

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillor F A Delderfield (Chairman)

Councillors: Cllr. Mrs C Adams, Mrs H R Dundon, A J Gable, J C Gregan, Mrs A V Heaviside, J V Keyes and B S Marshall.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C L Atkinson, and District Councillor R Siddall. The Chairman welcomed the return of Cllr. Mrs A V Heaviside to the meeting following her absences.

113.22 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cllr J C Gregan disclosed an interest under agenda item 7. There were no other disclosures.

114.22 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

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

115.22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8 August 2022 were confirmed and signed and; The notes of actions taken in place of the meeting of the Council due to be held on 12 September 2022, but cancelled following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, were confirmed and signed.

116.22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

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

An invitation was received to the Essex Wildlife Trust online AGM on 22 October; Essex and Suffolk Water has offered to discuss its new investment programme.

118.22 PLANNING POLICY AND STRATEGY:

There were no matters under this item

119.22 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 10 October 2022 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.

Comments made on the following application to meet deadlines were confirmed:

FUL/MAL/22/00617 Demolition of dwelling and all outbuildings and construction of a replacement dwelling and detached cartlodge. Brooklands Beckingham
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Road. [Revised Application] - The proposed dwelling is in proportion to the site. Its height, size and design respects and enhances the character and local context of the area and makes a positive contribution – The Council recommends approval.

The following comments were made on the latest applications:

FUL/MAL/22/00926 Conversion and extension of an existing building to use as an annex in association with the existing dwelling at Paynes Cottage. Proposed Annexe Paynes Cottage Walden House Road –. The proposed development would be highly visual within this undulating landscape and appears as a new additional dwelling.

The design does not respect the Arcadian nature and local character identified in the local plan and village design statement for Great Totham and does not make a positive contribution to the area.

The Council objects to the application and recommends refusal

RES/MAL/22/00289 Reserved Matters application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale covering the details of strategic landscaping and infrastructure for Phases 3 and 5 of the approved planning application (15/00419/OUT) comprising:

- (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). Land At Broad Street Green Road And Langford Road And Maypole Road Great Totham.

The Council raises no objection. As this is a very detailed and technical application the Parish Council relies on the Planning Officers to make sure that it complies with the outline conditions and planning policy. The Council would however like to bring to the attention of the District Council the absence of Doctors and Dentists Surgeries within the application.

ADV/MAL/22/00983 Advertisement consent for freestanding pole mounted non-illuminated sign for a temporary period. Land at Broad Street Green Road and Langford Road and Maypole Road Great Totham – The Council has no comment.

Also sent as: **ADV/MAL/22/00983** Advertisement consent for freestanding pole mounted non-illuminated sign for a temporary period. Advertising Board Heybridge Garden Village Langford Road Heybridge Essex Totham – The Council has no comment.

COUPA/MAL/22/00313 Prior notification of a proposed change of use of agricultural barn to a dwellinghouse (use Class C3), and for building operations reasonable necessary for the conversion. Barn B Lofts Farm Broad Street Green Road – The Council notes that the building is not a traditional wooden barn but a well-used structure built from very basic and economic materials suited to farm use but unsuitable for residential use. The site is located on back-land well away from the public highway and access would be unsuitable for a further dwelling. A formal application should be required.

WTPO/MAL/22/00918 Oak - remove limb close to conservatory. 4 The Chase - Green – The Council supports the recommendations of the Tree Officer.

FUL/MAL/22/00822 Proposed stables, tack room and feed and machinery store building. Lawns Farm 29 Plains Road – The Council has no comment.

Cllr. J C Gegan declared an interest in FUL/MAL/22/00822 above and left the meeting whilst it was discussed.

120.22 FINANCE

Confirmation of Payments: Payments were confirmed for:

Amount	Payee	Service
35.10	Npower Commercial Gas	Bus shelter lighting 1 July – 30 Sept 2021
72.60	RCCE	Annual Subscription
50.00	The Royal British Legion	Donation for Poppy Wreath
1066.21	C R Potter	Salary/allowance 820.00 Broadband 27 Jun – 26 Sep 246.21

Finance Update: A report on the second quarter of estimated and actual expenditure was received and noted. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Provision of Burial Ground: The response to a request to the Maldon District Council for a planning opinion is still awaited.

External Auditors: Notice was received that PKF has been re-appointed for a further five years, until 2026/27, as external auditors. Parish Council have the opportunity to opt out and appoint others. It was agreed to accept PKF.

121.22 AMENITIES

Report of the Chairman of the Amenities Committee: In Cllr Atkinson's absence Cllr B S Marshall advised that the fence around the younger children's equipment at the Jubilee Recreation Ground has been flattened and he is dealing with it.

The report was received and adopted.

Croquet Facilities: The Vice-Chairman explained that the local Croquet Club of about 70 members, who play at Forrester Park, are having to cease using the facilities there following a change of ownership. The Club has approached the Council asking if any suitable land in its ownership may be made available for developing a new Court in the area on a permanent or temporary basis.

It was thought a possibility might be an exploration of the land at Totham Hill Recreation Ground with a view to developing such facilities there. The Council would have no objection in principle to such a facility being developed there. The present use is of the playground area and informal recreation which would continue.

122.22 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Localism Rangers Work: No further work was identified.

Speed Indicator Equipment: Essex County Council has confirmed our application to allow us to provide speed indicator devices at the agreed sites and we can now proceed to purchase the suitable equipment.

123.22 COMMUNITY POLICING, SAFETY AND REGULATION

Community Protection Team Report: The latest report was circulated.

Speedwatch: Cllr Mrs Adams reported on the latest speed checks carried out during the month.

124.22 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 13 NOVEMBER 2022

The arrangements for Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church on Sunday were agreed and Members and the Clerk would participate as in last year. A Copy of the arrangements is attached.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next Meeting: Meeting of the Council 14 November 2022.