



## ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Ardleigh Parish Council held on Monday 13 June 2022 at 7.30pm at Ardleigh Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllr Tim Barrott (Chair), Cllrs Clive Salmon, Chris Whitfield, Jayne Marshall, Emma Thrower  
Clerk – Rachel Fletcher  
Deputy Clerk – Karen Thompson (minutes)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** By remote connection Cllrs Sally Bolingbroke, Carolyn Mason  
And members of the public were in attendance

**22.089 Apologies and reasons for absence**

Richard Talbot, Emma Twine and Jonathan Waters had sent apologies. Reasons for non-attendance in person of Councillors Bolingbroke and Mason were accepted.

**22.090 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 9 May 2022**

The Council resolved that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

**22.091 Declaration and Register of Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests..

**22.092 Essex Police Presentation, Questions and Answers Inspector Martin Richards, Community Policing Team Manager, Tendring District, Essex Police**

Insp Richards gave a presentation on local policing and crime in the locality and Ardleigh.

**22.093 Public Participation relating to items on the agenda or other items of interest.**

The topics raised included the progress a resident had made on seeking a diversion to the A12 night time diversion route. He explained that National Highways would support a change to route traffic along the A120 via Horsley Cross as affecting less residential and overhanging trees but Essex Highways had not yet agreed to the change.

The other topic raised was the 2021 application (21/07020/FULL) for battery storage and how that now fitted into the wider picture of the East Anglia GREEN pylon project which was not known of when the planning application was submitted. 21/07020/FULL was still open for comment and residents asked what the Council could do to encourage objection. The Council confirmed that it has engaged with local parish councils to encourage joint working and would continue to do so.

**22.094 East Anglia GREEN**

**22.094.1 To decide the Parish Council feedback to the East Anglia GREEN project.**

The Council resolved to submit a strong objection to the project consultation.

**22.094.2 To receive feedback from meetings attended, including the Council drop-in session and meeting on 1 June, and consider additional action and how the Council works with other groups.**

The drop-in session and zoom meeting on 1 June were both well attended and raised awareness of the proposals amongst residents. People were encouraged to sign the petition and to raise their concerns as part of the consultation process.

NB Cllr Emma Thrower left the meeting at this point.

**22.095 Planning**

**Applications** See <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications> for current applications. These were normally sent to Councillors via the weekly lists provided by Tendring District Council.

[22/00700/FULHH](#) Replacement of roof over garage, demolition of lean-to and erection of rear extension /storm porch. Holly Tree Nursery Hungerdown Lane Ardleigh CO7 7LZ. The Council had no comment.

[22/00683/FUL](#) Proposed surface storage yard and associated external works and landscaping also ESS/39/22/TEN & [22/00843/CMTR](#) Retrospective permission for a concrete block manufacturing facility and ESS/42/22/TEN Installation of a landfill gas fuelled electricity generating station. All at

Martells Quarry Slough Lane Ardleigh CO7 7RU The Council did not like to see retrospective planning applications and would make this view known - further information would be sought on the other elements before responding.

[22/00631/FULHH](#) Garage conversion, link extension etc 1 Memorial Way Colchester CO4 9AU. The Council had no comment.

[22/00868/FUL](#) Proposed continued use of part of an agricultural building and associated land as a brewery and change use of part of agricultural building for storage and as a preparation area relating to the existing shop. Prettyfields Vineyard Ltd, Dead Lane, Ardleigh, CO7 7PF. The Council would support the application.

[22/00873/FUL](#) Proposed change of use of paddock to extend existing equestrian manege and resurface the existing manege.17 Coggeshall Road, Ardleigh, CO7 7LP. The Council would request that any permission granted will be restricted to equestrian activity only with daytime hours of use.

[22/00860/DISCON](#) Discharge of conditions 14 (Floodlighting) and 16 (Disabled Access) re 18/02118/FUL. Crown Business Centre Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh. The Council had no comment.

Also considered 21/01811/FUL which was open for comment following amended plans being issued. The Council would reiterate its strong objection to the loss of two historic houses

**Other/ Appeals** Temporary event notice TENOP/4420/22 - Temporary Event Notice - Ardleigh St Marys School, 18 June There was no objection to this temporary event application.

**22.096 Reports and Correspondence**

22.096.1 ***District and County Councillor To receive verbal updates from those present and confirm that regular reports received from District and County Councillors are sent to members by email.***  
None available.

22.096.2 ***Councillors' reports.*** Jayne Marshall and Tim Barrott attended the Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC). Many parishes seemed unaware of the implications of National Grid proposals and the plans for off shore windfarms, including how electricity would be brought onshore and cabled underground across Tendring.

22.096.3 ***Clerk's report*** To receive a report on key correspondence and tasks undertaken since the last meeting including delegated decisions.

The Clerk reported that Gigaclear were planning a commercial fibre broadband offering in parts of Ardleigh. The Council would find out more in July about what this might mean for the parish.

Funding would be required to improve/replace the milestone on the border between Lawford and Ardleigh and would need to fall to next year's budget.

National Rail had paid for using the Village Hall/ Recreation Ground Car Park.

**22.097 Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community (and related issues)**

**To receive updates on recent developments, if any**

It was noted that the project had published the comments submitted.

**22.098 Neighbourhood Plan (and related issues)**

**To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan which has been submitted to Tendring District Council. To consider any issues needing direction from the Parish Council.**

It was noted that Tendring Council had responded to the submission with a number of comments including consultation on the Village Design Statement and also needing to see support for the Garden Community.

**22.099 Amenities and Contracts**

**To receive updates and take decisions on Parish Council amenities and contracts including:**

22.083.1 ***Council contracts and contractors including Award of Tree Survey Contract (see attachment).*** It was resolved to award the Annual Tree Survey contract to JF Tree Specialist as the previous contractor had given notice.

- 22.083.2 **Play and Exercise equipment- safety checks/ outstanding items and update on S106 funding.** The play area inspection sheet was submitted. Carolyn Mason and Clive Salmon were liaising with a number of contractors to ascertain what play equipment or other improvements could be added to complement the current provision as funding from S106 may be available. The Clerk would manage the repair of the broken piece of Outdoor Gym equipment.
- 22.083.3 **The Ardleigh Recreation Ground.** Nothing to report.
- 22.083.4 **Cemetery / churchyard matters.** The ivy has been cut from some trees which were looking healthier. The cemetery report was received.
- 22.083.5 **Millennium Green (MG) including Memorandum of Understanding.** Nothing reported.
- 22.083.6 **Village Hall matters.** The Clerk would arrange for the Parish Council to meet as sole trustee to the Village Hall.
- 22.083.7 **Other Amenities and Open Spaces issues.** Nothing reported.

**22.0100 Highways, Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and related issues**

**To confirm that ongoing updates on highways, public rights of way and related matters will take place outside the meeting. To note any significant issues which the Council may need to address.** Clive Salmon has received reports of overgrown footpaths in some locations and that a Public Footpath sign has been sawn off in Station Rd. There was also a report about a locked gate across a PROW footpath. He would undertake a walking review.

It was noted that the pavement from the Cemetery to the Salt Dome (Salt Dome side of road) had vegetation encroaching from the verge and needs to be cleared.

The junction of Waterhouse Lane/Morrow Lane needs vegetation cutting back as it is dangerous.

The 'Not Suitable for Large Vehicles' sign at the corner of the A137 and Spring Valley Road has been obscured by conifer hedging. This would be reported to Highways.

**22.0101 Community projects, meetings and events**

**To receive updates on outcomes of Jubilee events and any other current initiatives.**

The Jubilee events were very well attended and appreciated by residents. The Council recorded a vote of thanks to all those volunteers, especially Jill Hamblin and her team, involved with organising and taking place on the day.

**22.0102 Parish Council Finance and Staffing**

**22.102.1 To receive the Parish Council finance report and bank reconciliation at end May 2022**

(attachment). The report was received and the meeting noted an increase in Cemetery income after a drop in 2020/21. Current year to date total income was £44,947, and spend was £15,194. Bank holdings were £161,747.

**22.102.2 To approve payments to be made (or already made under delegated authority) for Ardleigh Parish Council and Village Hall (see attachment)** The following were approved together with salary payments totalling £2802 and Village Hall payments of £2484.

Little Green Storage Ltd	590.22
Drop Box and Adobe Acrobat	£25.16
Clerk Expenses	£52.01
CVST	£25.00
Superfine Fencing	£90.00
Jill Hamblin- jubilee expenses	£192.28
Debbie Millar	£24.66
Philip Liverton Ltd	£1,500.00
Cloudy IT	£163.92
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Cottage landscapes	£2,400.00

Jill Hamblin Archive expenses	£238.89
Oakview Nursery (Josselyn)	£2,490.00
Chris Whitfield expenses incurred	£430.18
Tim Barrott- Chair's allowance	£100.00
CPRE	£36.00

**22.0103 Date of next meeting, meeting closure**

The date of the next meeting is 11 July 2022 at 7.30pm at Ardleigh Village Hall (with Zoom link).

**Signed by Meeting Chair .....** on .....