



ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: There were 19 members of the public in attendance.

ATTENDANCE:

20/018 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those attending.

20/019 Apologies and reasons for absence

Cllrs Bolingbroke and Talbot had sent apologies. Cllr Stock (Tendring District Council) and Cllr Guglielmi (Essex County Council) had also sent apologies.

20/020 Declaration of Interests

None were declared.

20/021 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda/other matters of interest

Several people expressed concerns about an application to sell alcohol at the petrol station and the difficulty in commenting to the Tendring online licensing portal.

Concerns were raised about pressure on street parking in Gernon Road- reminding residents to park considerately (and legally) and that it was not possible for everyone to park directly outside their property.

A resident updated on the recent Planning Inspector hearings and urged Elmstead and Ardleigh Parishes to liaise and work together on developments around the borders of the two parishes especially as the new Ardleigh Neighbourhood plan is prepared.

The lack of progress on the 30mph sign at the entrance to the village was noted, three years had now passed since it was damaged. Members of the public also expressed concerns about HGV use of Wick Lane including refuse collection vehicles, and continued fears that lack of visibility at Morrow Lane/ Back Road/ Waterhouse Lane might contribute to an accident. Cllr Chase-Gardener offered to visit the site to speak to the resident.

20/022 Reports and Correspondence

20/022.1 **District and County Councillors reports-** Cllr Stock sent his apologies. Cllr Guglielmi had provided a written report and sent apologies. It was noted that an appointment had been booked at Cllr Bentley's surgery to escalate several longstanding issues.

20/022.2 **Clerk's report-** A verbal report on key correspondence and tasks undertaken since the last meeting was given.

20/022.3 **Councillors' reports-** to receive any reports from Councillors including reports of any meetings attended on behalf of the Council. Cllr Marshall reported on a meeting of Tendring District Association of Local Councils which she had attended, there was a presentation from the incoming Chief Executive of the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC). Mental health awareness training was available from EALC and would be arranged for Councillors with neighbouring parishes invited.

20/022.4 **Police Report-** There was a written update on reported crime in Ardleigh from our Police Community Support Officer- including 3 incidents at the Premier Inn, Criminal damage in Gernon Road, and a couple of incidents of fires being set in sheds.
Plans were underway for a 'coffee with cops' session on 22 April, 10am-12 noon Village Hall.

20/023 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

20/024 Planning

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

19/01889/FUL [Proposed erection of stables and Change of Use of land for the keeping of horses.](#) Land West of Station Road and South of Kiln Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7FE. The Council had concerns about the siting of the stables, access, light pollution and archaeological impact and would object to the application.

19/01909/OUT [Proposed new dwelling.](#) Land at 44 Harwich Road Lawford CO11 2LS - The council would object to this application as it would be considered overdevelopment.

19/01949/FUL [Proposed construction of new two storey dwelling, cart lodge with gym over, upgrading of existing vehicular access and landscaping to include change of use of paddock land to vineyard with modified access to vineyard and parking and turning facilities.](#) The Bungalow Hunters Chase Ardleigh CO7 7LN. The Council would not object if the site had only a single dwelling

Commented [APC1]:

20/00093/TPO [Firs - Remove lower branches.](#) and **20/00092/TCA** [1 No. Fir Tree - Fell. 1 No. Holly Tree - Fell. Lime Trees - Pollard to Boles. Holly Hedge - Razed to the ground](#) Little Court Harwich Road Ardleigh CO7 7LB. The council wished to confirm whether specialist advice had been obtained regarding the holly hedge

20/00004/LUEX [Replacement workshop and storage in garden.](#) Red Brick Cottage Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh CO7 7QR. This was for information only

19/01939/OUT [Proposed small business park development of B1, B2 and B8 storage. The construction of a new internal access from the existing access road, relocation of the existing temporary quarry office to a new building together with associated car / cycle parking.](#) Land at Crown Quarry Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7QR. The Council was broadly supportive of this application so long as public access around the perimeter of the new reservoir was maintained

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> 19/01559/FUL , 19/01788/FUL

Refusals: 19/01361/OUT, 19/01735/OUT

Other: 18/00764/FUL noted

20/00047/PREMGR Premises Licence Grant Ardleigh Service Station Colchester Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PA. The licensing application for the petrol station on Colchester Road was considered as it could not be deferred until the next meeting. It was agreed that the Council would object citing concerns about crime and disorder, child protection, parking, safety of premises, public safety and public nuisance and to send a copy to Cllr Stock.

Appeals It was resolved to confirm the Council's earlier objections on the following appeals and, where appropriate, to emphasise that there had already been significant recent development within our Parish including applications which were outside the settlement development boundary. The emerging local plan would set out that development should be focussed towards the larger urban areas and within boundaries defined in the local plan. Our understanding was that the housing land supply shortfall in Tendring was now relatively modest, and we did not believe that there was any need for further large and/or detached dwellings in Ardleigh. Our small village should not be considered a sustainable location for growth- public transport was inadequate and there would be further reliance on cars adding to congestion and travel difficulties. Furthermore, our local facilities including GP surgery and primary school were already at capacity. We wished to protect the rural areas in and around our village and would be concerned that further development would result in harmful urbanisation and would be damaging to the rural character of our Parish. Details of appeals at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/> APP/P1560/W19/3241656 (application reference 19/01349/FUL)

APP/P1560/W/19/3241635 (application reference 19/01377/FUL)
APP/P1560/W/19/3244087 (application reference 19/00968/OUT)
APP/P1560/W/19/3243133 (application reference 19/00599/OUT)
APP/P1560/W/19/3243760 (Application reference: 19/01176/FUL)
APP/P1560/W/19/3240479 (Application reference: 19/01148/OUT)

20/025 Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that formal consultation on the Neighbourhood Area would close on 16 March. The proposals received from three planning consultants were considered with each offering relevant experience and approaches. After a full discussion it was resolved to invite 'Planning Direct' to work with the Council in developing its Neighbourhood Plan subject to satisfactory references, a further meeting to discuss next steps and agreement to collaborate with the Rural Community Council for Essex (RCCE).

20/026 Parish Council Finance

20/026.1 The Parish Council Financial Statement as at end January 2020 was received and noted.

20/026.2 The following bills were approved for payment for the Parish Council.

Clerk's salary, tax and pension	£820.92
Clerk's Expenses	£96.22
Assent building control	£360.00
Superfine	£749.85
A&J lighting	£90.00
Total	£2,116.99

In addition, it was resolved to approve expenditure against invoices to named contractors/suppliers of up to £46,592.20 gross for village hall refurbishments as outlined in the paper tabled by Cllr Thompson. Individual payments to be reported to the next available meeting.

20/027 Parish Council Policies

It was noted that the Risk and Asset Registers would be considered at the March meeting.

20/028 Pavement Parking

The Council noted the House of Commons Transport Committee report on Pavement Parking <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmtrans/1982/1982.pdf> and agreed to discuss any implications and actions for Ardleigh at the next meeting. There were a number of locations where the Council was aware of parking problems including The Street, Gernon Road, outside the School, village shop and petrol station and the Old Ipswich Road area.

20/029 Spring Clean

It was agreed to sign up to and participate in the Great British Spring Clean 2020. https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean?gclid=Cj0KCQjAmsrxBRDaARIsANyiD1rve5KvveQaq2hNN_JmiQnbbYJmIGM5MQ-TAA9v7tCVgJOvGlpOLWQaAomrEALw_wcB

20/030 Recreation, Play and Open Spaces

Reports on condition of play areas and equipment were received no urgent health and safety risks were identified. It was noted that the goal posts were showing signs of wear and tear.

20/031 Millennium Green

The reports from the Trustees of the Millennium Green in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Millennium Green and Ardleigh Parish Council would be sent to the Clerk.

20/032 Churchyard & Cemetery

An update on Cemetery matters was received, including the councillor inspection report. There were no urgent health & safety repairs. Given recent storms and high winds residents would be urged to take care when entering the Cemetery during severe weather.

20/033 75th VE Day Commemoration Event

A verbal update from the VE75 event Working Group was received. Plans would be announced in the next edition of the Ardleigh Advertiser.

20/034 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:40 and the next meeting date was confirmed as Monday 9 March.

Signed by Meeting Chair on

