

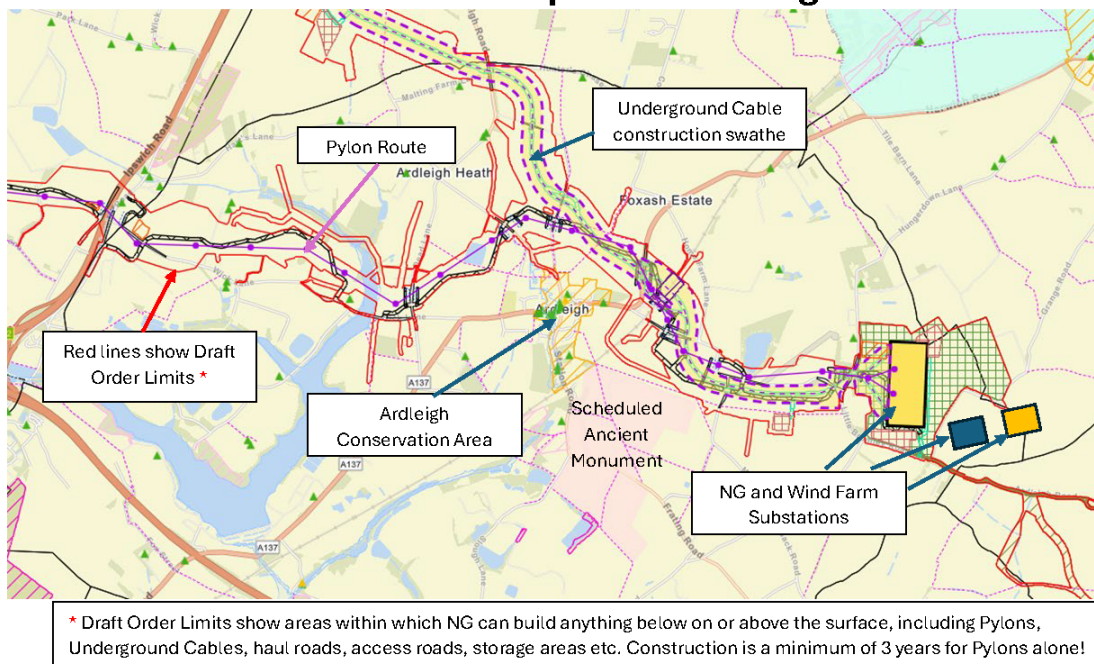
## Ardleigh Parish Council Report

**Our Parish Council** usually meets on the second Monday of most months at Ardleigh Village Hall with a remote option for members of the public. Our meetings are open to the public, and there is a slot at each one for 'public participation' where residents can speak for up to three minutes. Outside this slot, members of the public are only permitted to speak if invited by the Chair. **The next meeting will be Monday 8 July 2024 at 7.30pm - there is no meeting planned for August.** The May meeting was the annual meeting where the Chair was elected and Councillor roles agreed. One member of the public attended in person. No members of the public attended in June. Apologies were received for both meetings from Cllr Zoe Fairley our Tendring District Councillor and Cllr Carlo Guglielmi our Essex County Council Councillor.

- **National Grid – Pylons and substations**

The Public Meeting held on 10 May relating to the National Grid consultation was well attended. The Village Hall was full which demonstrated the level of public concern. Residents appreciated the detailed presentations and information from the speakers who included Sir Bernard Jenkin, local Member of Parliament (before the July General Election was called), and Rosie Pearson from the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons Campaign.

### National Grid's plan for Ardleigh



A National Grid Submission Working Group, comprising members of the Council together with members of the public, is preparing a substantial document as the Council's response to the Statutory Consultation. This will be on the Parish Council website once completed. The Council agreed to seek legal advice on some aspects of the proposed response to ensure that it is as robust as possible.

As a result of the General Election being called, National Grid have extended the closing date for response to their formal Statutory Consultation to **26 July 2024**.

**Any comments made on previous consultations will not carry forward. You MUST make your comments again to get them heard. This is your final opportunity to respond.** Every comment made contributes to giving full representation to residents of Ardleigh.

There is also a Webinar on **Thursday 11 July** – 6pm – 7pm with specific detail for Babergh, Tendring and Colchester. On **Thursday 18 July** – 6pm – 7pm, there is an Overview Webinar. The links to register for these can be found here:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/norwich-to-tilbury/public-consultation-and-programme>

#### Ways to respond to the consultations:

Via the National Grid website: [www.nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://www.nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury)

Email to National Grid: [contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com)

Freepost: use 'FREEPOST N TO T' as the address for your letter

Free phone hotline: 0800 915 2497

For those who haven't already done so, please sign up to this campaign [www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk](http://www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk). You can visit [Pylons and Substations \(ardleigh.website\)](#) to download our responses so far to all the relevant consultations etc plus the latest submission when it is complete.

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

The referendum has been delayed due to the General Election. The Council has requested a new date of 5 September 2024 and is waiting for a response from Tendring District Council. All electors will be eligible to vote and the referendum will be run by Tendring District Council elections team. For more details, please see <https://ardleigh.website/our-plan>

- **Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community**

The Examiner began final consultations into the Garden Community plans at hearings held in May. Cllr Talbot and the Clerk attended one session on behalf of the Council. Future planning applications will have to be made and the Parish Council will comment on these particularly in view of the expected issues with travel/infrastructure and on Crockleford in particular.

- **D-Day Commemoration**

The Ardleigh beacon was lit on the Millennium Green on 6 June and there was a free Family Funday event on 8 June. Thanks to all the organisers and to all those who attended these fabulous events.

- **Village Floral Displays**

The floral displays will soon be blooming through the Village. Many thanks to the sponsors whose donations in 2023 have also funded this year's flowers: SRC Group, Chaselet Ltd, P Tuckwells Ltd, Cox Landscapes, James Blyth Farming, Philip Liverton Ltd, JRW Law Ltd, Cottage Landscapes, R H Coppeard, Fearnley Motors and Dean & Co Interiors. Thanks also to Craft Nurseries Garden Centre for the planting and Cottage Landscapes for the watering.

- **Essex Village of the Year competition**

The Council has submitted an entry to the Essex Village of the Year competition. It highlights the rural aspect of living in Ardleigh, and the strong community feeling and spirit. It mentions the historic aspect of the Village and the major impact seen from the raft of current planning proposals ranging from the plans of National Grid, with 50-metre-high pylons, to the increased housing of the Garden Community and possibility of extended and extra quarry sites. The positivity seen by residents fighting these proposals is mentioned together with the real sense of belonging within the Village. Local activities and community groups are included alongside Village institutions such as the school, church and GP surgery. To view the entry in full, please visit Ardleigh Parish Council's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ardleighpc> or on the Parish council website [www.ardleigh.website](http://www.ardleigh.website).

- **Car park at Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

We have had recent complaints about the number of cars parking at the Village Hall / Recreation Ground for long periods without apparently using our facilities. These car parks are strictly for users of the Recreation Ground/ Millennium Green or Village Hall- plus an area allocated to Shore Engineering. We understand that some users of the Recreation Ground have not been able to find a parking space. The Parish Council will monitor the situation and take advice on enforcing the parking restrictions. Please be considerate to other users and ***only use the car parks while using the facilities.***

- **Community Speedwatch**

Community Speedwatch has been active in the village over the last few months acting as a deterrent and recording speeding drivers to help make roads safer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cllr Helen Fontaine at [helen.fontaine@ardleigh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:helen.fontaine@ardleigh-pc.gov.uk) for more details.

- **Parish Council Play Equipment**

Following safety inspections repairs have been made to several items of equipment across the three playgrounds on the Millennium Green, Recreation Ground and Colchester Road and further repairs are pending. The contract for the refurbishment of the galleon/sand pit on the Recreation Ground has been

awarded to a local contractor. A local company, Noah's Oak, has offered to undertake some refurbishment work on fencing/ramp at the play areas as a gesture of goodwill. The Council thanks them for their generosity. Work should begin in the next few weeks on both these projects and the repairs. Please do not enter the site whilst workers are there, or if gates are barred during this time. Thank you.

- **Village Hall**

The Council continues to investigate potential grant funding for maintenance/ improvements (e.g. solar panels & roof repairs) and quotes are being obtained. We use Community Halls in Partnership (CHIP) to manage the bookings of the Village Hall and promote it to a wider audience. For booking enquiries, please contact CHIP on 01206 870266 or [ardleigh@community-centre.org.uk](mailto:ardleigh@community-centre.org.uk)

- **New Shopper Bus Service**

The Council were advised of a new community transport scheme for Ardleigh residents which started in May. A door-to-door shopper bus takes residents to Asda or Tesco supermarkets in Colchester on a Monday afternoon. It is a bookable service, for more details, please see <https://dial-a-ride.org/new-door-to-door-bus-service-for-ardleigh-residents/>

- **Flooding in the Village**

Although we are meant to be approaching summer, the amount of rain still falling continues to cause problems with flooding for some residents. **Please clear ditches as necessary. Local floods are preventable if landowners keep on top of ditch maintenance.** Flooding should be reported to Highways <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us> Once reported, please forward details to us including the Highways reference number, and photographic evidence, if possible, to [info@ardleigh-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@ardleigh-pc.gov.uk)

- **Judicial Review**

The Parish Council has appealed the decision made in February not to allow a full Judicial Review into Tendring District Council's planning decision to approve the huge food storage and distribution facility adjacent to Wick Lane (20/00594/FUL). The decision is still pending; should the appeal be granted, then more funds will be needed to argue our case at a full High Court hearing. We are grateful for the substantial donations which have enabled us to proceed to this position. Please email us if you can assist or would like more information.

- **Council Roles**

Councillors were appointed to the following roles of responsibility at the May meeting:

- Cemetery (and Churchyard) health & safety inspections - Cllrs Jayne Marshall and Carolyn Mason
- Cemetery Management – Cllr Tim Barrott
- Councillor to conduct/check Internal Financial Controls – Cllr James Blyth
- Environment/APACE liaison – Cllr Carolyn Mason
- Landfill Site/Quarry Liaison – Cllrs Tim Barrott, Jayne Marshall and Richard Talbot
- Other assets (eg Checking signage, street furniture, benches etc) – Cllr Richard Talbot
- Police Liaison – Cllr Helen Fontaine
- Participation in the Catch-up Meetings with Cllrs Zoe Fairley (Tendring District Council) and Carlo Guglielmi (Essex County Council) - Cllrs Tim Barrott, Jayne Marshall, Carolyn Mason and Martin Whiteley
- Tendring District Association of Local Councils – Cllr Jayne Marshall
- Weekly inspections of play areas – Cllr Richard Talbot

- **Planning**

See <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications> for current applications. A summary of recent and ongoing applications and extracts from our comments can be found below, excluding tree works and discharge/ variation of conditions and items for information. Where appropriate, our responses to Tendring District Council (TDC) include reference to the emerging Ardleigh Neighbourhood Plan Policies and updated Village Design Statement. Full details are available by searching here <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications>

Planning from the **May** meeting:

[24/00528/FULHH](https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications) Single storey extensions to bungalow including construction of new garage to side of property. Bracpools Stores, Frating Road, Ardleigh CO7 7SY. Council **resolved** not to object.

[24/00617/FULHH](#) Single storey rear extension. 5 Dudley Road, Colchester CO4 9AY. Council **resolved** not to object.

[24/00478/COUNOT](#) Prior Approval, Class Q, Town and Country Planning Order 2015 for change from agricultural building into a dwelling. 31 Harwich Road, Lawford CO11 2LS. Council **resolved** to object.

[24/00615/COUNOT](#) Prior Approval, Class Q, Town and Country Planning Order 2015 for change of use of agricultural buildings to 4 dwellings. Pole House, 36 Harwich Road, Lawford CO11 2LS. Council **resolved** to object.

[24/00661/CMTR](#) The importation and processing of hazardous waste including the establishment of a hazardous landfill cell for the deposit of asbestos. Martells Barns, Slough Lane, Ardleigh CO7 7RU. Council **resolved** to object; they see no need to import hazardous waste.

Crown Business Centre, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh CO7 7QR. Council **resolved** not to object.

[24/00459/FULHH](#) Proposed side extensions, rear and forward projecting single storey extensions, dormer window, building remodelling and associated works. 20 Harwich Road, Ardleigh CO7 7LT. Council **resolved** to request a condition the dwelling is for agricultural workers only if not for the main house.

[APP/P1560/W/24/3338236](#) Appeal Blue Barns Farm, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh.

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> Council **resolved** to reiterate previous objection; to also mention felling of trees at the location, landscaping purposely built to obscure the building and Ardleigh Parish Council's support of Tendring District Council's refusal of original planning application.

Planning from the **June** meeting:

[24/00035/FUL](#) Proposed one dwelling in lieu of approved application 22/00359/COUNOT (Barn A). Re-submission of 23/00773/FUL. Barn A, rear of 5 Hunters Chase, Ardleigh CO7 7LW (application referred to TDC Planning Committee) Council **resolved** to update/re-submit previous comments.

[24/00628/FULHH](#) First floor rear extension above previously extended ground floor. Changing some windows and external doors to ground floor. Holly Trees Poultry Farm, Wick Lane, Ardleigh CO7 7RG. Council **resolved** to comment on the name of the farm as not ordinarily known as a poultry farm.

[24/00674/FUL](#) Demolish existing stable barn, construct new storage barn, mobile unit tack room, 2 mobile unit stables, new hay storage and trailer carport (construction material from demolished stables. Use existing concrete slab), fencing. 17 Coggeshall Road, Ardleigh CO7 7LP. Council **resolved** to ask for use for livestock use only to be added as a condition of approval.

[24/00736/FULHH](#) New porch. Silver Birch Barn, Frating Road, Ardleigh CO7 7SU. Council **resolved** not to object.

[24/00778/CMTR](#) (ESS/07/24/TEN) Installation and use of a sand drying plant, erection and use of a building for sand bagging and storage operations with associated access. Martells Quarry, Slough Lane, Ardleigh, CO7 7RU. Council **resolved** to object to visual aspect due to 23m height and increased traffic noise.

[24/00716/NACON](#) Consultation from Colchester City Council [application no 240931](#)- for removal or variation of a condition to limit to office use. Apex 12, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh CO7 7QR. Council **resolved** to object to the removal of the variation of the condition to limit to office use.

- **Dates for your diary**

The next Council meeting is **Monday 8 July 2024, 7.30pm at Ardleigh Village Hall**. All meetings take place there with a remote option for most meetings. **Agendas** for Parish Council meetings are posted on the noticeboard at the entrance to the Village Hall, and on the website, at least three days before each meeting. All **Minutes** are also on the website and we provide a summary within the Ardleigh Advertiser.

- **Contact us**

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