

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 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 H R Dundon, T E Gregan Mrs A V Heaviside, J.V Keyes and B S Marshall.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs J M Bass, and District Council Members for the Ward; Councillors Jade Hughes and Richard Siddall.

096.23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures.

097.23 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Two members of the public were present and objections were expressed in relation to a planning application for land in Hall Road. The Chairman advised that the application will be considered and commented upon later in the meeting.

098.23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 August 2023 were confirmed and signed.

099.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman advised that the resident who had suggested parking restrictions in the Walden House Road lay-by had asked for clarification about the times the restrictions would apply. It was agreed that parking should be restricted to one hour between 08.00am to 8.00pm every day.

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

Information about the Saltmarsh Coastal Walking Festival on 8 – 7 September was noted. The Clerk has placed notices on the boards.

101.23 PLANNING POLICY AND STRATEGY:

Road Naming: The Council had been invited to suggest a name for the new relief road under construction north of the Westcombe Park development. The Council had originally suggested a name such as Queen Elizabeth Way to commemorate the late Queen's platinum jubilee but had been advised that special permission had to be obtained from the Crown to use a royal name. It was now suggested that the name should be *Jubilee Way* and the Clerk will contact the developers

Infrastructure Levy: Enquiries about use of the infrastructure levy to help fund new playground equipment have been made. See item below under Finance.

102.23 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 1 September 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.)

HOUSE/MAL/23/00042 To replace existing windows and back door installed in the late 1990s and early 2000s with like for like in the same style whilst incorporating a 14mm ultra slim glazing for each unit. Allabys 16 School Road - The Council has no objections provided the views of the specialist historic buildings officer are taken into account.

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FUL/23/00787 New residential development comprising the construction of 40 new dwellings together with upgraded access from Hall Road, public open space, car parking, garden space and associated development. Land South East Of 34 Hall Road Great Totham Essex- The proposed development is outside the settlement boundary for Great Totham South and contrary to the Maldon District which demonstrates an adequate future housing supply. There is inadequate access to the location through narrow roads to the proposed development and the sewage treatment capacity is not available for the additional dwellings

The proposed development would have an unacceptably intrusive urbanising effect upon the area adversely affecting the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. The proposal would be contrary to policies contained in the approved Great Totham Neighbourhood Plan, the Maldon District Local Development Plan, and the provisions and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Council recommends refusal

VAR/MAL/23/00826 Removal of condition 3 (occupation of extension) on approved planning permission F/MAL/501/93 (Kitchen/diner, sitting room, bedroom, dressing room & bathroom extension. Minor internal alterations to existing house to form utility room, toilet and study). Withs Farm House Beckingham Road Great Totham Maldon – The Council has no objection to the removal of the condition provided the extension is used solely in connection with the main dwelling.

103.23 FINANCE

Confirmation of Payments: Payments were confirmed for:

Amount (£)	Payee	Service
73.75	Toms Farm Shop	Invoice of 16 January 2023 – Lost Cheque 102070 for £64.00 and 9.75 for bolts for seat on Bull Green
820.00	C R Potter	Salary/allowance £820.00

Infrastructure Levy: The Clerk had written to the main developers at Westcombe Park to inquire about funding for playground equipment with monies which may be available by agreement under section 106 agreement. Section 106 of the Town and

Country Planning Act 1990. However none seems to be available. Coincidentally the matter of use of the funding for general expenditure had recently been raised at the Maldon District Council in the local paper. An article from Maldon and Burnham Standard 25 July 2023 is attached.

Playground Equipment Funding: A local group, led by resident Kayleigh Barham, is in the early stages of setting up a formal organisation to raise funds for new equipment at the Jubilee Recreation Ground and is being assisted by District Councillor Jade Hughes.

Coronation Living Heritage Grants: Information was received about these grants.

104.23 AMENITIES

Playground Equipment: Cllr, C L Atkinson reported on repairs to the smaller children's swings which Cllr Brian Marshall has repaired and refurbished. A suitable place to install them on Bull Green has been identified by Cllr. Atkinson and this was agreed. The report was received and adopted.

Hedge Cutting: The Clerk is to place an order for hedge cutting on the Council's properties with the contractors.

Tree Planting on Bull Green: It was agreed that the WI could plant a tree on Bull Green at a location to be agreed.

105.23 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Localism Rangers Work: A dislodged sign at Beacon Hill and the overgrown vegetation along the path beside the B1022 road were raised and will be reported under the on-line highway faults system.

Speed Indicator Displays: Estimates were further examined and an order will be placed with Mallatite for the equipment at a cost of £5898.94 plus VAT. Additional costs will be incurred for one post and installing the equipment.

Litter: It was noted that litter pickers have been active in Scraly Road and Sheepcoates Lane.

Captains Wood Road: It was noted that Captains Wood Road is heavily used by vehicles travelling between the southern section of Maypole Road and the B1022 and this caused erosion of the frontages of some of the properties. It was suggested that bollards might alleviate to erosion.

106.23 COMMUNITY POLICING, SAFETY AND REGULATION

Community Protection Team Report: The latest report was noted. It was also reported that some drivers are abusive to the volunteers.

Speedwatch reports: Cllr C L Atkinson had advised that five checks have been carried out during the month with 12 drivers reported as driving over the speed limit. A traffic count of both directions in Maldon Road was held which noted 380 cars in one hour.

Speeding in Maldon Road: The Community Protection Officers will be asked to carry out speed checks in Maldon Road possibly using the Lay-By opposite Captains Wood Road.

Speed Limits: It was agreed to review some 40mph speed limits and ask for 30mph restrictions to be put in place.

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.

107.23 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm