

ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL



To: Members of Ardleigh Parish Council

Council Members are summoned to attend the Ardleigh Parish Council meeting on
Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.30pm at Ardleigh Village Hall.

Rachel Fletcher – Parish Clerk

Dated 5 March 2025

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This meeting is open to the public who are welcome to attend either in person (if there is sufficient space) or online. Councillors attending online are not considered to be officially present so are not permitted to vote.

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AGENDA

25.029	Chair's Welcome
25.030	Apologies and reasons for absence
25.031	Public participation session relating to items on the agenda
	There will be 15 minutes available if required. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the members of the Council.
25.032	Declaration and Register of Interests and Dispensations
	To receive declarations of any interests relating to agenda items and/or new dispensations.
25.033	Minutes of meeting held on 10 February 2025
	Councillors are asked to approve the draft minutes of the previous meetings as a true and accurate record and to note/reconfirm any delegated decisions subsequently made (see attachments).
25.034	Planning
	To note the applications published/ received/ validated and/or decided since the last meeting. To consider comments on new applications and appeals, including any received after the publication of the agenda.
Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 25/00176/FUL Demolish existing buildings, new B8 Class open-air storage facility: yard space, parking, ancillary refuse, cycle storage. Ardleigh Oaks, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh CO7 7QR b) 25/00203/WTPO Preservation Order work- trim 1 holly, 1 oak, pollard 1 oak; 25/00204/TCA Conservation Area- trim 3 conifers. Chestnut Cottage, Dedham Road, Ardleigh CO7 7LG c) 25/00207/WTPO Preservation Order work- general pruning to 1 oak. Holm Oak, Dedham Road, Ardleigh CO7 7LG d) 25/00232/DISCON Discharge of conditions, 24/01516/FUL: Self Build-Pre-Commencement; Ecology- Biodiversity Mitigation; Boundary Treatments. Nevada, Harts Lane, Ardleigh CO7 7QH e) 25/00255/TCA Conservation Area- re-pollard 2 limes. Oleanders, The Street, Ardleigh CO7 7LD
Other/ Appeals	To note or consider any other applications including enforcement issues.
25.035	Other Planning and Infrastructure issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community (and related issues) To note updates since the last meeting. b) Pylons, Substations, Windfarms and related To note updates since the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tarchon interconnector consultation including to note public exhibition Ardleigh Village Hall 17 March 2025. 6.30pm. https://www.tarchonenergy.net/news/2025/have-your-say-on-plans-to-build-vital-energy-interconnector-between-uk-and-germany/ ii. National Grid Targeted consultations on proposed changes to Norwich to Tilbury – Tuesday 25 February to 11:59 pm on Thursday 27 March 2025 see

	<p>https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury</p> <p>iii. Updates concerning other infrastructure projects. North Falls, Five Estuaries etc.</p> <p>c) Council to consider responding to the following consultations:</p> <p>i. Proposal to form a Mayoral Combined County Authority for Greater Essex. Closes 13 April 2025. Greater Essex devolution - GOV.UK</p> <p>ii. Tendring District Council's Local Plan Review. Closes 14 April 2025. Local Plan Review: Issues & Options and Call for Sites</p> <p>iii. Colchester's Local Plan proposals close to Ardleigh borders with Langham and Colchester following Local Plan Committee meetings</p> <p>iv. Government's land use consultation leading to a Land Use Framework. Closes 25 April 2025. Land Use Consultation - Defra - Citizen Space</p> <p>v. Tendring District Council's review of their Housing Allocations Policy. Closes 20 April 2025. Consultation for the revised Housing Allocation Scheme</p> <p>d) To note Council response made to Tendring District Council's Conservation Area Appraisal which closes 10 March 2025. Conservation Area Appraisals. Also note that the Call for Heritage Sites remains open until 2 June 2025.</p>
25.036	Amenities and Contracts
	<p><i>Items in confidence. Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public may be excluded during all or part of the discussion of this agenda item as the Council will be considering legal and/or contractual issues.</i></p> <p>To receive updates and take decisions on Parish Council amenities and contracts including:</p> <p>a) To note valuation received for land adjacent to Ardleigh Cemetery, currently allotment land, and consider making an offer to purchase the land.</p> <p>b) Council contracts and contractors – to note 15 tenders were received and have been reviewed and shortlisted by the Tenders Working Group. To receive recommendations and decide on contractors for 2025-28 (see attachment).</p> <p>c) Play and Exercise equipment – to note report from Deputy Clerk.</p> <p>d) The Ardleigh Recreation Ground</p> <p>e) Cemetery/churchyard matters – cemetery fees to be reviewed; proposed increase of 15% to all charges (rounded to nearest £25) with effect from 1 April 2025.</p> <p>f) Millennium Green</p> <p>g) Village Hall matters – February Checklist attached.</p> <p>h) Other Amenities and Open Spaces issues – Council to consider proposal to refurbish the bench at the end of Spring Valley Road. Estimate received for £150 for materials/labour.</p> <p>i) Biodiversity issues and updates</p>
25.037	Community Projects, events and assets
	<p>a) Community Projects and Initiatives To receive updates on any developments including reports received (eg Litter Pickers, Community Speedwatch, Ardleigh Practical Actions for Climate and Environment (APACE), Police reports).</p> <p>b) Community Showcase and Annual Assembly The Clerk and Cllr Mason to update Council and to consider whether the event should go ahead given low bookings to date.</p> <p>c) Requests for support To note there were no applications for the small grant scheme.</p>
25.038	Highways, Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and related issues
	Note that updates on highways, public rights of way and related issues usually take place outside the meeting and should be reported direct www.essexhighways.org/tell-us .
25.039	Reports and Correspondence
	<p>a) District and County Councillor reports To receive verbal updates from those present. Any written reports received from District and County Councillors are emailed to members.</p> <p>b) Councillors' reports including reports of training or meetings.</p> <p>c) Clerk's report - To receive a report on key tasks undertaken since the last meeting including delegated decisions and key correspondence (see attachment).</p>

25.040	Parish Council Finance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To note review of Interim Audit report by the Clerk with Cllrs Barrott, Waters and Whiteley and consider any actions arising (See attachment). b) To confirm the bills for payment for Parish Council and Village Hall including payments made using delegated authority. c) To review asset register (see attachment)
25.041	Parish Council Governance and related items
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To consider and approve a new Investment Strategy for the Council (see attachment) b) To consider updated Reserves Policy (see attachment)
25.042	Future meetings and meeting closure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To confirm the scheduled next meeting on Monday 14 April 2025, 7.30pm, Ardleigh Village Hall (with remote link) and to flag any proposed changes to the format or key issues for discussion. b) Meeting closes.