



ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr Barrott (Chair),
Cllrs Bolingbroke, Chase-Gardener, Fontaine, Marshall, Mason, Talbot and Thompson,
Clerk – Rachel Fletcher

ALSO IN Cllr Guglielmi (Essex County Council) Richard Bayley (North Essex Garden Communities Ltd).

ATTENDANCE: Jonathan Phillips (Jacobs), Ian Turner and Alan Lindsay (Essex County Council)
There were 15 members of the public in attendance.

20/01 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those attending.

20/02 Apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Whitfield had sent apologies. Cllr Stock (Tendring District Council) had also sent apologies.

20/03 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Chase-Gardener and Thompson declared an interest in item 20/05.2 proposed link road

20/04 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda/other matters of interest

Several members of the Crockleford and Elmstead Action Group (CEAG) attended the meeting to express concerns about the proposed new link road and garden community and the lack of consultation with Ardleigh residents who will be affected- see below.

There was a discussion about goods vehicles using Spring Valley Lane and Jubilee Lane and continuing issues with the status and use of Wick Lane. The continuing problems with parking around the Old Ipswich Road area were also noted and some action had been taken regarding illegally parked cars. Cllr Guglielmi had already instigated site visits and follow up action in relation to most of these concerns. A site visit for Spring Lane would be arranged.

20/05 Planned A120/A133 Link Road and North Essex Garden Community (NEGC)

20/05.1 North Essex Garden Community

The Chief Executive of North Essex Garden Communities Ltd, Richard Bayley gave background information and took questions from councillors and residents on issues such as loss of green space, agricultural land and wildlife habitat and pressure on infrastructure and services. Planning Inspector hearings would start 14 January 2020. Should permission be granted community liaison groups would be formed with Parish Council representation. Mr Bayley emphasised that the garden communities were intended to provide benefits to surrounding areas and were a way to ensure that planned development incorporated associated infrastructure- which was often not the case at present.

20/05.2 Proposed new link road between A120 and A133

The Parish Council had responded to the consultation a copy of this and of the reply received was circulated to those attending. Jonathan Phillips, Ian Turner and Alan Lindsay provided some information about the proposals and responded to questions including why a dual carriageway was proposed whether the road would go ahead if the new garden community was not approved by the Planning Inspector.

20/06 Reports and Correspondence

20/06.1 District and County Councillors reports- Cllr Guglielmi was in attendance and had provided a written report by email. Cllr Guglielmi undertook to follow up the issues of lighting at the salt depot and to arrange a site visit at Spring Valley Lane. It was confirmed that a request had been submitted to 'box in' the area around the new bus stop close to the school to prevent parking for safety reasons.

20/06.2 Police Report-A report had been received from the Community Police Liaison Officer outlining a small number of crimes reported in Ardleigh.

20/06.3 **Clerk's report-** The report showing the actions outstanding from previous meetings, actions completed, key tasks undertaken since the last meeting. Correspondence relating to the bus stop in Burnt Heath was noted.

20/06.4 **Councillors reports-** there were no reports from Councillors.

20/07 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 9 December 2019

Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record

20/08 Planning

Applications: The following applications were considered. It was resolved to comment as follows.

Ref. No: 19/01907/FUL Proposed side extension to form accessible WC. Ardleigh Village Hall Station Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7RS. <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=Q2NKGW1QB0KP00&activeTab=summary>

The Council had submitted this application, so it was not appropriate to comment

Ref. No: 19/01879/OUT Proposed dwellings. Land adjacent Shaftesbury Ardleigh Road Great Bromley Essex CO7 7TL. <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=Q2CF53QB07M00&activeTab=summary>

The Council strongly objected to this application which was similar to previous applications at this site which had been refused- although the address given was different. The development was outside the settlement development boundary and would constitute unsustainable overdevelopment in a rural location.

Ref No: 19/01835/FUL Replacement dwelling and demolition of existing, extension to residential curtilage. Hollydene Spring Valley Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7SB <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=Q1XYSCQB0KP00&activeTab=summary>

The Council did not wish to comment as the proposal was to replace a single dwelling with another single dwelling.

Decided Approvals: The Council noted the planning application decisions made by TDC on items with the following reference numbers- full details can be found on the TDC website

<https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/view-planning-applications-and-comment>

19/01520/FUL

19/01522/ADV

19/01101/DETAIL

19/01722/TCA

19/01763/TPO

19/01764/TCA

Refusals: 19/00968/OUT

Other: There were no other applications or appeals to consider.

20/09 Tendring Draft Housing Strategy 2019-2024

It was noted that the draft strategy is open for consultation and that there was a shortage of affordable and social housing across the district.

<https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Housing%20Strategy%202019-2024.pdf>

20/010 Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that meetings had been held with three planning consultants. It was agreed to circulate the quotes and take up references before deciding which consultant to engage to work with the Council in developing its Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors Barrott, Whitfield and Mason had previously expressed willingness to participate in a working group, Cllrs Marshall and Fontaine would also be willing; terms of reference would be agreed at a future meeting.

20/011 Parish Council Finance

20/011.1 The Parish Council Financial Statement as at 31 December 2019 was noted showing a projected year end shortfall of £1,750 which would be covered by earmarked reserves.

20/011.2 The following bills were approved for payment for the Parish Council.

Clerk's salary, tax and pension	£823.60
Clerk's Expenses	£89.85
Portal plan quest	£256.00
Bland Landscapes	£1,124.53
e-on, street-lighting	£147.39
At Design Stage	£630.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	£150.00
Mersea Drains	£240.00
Archivist	£40.82
Affinity/ reimburse Tim Barrott	£20.98
Total	£3,523.17

20/011.3 It was resolved to set budget for 2020 as per paper 19.221.3b with overall budgeted costs (excluding VAT) of £82,651. Around £7000 would be transferred from general reserves and £4000 from an earmarked reserve to enable the precept increase to be limited to 2.9%.

20/011.4 It was resolved that the precept requirement for 2020 would be **£39,400** which would equate to £40.90 per year for a band D household- up 2.9%

20/012 Recreation, Play and Open Spaces

Reports on the condition of play areas and equipment were received no urgent health and safety risks noted.

It was noted that no response had been received from the school regarding a name for the new tugboat. It was also hoped to reference an historic Ardleigh mariner in the name.

It was noted that the Tesco voucher scheme in Highwoods branch was seeking support towards cost of fencing around the Colchester Road Play area. The Clerk would investigate.

20/013 Millennium Green

There was nothing to report from the Trustees if the Millennium Green in relation to the MOU between the Millenium Green and Ardleigh Parish Council.

20/014 Churchyard & Cemetery

To receive the councillor inspection report and consider any urgent health & safety repairs. This was received. It was noted that some Christmas wreaths were still in place and that these should be cleared on agreed date and publicised in advance. 4 March 2020 was set as the date to tidy the cemetery and remove old wreaths.

20/015 75th VE Day Commemoration Event

There was no update from the VE75 event Working Group as the group did not meet in December. A further working group meeting would be taking place later in the month.

20/016 Information and proposed items for the next meeting

It was noted that the agenda would be published early for the February meeting. Items for the agenda would need to be with the Clerk by 29 January.

20/017 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting, Date of annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:00 and the next meeting date was confirmed as Monday 10 February. It was proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting/ Annual Assembly be held on Monday 20 April 2020.

Signed by Meeting Chair on