairs and alterations reflect the original building and do not conflict with its listed status.
OUT/MAL/23/00680 Outline planning application with some matters reserved for access, layout and scale to construct a 2/3 bedroom detached dwelling. Land At 1 Staplers Heath – The Council is of the view that this application is for a cramped and contrived scheme. It is significantly over development of the site and there is concern about overlooking of the existing properties at the sides and the rear. The Council recommends refusal.
FUL/MAL/23/00698 Enlargement of existing northern menage. Land At Chasefield Farm 64 Walden House Road - The Council has no objection provided the development has no impact on the nearby properties.
FULM/MAL/23/00648 Full planning application for a residential development of 281 dwellings, including affordable homes and bungalows, formation of new vehicular and pedestrian access, associated open space, parking and landscaping. Land East Of Broad Street Green Road Heybridge – The application site is outside of any area intended for development and, viewed with the North Heybridge Garden Suburb and the existing established residential area south of the site would form an unacceptable urbanisation of the area, as well as conflicting with the individual and traditional settings of the existing properties in Broad Street Green Road. The additional traffic generated would be unacceptable. The Council recommends refusal.
FULM/MAL/23/00649 Use of land as offsite biodiversity, landscaping and drainage areas in connection with adjacent proposed residential development. Land North Of Heybridge Swifts Football Club Scraley Road Great Totham Essex – The Council's views and recommendation are the same as for the dependent application FULM/MAL/23/00648

091.23 FINANCE

Confirmation of Payments: Payments were confirmed for:

Amount *(£)*	**Payee**	**Service**
83.60	Keoghs LLP	VAT element of solicitors acting for the Council in insurance claim for Sign Damage. (VAT unrecoverable from insurers by solicitors. The Parish Council is able to re-claim the same sum from HMRC)

680.90	Maldon District Council	Community Engagement Team Services for April to June 2023
550.00	ET Murphy	Reduce crown of ash tree at Cricket Field by 2-3 metres approximately
820.00	C R Potter	Salary/allowance £820.00

092.23 AMENITIES
Cllr, C L Atkinson reported on rebuilding of the seat at Totham Hill Green and an informal discussion of Amenities Committee Members on 19 July about playground equipment. Notes are attached to these minutes. The Clerk had responded to a list of questions asked under the Freedom of Information Act.

Cllr. Atkinson also reported on an informal discussion on 2 August with Members and representatives of a group being formed for raising funds for providing new playground equipment at Great Totham South. District Councillor Jade Hughes is making an application to Tesco's who may be able to provide some funding.

093.23 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
Localism Rangers Work: Obstructed road signs had been reported under the on-line highway faults system.
Speed Indicator Displays: Size of Solar Panel of the Pandora Technologies Ltd equipment was found to be oversize to the County Council's and Cllr Atkinson and the Clerk would re-examine the other offers and place an order.

094.23 COMMUNITY POLICING, SAFETY AND REGULATION
Community Protection Team Report: The latest report had not been received to date.
Speedwatch reports: Cllr C L Atkinson had advised that four checks have been carried out during the month with 31 drivers reported as driving over the speed limit. A question was asked about the success of the scheme and it was recognised that its operation depended on volunteers trying to do their best. The Community Protection Officers also carry out checks.
Parking restrictions in Walden House and adjoining roads: A letter in response to the Council's reply to a consultation about parking restrictions in parts Walden House Road, Catchpole Lane and Maypole Road was received.

095.23 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.
Cllr Mrs A V Heaviside asked if there is any information about the walkable verge between the Village Hall and Beckinging Road as it is overgrown and not recognisable. The Clerk will report it as a Highway fault and if necessary contact Cllr. Durham.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held 19.07.2023 at 6.30pm

Present: C. Atkinson (Chairman), Adams, T.Gregan, B. Marshall and V. Heaviside

Regarding: GREAT TOTHAM PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT

1. **Existing equipment – Can we reuse some of it?**

Short-term the two swings that we had to remove due to the rotten legs will be ok if we purchase steel bottom pins from Playdale. B.Marshall to follow up. They must be of a type approved.

2. **Site of new equipment.**

Due to the vandalism that we are experiencing it was suggested that the small swings be relocated on Bull Green. The larger one back in Jubilee. C.Atkinson to contact all residents around Bull Green to inform them of what we are doing. We will discuss the site of the new equipment at a later date. C.Atkinson to check the requirements of Safety Ground Cover.

3. **New equipment – prices?**

Tom Gregan to acquire prices from Suppliers of equipment for children of up to 12 years of age as is the case at Braxted. Also prices of fencing.

4. **Donations**

We all agreed that we were willing to help the fund raising group. C.Adams to contact them and let us know all the dates of the meetings. C. Atkinson with Clive Potter to check if there was a Section 106 Agreement on the Planning in Church Road.

5. **Ground Covering**

After visiting Braxted play area it was agreed that the new play area would benefit from the same ground covering as theirs.