

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillor F A Delderfield (Chairman)

Councillors: Cllr. Mrs C Adams, C L Atkinson, J C Gregan and J V Keyes

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A J Gable, Mrs H R Dundon, Mrs A V Heaviside, B S Marshall and District Councillor R Siddall

100.22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures.

101.22 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

One member of the public was present. There were no questions.

102.22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 July 2022 were confirmed and signed.

103.22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Highway Matters: It was noted that the overgrowth on the footway mentioned under minute 096.22 (along from the Compasses Public House) has not been cleared.

Code of Conduct: It was agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct reported under Minute 098.22.

104.22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS OF OTHER BODIES AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Essex and Suffolk Water asked if Members would like them to attend a meeting to explain about its new investment programme in the area. It was agreed to invite them to the next meeting.

105.22 PLANNING POLICY AND STRATEGY:

Conservation & Design Awards: An invitation was received to submit nominations for the Maldon District Conservation & Design Awards 2022. This was noted and Tom's Farm Shop new building was suggested.

106.22 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 5 August 2022 were as follows:

(Note: The Parish Council may comment on planning applications, in accordance with planning policy and local plans. The Maldon District Council is responsible for making decisions on them.)

<p>FUL/MAL/22/00731 Change of use of the ground floor of an existing outbuilding to Class E(g)(iii) - Commercial, Business, for honey production, storage and office space; and, change of use of the first floor of the outbuilding to Class C3(a) - ancillary habitable accommodation to the main dwelling house. Roundbush Farm Colchester Road.-</p>

The Council objects to the change of use of the outbuilding to Class E (g) (iii). The site and surrounding area is not suitable for this type of industrial use in a residential area. Any such would involve unacceptable additional traffic movements in an already busy area and close to road junctions. The Council recommends refusal to this part of the application.

The Council has no objection to the Class C3 (a) use as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling.

VAR/MAL/22/00795 Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission 20/00678/FUL (Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of 2no. detached residential dwellings with associated landscaping and vehicle parking). Agricultural Barns Adjacent 31 Plains Road – The Council has no comment.

HOUSE/MAL/22/00637 Creation of a single storey side and rear extension, porch and loft conversion including x2 front dormers and x2 rear dormers, relocation of the access and a new driveway including changes to the boundary treatment. 48 Maldon Road – The Council considers that the proposed development would not result in substantial detrimental harm to the site or the character and appearance of the area and would not have an adverse material impact on the neighbouring residential properties. The Council recommends approval.

PIP/MAL/22/00236 Self-build house with detached garage and vehicle access. Land West of 8 Captains Wood Road – The site is outside of any area intended for development contained within the Maldon District Plan or the Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan. Any such development of this location would have a cumulative impact which would intrude upon and adversely affect the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. The Council recommends refusal.

HOUSE/MAL/22/00789 Single storey rear extension. 2A Captains Wood Road - The Council considers that the proposed development would be over development of the site and leading to substantial detrimental harm to the site and character and appearance of the area. It would have an adverse material impact on the neighbouring residential properties. The Council recommends refusal

107.22 FINANCE

Confirmation of Payments: Payments were confirmed for:

Amount (£)	Payee	Service
36.52	Npower Commercial Gas	Bus shelter lighting 1 April – 30 June 2022
960.00	Maldon District Council	Grounds Maintenance April - June 2022
137.87	B S Marshall	Ernest Doe: Chainsaw parts & cutters for voluntary work on damaged tree at Totham Hill Recreation Ground

3,960.00	C Wright	Supply & replacement of post and repair of village sign at the Green, Colchester Road Supply & replacement of post and village sign at the Bull Green, Maldon Road
820.00	C R Potter	Salary/allowance

Finance Report: A Finance Report to the end of July 2022 was received and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Internal Audit Report: The Internal Audit for 2021/22 was completed with no matters to report. A copy of the Auditors statement and the appropriate page from the Annual Return is attached to these Minutes. The Clerk has previously reported the year's overall receipts and payments to the PKF, the External Auditor.

Extension to Burial Ground Mr Bob Tarpy from St Peter's Church is awaiting a response from the Diocese about extending the burial ground. The Clerk has submitted information to the Maldon District Council on the historical background to the three previous extensions to the churchyard. This supports the principle of extending the existing area, along with a plan showing the proposed extension. The information is submitted for pre-application advice.

108.22 AMENITIES

Report of the Chairman of the Amenities Committee: Cllr Atkinson reported on amenities matters:

Bull Green Sign: Now that the new post for the sign is in place the small post and chain fence surrounding it needs new posts.

Safety Inspection: The condemned equipment at the Jubilee Recreation Ground has been dug out by Cllr. Brian Marshall using his mini-digger.

Fence at Jubilee Recreation Ground: The fence surrounding the small children's equipment has been mainly knocked down and it was agreed to move it completely. A photograph was taken of the damage and a person complained because two boys climbing trees were in view.

His report was received and adopted.

Re-location of Equipment: Councillor C L Atkinson suggested the possible re-location of the small children's equipment at the Jubilee Recreation Ground to the middle of Bull Green. This would form an agenda item for the next meeting.

Grass cutting: It was noted that grass cutting had not been necessary of late because of the dry weather and would it be reflected in charges

Tree at Totham Hill Recreation Ground: A large bough of an oak tree at Totham Hill Recreation Ground had collapsed and was thought to result from a combination of the dry weather and soil conditions and possibly a mini-tornado witnessed in the area. Cllr B S Marshall was thanked for cutting and clearing it assisted by his son and an employee. Robert Potter also assisted later with clearing. During the work Cllr Marshall had to replace parts on his chainsaw and equipment and it was agreed that he is reimbursed the cost.

Phone box: Soil and rubble had been noted in the Phone Box and the Chairman had cleared it.

Tree Planting: The RBLI had written about Tree Planting Plaques for the Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed to consider whether further tree planting was required and, if

so, locations at the next meeting. The plaques however were considered too expensive.

Commemorative Bench: The family of the late Mr and Mrs Meehan, who lived in Mill Road near the junction with Chapel Road had written to ask if the Parish Council would object. It was agreed to support the suggestion in principle.

109.22 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Localism Rangers Work: There were no further requests.

Captains Wood Road: Cllr. Mark Durham had advised although a speed survey has commenced, the Highways Panel is unable to resolve any mitigation measures at Captains Wood Road until the Essex Speed Strategy has been reviewed.

Bus Shelter Light: It was noted that the bus shelter light at Colchester Road does not work at present

110.22 COMMUNITY POLICING, SAFETY AND REGULATION

Rural Engagement Team Report: The latest report had not been received and the Clerk would send it out when it arrives

Dog Control Order: A new Dog Control Order covering the Maldon District was received and noted. Notices will be placed.

Speedwatch: Cllr C L Atkinson reported that three checks had been carried out with several motorists travelling at 45 to 50 mph and one over 50mph. The Team has a new Member, a former police officer, which will enable checks to be carried out at Prince of Wales Road and near the School.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm