

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 13 May 2024, 7.30pm, this is the annual meeting where the Chair is elected, and other Councillor roles are agreed.** The April meeting was attended by Cllr Carlo Guglielmi, our Essex County Councillor and Cllr Zoe Fairley our Tendring District Councillor. Two members of the public attended in person.

- **Public Participation Section**

During the 'public participation' section, representatives of the Ardleigh Oaks planning application were invited to give more details.

This application relates to the removal of existing warehouses along Old Ipswich Road to be replaced with larger buildings which emulate those nearby. The applicants gave details of timescales, environmental impact and proposed mitigation, possible increased employment opportunities and their plans to modernise and improve the site. The Council discussed these comments and resolved to remove the application from the list for the Tendring District Council Planning Committee and to make comments requesting conditions be placed to ensure Parish Council involvement in the plans for landscaping and lighting on site.

- **National Grid – Pylons and substations**

Public meeting planned during May at Ardleigh Village Hall.

Details of the formal Statutory Consultation have been announced. Closing date for comments is 18 June 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.

The Parish Council continues to campaign against National Grid's plans, coordinating with the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons Campaign. The Council plans to hold another public meeting Friday 10 May 7pm for 7.30pm to fully inform residents. Speakers will be arranged to help explain exactly what the proposed scheme is and how Ardleigh will be affected and include Sir Bernard Jenkin and Rosie Pearson.'

Leaflets will be delivered to your homes to give more information and advice. Please check our website, Facebook page or noticeboards for the date and time of the meeting.

National Grid have arranged drop-in sessions. Unfortunately, there is not a session in Ardleigh. Local sessions are in Great Bromley, Lawford and Langham:

Saturday 4 May - 11am – 4pm

Lawford Venture Centre, Bromley Road, Lawford CO11 2JE

Thursday 16 May – 2pm – 7pm

Langham Community Centre, School Road, Langham CO4 5PA

Friday 17 May – 1pm – 6pm

Great Bromley Village Hall, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley CO7 7JA

There is also a Webinar on **Thursday 30 May** – 6pm – 7pm. The link to register for this 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

Email to National Grid: contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com

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

Free phone hotline: 0800 915 2497

Feedback forms are also available online, at the drop-in sessions, on request and at inspection points.

For those who haven't already done so, please sign up to this campaign www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk and/or you can sign up for updates from Sir Bernard Jenkin MP. You can visit <https://ardleigh.website/pylons-and-substations> to download our responses so far to all the relevant consultations etc.

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

A further update is due from the examiner before the final Neighbourhood Plan is published. Once received the Council will complete any administration required to enable a rapid turnaround. There is a proposed referendum date of 27 June 2024 dependant on receiving the update from the examiner within the necessary timeframe. 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 will begin final consultations into the Garden Community plans at hearings held between 7 and 10 May. The Council has registered to attend to comment on potential issues with travel/infrastructure and on Crockleford being excluded from the Plan.

- **Flooding in the Village**

The Council continues to receive complaints about flooding from several residents with ditches being blocked. ***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

- **D-Day Commemoration**

As part of national events the Ardleigh beacon on the Millennium Green will be lit on 6 June at 9.15pm, there will also be a fish and chip van on site. Church bells will also be rung at this time. There will be a free Family Funday event on 8 June from 12 noon to 4pm on the Millennium Green. 'Ardleigh's Big Lunch' will include dancers, music, an APACE tent full of environmental inspiration, arts and crafts, a play area, games and ice creams. This is being organised by a working group of members of the public and Councillors. The Council will provide some financial support for the event.

- **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). Papers have been submitted and the Parish Council has formally lodged its appeal. 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 and are continuing to appeal for pledges of further support. Please email us if you can assist or would like more information.

- **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. Where appropriate, our responses to 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>

[24/00118/LBC](#) Proposed alterations: existing doorway to window, removal of internal wall, construction of shower room, creation of doorway, repurposing existing doorway. Lamberts, Chapel Lane, Ardleigh CO7 7BJ (comment date passed, previously circulated by email). Council **resolved** not to object.

[24/00106/FULHH](#) Replacement of existing flat roof with similar new covering and insulation. Roof surround to be increased in height; overall roof height will increase by 140mm. Solar panels will be mounted on roof. 21 Ardleigh Court, Ardleigh CO7 7LA. Council **resolved** not to object.

[24/00413/FUL](#) Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of new bungalow and garage. 2 Goodhall Cottages, Coggeshall Road, Ardleigh CO7 7LR. Council **resolved** not to object.

- **Old Ipswich Road**

No Stopping at Any Time (Red route) restrictions on Old Ipswich Road (Ardleigh), from the A12 (Southbound) exit north of Harts Lane for a distance of approximately 328 metres to the south on both sides of the carriageway (East and West) have been made permanent following a successful trial. This is in addition to existing red route restrictions in this area and follows expansion of the Systematic site.

- **Parish Council Play Equipment**

Repairs have been made to several items of equipment across the three playgrounds on the Millennium Green, Recreation Ground and Colchester Road. The contract for the refurbishment of the galleon/sand pit on the Recreation Ground has been awarded to a local contractor. Work should begin in the next few weeks. Please do not enter the site whilst workers are there, or when the gate is barred during the refurbishment. Thank you.

- **Village Hall**

The Council continues to look into 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

- **New Shopper Bus Service**

The Council have been advised of a new service for Ardleigh residents. A community transport scheme operating in the Tendring district, is starting a new door to door shopper bus from Ardleigh to Colchester supermarkets on a Monday afternoon. This will be a bookable service starting on 13 May 2024, starting with Asda or Tesco. For more details, please see <https://dial-a-ride.org/new-door-to-door-bus-service-for-ardleigh-residents/>

- **Tour de Tendring**

The Tour de Tendring bike ride takes place on Sunday 19 May 2024. There are two circular routes. One is 20 miles, the other is 60 miles; these take in the picturesque district of Tendring. Find out more details using this link: <https://www.bike-events.co.uk/tourdetendring>

- **Dates for your diary**

The next Council meeting is **Monday 13 May 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 each month.

- **Contact us**

Email us info@ardleigh-pc.gov.uk Write to us, Ardleigh Parish Council, PO Box 12865, Colchester, CO7 7EZ. Telephone (answerphone) 01206 414989 (please leave a detailed message). We are on social media. Website www.ardleigh.website Facebook (@ardleighpc and @ardleighvh for the Village Hall) and Instagram (@ardleighnp).

- **Articles can also be found on the Parish Council website**

<https://ardleigh.website/ardleigh-advertiser-items>