



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10 JULY 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Barrott (Chair),
Cllr's Partridge, Fryer, Smith, Marshall, Andrews, Talbot, and Halsey.
Clerk - Karen Thompson

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

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17/0122 Apologies for absence

Cllr's Thompson, Scott-Barrett and Chase-Gardener sent apologies as did Essex County Councillor Gugliemli and TDC Councillor Stock.

17/0123 Declaration of Interests - to receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

None declared.

17/0124 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

People attending the Public Participation session raised concerns about HGVs and the resulting traffic chaos in Home Farm Lane including a collision between a lorry and a car. There is also suspicion that lorries parking overnight in the passing place may be using the parking area as a toilet. There was intense frustration that TDC had approved planning permission for an additional cold fridge unit to be installed at the Peake Fruit site, increasing HGV traffic further. A request will be made to Essex and TDC Highways to visit the site.

A representative from the Chelmsford Motor Club came to answer questions about a proposed annual car rally running through parts of Essex including a Tendring phase which would see a number of roads closed and sections of lanes used in the area for speed sections. The speed sections are not yet set but there is a proposed section in Ardleigh which would likely take in Grange Road and Little Bromley Road as far as Glebe Bridge. The route would be marshalled with stewards and marshals every 300/400 metres. Tendring District Council is supportive of the scheme as it would bring tourism and business to the area. The rally would consist of 120 cars leaving at 1 minute intervals along each short stage. The road closure would be in place from 7am – 8pm in which 3 competition slots of 2 hours each would take place. Access to housing could only be achieved at certain times of the day. Residents and council members expressed concerns over safety but also the disruption to agricultural work. Ardleigh Council will write to TDC expressing concerns.

It was reported that Haddocks car showroom had utilised the A120 bridge as a place to show vehicles for sale and have advertising over the period of the Tendring Show but had continued to have vehicles for sale on the bridge. This means that members of the public park to look at the vehicles which creates a dangerous situation on the A137. The Council decided to write to Haddocks and ask them not to use the bridge.

There was also a plea expressed by a resident for people not to pull up on the road alongside the Texaco garage when using the garage shop because pedestrians have to

detour onto the road to get past.

The Council has approached TDC to get 'give-way' signs introduced at the junction of Morrow Lane, Waterhouse Lane and Back Road.

A further complaint about hedge cuttings being left in ditches. It was again noted that it is important that ditches are kept clear so that water can run into the ditch and either run away or soak away and this would be included in the Ardleigh Advertiser report.

A representative from a local developer that build high quality bungalows for the over 55s also attended the meeting. They explained that Ardleigh is identified as a location with an increasing requirement to support older people and a development of specifically suitable housing similar to the development at Gainsford Gardens might be proposed. The developer was keen to liaise with the village to see what constraints or amenities would be useful to Ardleigh that could be included in any application.

A resident is keen to know if TDC require a planning application to change their access onto the A137 by creating a new driveway and the Council agreed to approach TDC and see if a response would be forthcoming.

A complaint about vehicles speeding along the A137 at night and using it like a racetrack but the Council believe the police are unlikely to act due to its low priority.

17/0125 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 12 June 2017

The Council agreed the draft minutes of the meeting were a true and accurate account of the proceedings.

17/0126 Clerk's Report

The Council received the report of resolutions agreed at previous Parish Council Meetings and noted action to date.

17/0127 District and County Councillor Reports

TDC Cllr Stock and ECC Cllr Gugliemli had sent apologies. There followed a further discussion on the poor attendance of the councillors and agreed to continue to invite them and also take every opportunity to request their presence. It was also decided to send questions specific to the TDC and ECC councillors so that a meeting could be arranged.

17/0128 Planning

17/128.1 To discuss and decide any further action regarding the approval of 17/00550/FUL despite strong Parish Council objection to a refrigeration unit at Peake Fruit land.

Cllr Halsey agreed to look through the planning application carefully to ensure there were no obvious points not considered in the planning decision. Cllr Marshall added that a number of photos had been taken showing the road blockage and subsequent congestion that regularly occurs which she could share.

17/128.2 To receive the notes of the Public Meeting on 26th June 2017 for 17/00859/OUT. This was received.

17/128.3 To note the consultation on TDCs Local Plan running from 16 June 2017 - 28 July 2017. This was noted.

17/128.4 To discuss the investigation of Scott Developers for a development within Ardleigh Village for properties for the over 55s.

The discussion recognised the opposition by Ardleigh residents for that any planning

application outside of the village envelope. There was also concern that unused land not developed by Scotts might be sold onto developers with a more aggressive approach to development.

Applications

[Proposed first floor extension.](#)

Ivy Dene Frating Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7SY

17/00880/FUL

The Council had no objection to this application.

[Discharge of conditions 03 \(landscaping\) 08 \(access\) of planning permission 17/00494/FUL.](#)

Land adjacent Holly House Chapel Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7BJ

17/00895/DISCON

The Council had no objection to this application.

[Resubmission of planning application 17/00061/FUL - Proposed detached dwelling, including retention of mobile home for duration of building work.](#)

Benson Stud Harts Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QE

17/00901/FUL

The Council had no objection to this application.

[1 No. Maple - prune](#)

Ash Lodge Mary Warner Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7RP

17/00941/TPO

The Council had no objection to this application and noted it is already approved.

[Discharge of Condition 10 \(Hard and Soft Landscaping Works\) of Planning Permission 16/01300/FUL.](#)

Land adjacent 1 Tilsit Place Colchester Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7NZ

17/00939/DISCON

The Council noted the discharge of planning conditions.

[Erection of 2 No. new workshop buildings and 7 No. office cabins with associated surfacing works including formation of new site access off Wick Lane create new depot for the fitting/repairing of hire container units.](#)

Land adjoining Ipswich Road and Wick Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7QL

17/00976/FUL

The Council objected to this application on the grounds that the access to the site would be from the Old Ipswich Road end of Wick Lane with a small amount of road widening and improvement at the start of Wick Lane to accommodate this access. The Council felt that this would encourage traffic to use Wick Lane giving the impression that it is wider and maintained to a high highways standard of road. The Council felt that if the access to the proposed development was from the Old Ipswich Road then the development would be acceptable.

[Proposed detached garage.](#)

Brimley Fox Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PP

17/00997/FUL

The Council had no objection to this application.

Appeals:

To note the appeal decision for application 16/00859/OUT - Site Adj Willowell, Spring Valley Lane, Ardleigh, CO7 7SD. The appeal has been Dismissed.

This was noted.

To note that Threshers 17/00171/FUL has gone to appeal (APP/P1560/W/17/3174226) with a comments deadline of 19 Jul 2017.

It was agreed to resubmit comment that the site falls outside the village envelope.

Decided Approvals:

The following were noted.

- 17/00550/FUL [Construction of controlled atmosphere store block.](#)
Land South of Railway off Home Farm Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7LU
- 17/00769/DISCON [Discharge of conditions 02 \(materials\) and 03 \(landscaping scheme\) of planning permission 16/00649/FUL.](#)
Mayo House Crown Lane South Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PL
- 17/00820/COUNOT [Change of use of barn to B8 \(storage and distribution\).](#)
Storage Warehouse at rear of 18 Coggeshall Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LP
Decided Prior approval not required
- 17/00895/DISCON [Discharge of conditions 03 \(landscaping\) 08 \(access\) of planning permission 17/00494/FUL.](#)
Land adjacent Holly House Chapel Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7BJ

Refusals:

The following were noted.

- 16/01332/FUL [Erection of a new office \(B1 use\) and a replacement 'fishing lodge' with associated access, parking and landscaping.](#)
Land to The East of Clover Way Ardleigh Essex CO7 7PT
- 17/00151/FUL [Two storey extension to existing bungalow.](#)
The Bungalow Green Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PE
- 17/00362/OUT [Outline application for 5 detached two storey dwellings.](#)
Land to The South of Bromley Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7SE
- 17/00438/OUT [Erection of five detached dwellings, associated garaging and parking following demolition of commercial and agricultural buildings and cessation of non-conforming commercial uses.](#)
Land to The South and East 18 Coggeshall Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LP

Withdrawn:

None.

To Be Decided by Another Authority

None.

17/0129
17/129.1

Churchyard & Cemetery

To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.

Cllr Fryer commented that the neglected graves, grave humps and subsidising graves were a cause for concerns. Cllr Barrott agreed to spend some time with Cllrs Fryer and Halsey looking at the graves before proposing a plan of action.

The state of the war memorial in the church yard was raised and a request to consider improving the area where the names are on display as they are difficult to read. The clerk suggested that funding be sought from the CIF scheme to improve the memorial which was agreed.

17/0130
17/130.1

Recreation, Play and Open Spaces & Colchester Road Play Area

To receive reports on condition of area and identify any health and safety risks and consider any decisions for expenditure.

Cllr Talbot agreed to meet with Andy Bruce to go through which posts would be replaced on the tugboat.

Cllr Halsey agreed to write up the fencing specification for the Colchester Road Play Area work and then quotes would be sought and run the specification past the school.

17/0131 Environment and maintenance

17/131.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.

No formal report received. It was noted that JM are not operating from Martells Quarry now and there had been less complaints regarding large vehicles. A councillor also said that black smoke had been seen from the Martells site and TDC had investigated.

17/131.2 To note a resident's report of unpleasant smells in Waterhouse Lane and consider any action required.

It was agreed to report the caravans sited on the corner of Waterhouse Lane and Back Road to TDC.

17/131.3 To consider an Ardleigh Parish Council Twitter account for quick information publication.

It was agreed that Ardleigh Parish Council would establish a social media presence with a draft Social Media policy as a starting point and EALC training on the subject. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a draft policy and Cllr Andrews and the clerk would attend EAKC training.

17/131.4 To consider pursuing additional defibrillators in the village.

It was noted that the only defibrillator in the village was sited at the village hall and it was debated as to whether a more central location could also host a machine. It was agreed to write to the Doctors Surgery to see if a defibrillator at the surgery would be possible on an outside wall.

17/0132 Public Rights of Way

17/132.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.

None received.

17/132.2 To note that the Council has received a purchase order from ECC for grass cutting and to confirm that the Parish Council should submit a corresponding invoice to ECC for £4593.32 as is usual procedure.

Noted.

17/132.3 To consider a residents request for support in a matter of a verge dispute.

The principle of not parking on verges that you do not own was supported but it was agreed that the Council would not get involved in a specific dispute.

17/132.4 To note the planned car rally on some of Ardleigh Parish roads (see attachment 7).

It was agreed that the Council would write to TDC expressing concerns about disruption and danger that would accompany a car rally stage in Ardleigh. Cllr Halsey agreed to raise at the next TDALC meeting also.

17/132.5 To note the planned joint meeting with other local parish councils to discuss the issue of HGVs travelling at speed through the villages and rural roads.

This was supported and Cllr's Barrott, Halsey and Andrews agreed to attend.

17/132.6 To consider a residents email regarding the overgrown state of 2 footpaths in the village.

- 1. Alongside St Mary's Primary School**
- 2. Between Aveline Road and the Millennium Green**

It was agreed to write to the landowners requesting action.

17/132.7 To decide on any action regarding overhanging trees on the A137.

Cllr Marshall reported that branches hanging lower than 3metres must be cut back and it was agreed that the branches were not lower than 3m.

17/0133
17/133.1

Training

To receive a verbal report on Councillor training days recently attended (Cllr Andrews and Marshall).

The training was recommended as it covered standing orders, data protection, freedom of information and social media.

17/0134

Social Media Conduct

To note the guideline from TDC on Social Media Conduct (see attachment 8).

This was noted.

17/0135

TDALC

17/135.1

To receive any report or minutes from latest meetings.

There was no information to report but Cllr Halsey agreed to raise the issue of HGVs, the proposed car rally and the Gladman planning application at the next meeting.

17/0136

Parish Council Financial Report

17/136.1

To receive report on Parish Council accounts as at the 30 June 2017.

This was received.

17/136.2

Accounts for payment –Cheques/Bacs payments to be approved for payment and signed.

The following were approved for payment.

Clerk Pay (inc PAYE, pension, NI) Jun 17	£ 522.88
Employer Pension	£ 5.23
Clerk Mileage.....	£ 65.25
Clerk Expenses	
Ink	£ 55.97
Postage	£ 1.30
JF Tree Specialist	£ 1,308.00
EALC Training – Standing Orders	£ 55.00
Watering Contract S Farrer.....	£ 458.80
Eon – Lighting	£ 103.90
RCCE Subscription.....	£ 60.00
Affinity Water.....	£ 19.16
Play Inspections	£ 100.80
Bland Landscapes	£ 892.80

17/136.3

To consider a request for ordering a wreath for the Remembrance Service in November.

The council decided which wreath it wished to order. It will cost £17.00.

17/136.4

To consider any projects that could be submitted for ECC Community Initiatives Funding as the scheme for up to £20,000 is open till 25 August 2017.

It was decided to apply for ECC Community Initiatives Funding for two projects:

- Improving the status of the war memorial
- The additional works at the Colchester Road Play Area

17/0137

Village Hall

17/137.1

To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.

A reminder that we do not have a quote for repairing the flooring of the village hall. This would be sought.

17/137.2 To consider opting for an Affinity Business joint water and waste account option.
It was resolved to combine both the sewage and water provision with Affinity Water as this would be cheaper.

17/0138 Village Hall Financial Report
17/138.1 To receive financial report on Village Hall accounts as at the 30th June 2017.
The report was accepted.

17/138.2 Accounts for payment –Cheques/Bank payments to be approved for payment and signed.
The following list was approved for payment.

Bookings & Cleaning – July	£ 401.10
Affinity Water	£ 115.39

17/0139 Information for the attention of the Clerk for the next meeting.
The Agenda specifies the business that it is proposed to transact (Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12 para 10 (2) (b) and the Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which is not specified in the Agenda (Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).

None reported.

17/0140 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting
Monday 11th September 2017.

Signed by Meeting Chair on