



**ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 12 MARCH 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

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

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

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**18/038**

**Apologies for absence**

Cllr's Fryer and Chase-Gardener sent apologies.

Cllr Stock from Tendring District Council and Cllr Gugliemli from Essex County Council were also unable to attend.

**18/039**

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

None declared.

**18/040**

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

The points raised by members of the public included the broken small wooden fence the encloses some of the greensward at Plains Farm Close, the litter dropped and the constant parking and churning up of the greensward. The Council agreed to take this up with Highways.

A resident spoke to the car crash that occurred one afternoon with a car travelling at speed through the village and the desire of residents to set up a community speed watch programme in an attempt to deter speeding and associated dangerous driving. Further volunteers would be very welcome and the organisers' details can be got from the clerk at [ardleighpc@gmail.com](mailto:ardleighpc@gmail.com). A request was made to see if the council would fund a dictaphone so that details could be recorded quickly. The council asked for details of prices.

A serious concern was raised about the risk of localised flooding and again it was said that too many ditches were not being maintained properly and were often left with debris in them preventing them working as a way of removing water from the local land and away to the various brooks and reservoirs. The Council said that they had raised concerns with ECC and TDC but nothing was forthcoming.

The forthcoming Tendring car rally was also raised with cars speeding and driving dangerously along the proposed stages ahead of the rally. One resident had avoided being hit by a speeding revved up vehicle by putting his vehicle in the hedgerow.

There was concern raised about the volume of traffic along the Bromley Road and that lanes were being used as cut-through and the expression that this would get worse as the garden community development begins. There was also a concern that the Wivenhoe council were campaigning for the development to come further north of the A133 and that would mean more homes in Ardleigh Parish.

There was a request that the chair limits the Public Participation session to the published time permitted of 15 minutes.

**18/041**

**Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 12 February 2018.**

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

18/042

**Clerk's Report**

The clerks report was accepted and it was commented that the Ardleigh Advertiser would resume print shortly, but with limited space available. The clerk suggested that rather than listing the planning applications seen by the council in the magazine that the link to TDCs webpage could be made available. This was agreed.

18/043

**District and County Councillor Reports**

There were no reports as both councillors were absent.

18/044

**Planning**

18/44.1

**To decide actions as part of preparing for the Planning Inspectorate Gladman appeal – South of Bromley Road.**

The chair reminded the meeting that the Gladman appeal was scheduled for a 8 day hearing and that both TDC and Colchester Borough Council were planning a robust defence.

**Applications**

18/00178/FUL

[Proposed 1.5 storey rear extension to existing 2 storey dwelling.](#)

**Old Bakers Fox Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PP**

There was no objection to this application.

18/00116/LBC

[Removal of fencing and replacement with fencing and laticing, and the addition of timber gravel boards.](#)

**Blue Barns Cottage Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QL**

This was taken at the last meeting.

18/00196/LUPROP

[Replace current access point with new access 22 metres to the east.](#)

**Field Between Trefoil and Whinstones Crown Lane North Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RA**

This was for information only.

18/00208/FUL

[Single storey rear extension.](#)

**12 Chapel Croft Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7TQ**

There was no objection to this application.

18/00260/FUL

[Proposed single storey rear extension & replacement of existing detached garage.](#)

**Ilex Farm Waterhouse Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7NE**

There was no objection to this application.

18/00297/FUL

[Proposed two storey front extension \(following demolition of porch\), 1 1/2 storey side extension with 4no. pitched dormers \(following demolition of garages\), new roofs & chimney stack.](#)

**6 Clover Way Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PT**

There was no objection to this application.

**Decided**

The following were noted.

**Approvals:**

17/01825/DISCON

[Discharge of Condition 19 \(Surface Water Drainage\) of Planning Permission 15/00932/OUT.](#)

**Land North of Former Betts Factory Ipswich Road Colchester Essex CO4 4HE**

17/02090/FUL

[Change of use from agriculture to equestrian uses including formation of 700 metre long silica surfaced training/exercise gallop extending into blue edged land.](#)

**Bensons Stud Harts Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7QQ**

17/02186/LBC

[Renovation and decoration of The Mill an external hard landscaping improvements.](#)

The Mill Station Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RS

18/00022/FUL

[Proposed single storey extension.](#)

Churnwood Cottage 40 Chapel Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7BJ

**Refusals:**

The following were noted.

17/02114/FUL

[Two storey and single storey side extension to dwelling.](#)

Field House Bromley Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7SG

17/02132/FUL

[Erection of two detached properties with garaging, parking and turning facilities, and landscaping access from Bromley Road.](#)

Land adjacent to Hammonds Farm Bromley Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7SG

17/02160/FUL

[Proposed development of 1no. three bedroom detached dwelling with parking space.](#)

22 Harwich Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LS

**To Be Decided  
by Another  
Authority**

The following was noted.

18/00143/CMTR

[Continuation of use of land for mineral extraction without compliance with Condition 9 \(Working Arrangements\) of planning permission ref no: ESS/23/15/TEN \(To enable the importation of materials from time to time to meet product imbalances and to offer a fuller product portfolio to customers without compliance with Condition 7 \(Importation Restriction\) of planning permission ESS/46/14/TEN\) to enable landfilling to run concurrent with mineral extraction.](#)

Martells Quarry Slough Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RU

**Approval Not  
Required  
Applications  
Withdrawn**

None.

The following was noted.

18/00116/LBC

[Removal of fencing and replacement with fencing and latticing, and the addition of timber gravel boards.](#)

Blue Barns Cottage Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QL

**Appeals**

The following was noted.

**Decision**

Appeal Ref:

APP/P1560/D/17/3192481 The  
Bungalow, Green Lane, Ardleigh  
CO7 7PE

Ref 17/01702/FUL

The appeal is allowed.

18/045

18/45.1

**Churchyard & Cemetery**

**To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.**

It was commented that the trees just inside the Cemetery gates need trimming.

It was also noted that grave diggers were not disposing of removed earth appropriately but were leaving it in the corner of the cemetery.

The clerk asked if the family of the Mr Bland headstone that had been laid flat could employ a family builder to re-set the headstone rather than the funeral directors stonemasons. The Council agreed subject to insurance documents being seen.

- 18/046**                    **New Cemetery**  
**18/46.1**                    **To consider any progress on the development of a new cemetery specification.**  
There was concern raised over the possible water table at the potential site being considered for a new cemetery and it was decided that expert opinion should be sought via ICCM.  
It was also decided to pursue other possible sites including the ECC owned land opposite the salt dome.
- 18/047**                    **Recreation, Play and Open Spaces & Colchester Road Play Area**  
**18/47.1**                    **To receive reports on condition of area and identify any health and safety risks of duty and consider any decisions for expenditure.**  
Cllr Talbot and Thompson agreed to organise a repair/replacement of the joints on the scramble net.
- 18/048**                    **Event ‘Ringing Out for Peace’**  
**Receive an update on the Ringing for Peace event and to note the purchase of one silhouette metal edged Tommy and two Perspex bench silhouettes.**  
The purchase was noted.  
It was agreed to check the insurance provision on the Recreation Ground. The clerk agreed to circulate the standard ‘fire event’ insurance requirements.
- 18/049**                    **Environment and maintenance**  
**18/49.1**                    **To receive any reports and consider decisions for expenditure.**  
The issue of flood prevention was raised on behalf of a local resident. It was decided that a stronger worded letter would be sent to ditch owners making clear their legal responsibilities and possibility of being liable for flooding costs.  
It was also decided, after the raising of the fence and greensward problems at Plains Farm Close that ECC would be informed and an approach made to Cox landscapes to see if they could assist.
- 18/49.2**                    **Verbal report on Quarry Liaison Meeting (6th March 2018) from Cllr Talbot.**  
It was reported that new plans were being drawn up to reflect the changed layout of the quarry.  
The state of the roads was also discussed including the recent patching but recognising the roads were still poor.
- 18/49.3**                    **To consider the draft tender specification for a Handyman contract.**  
The draft contract was considered and it was decided to not specify a guaranteed number of hours, to also include the digging of gully’s or highway grips so that road surface water could drain into roadside ditches.
- 18/050**                    **Public Rights of Way**  
**18/50.1**                    **To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.**  
Nothing submitted for consideration.
- 18/50.2**                    **To receive an update on the state of Blacksmiths Lane.**  
The council was not satisfied that Blacksmiths Lane was greatly improved. It was felt that building deliveries to the garage/large shed being built at the back of Cypress Cottage was adding to the mud but the worst was being caused by the van being parked in the back garden of a Gernon Road property. Cllr Talbot agreed to speak to the owner of Blacksmiths Lane and to speak to the Gernon Road resident using the lane to see if permission was in place and if the mud could be cleared.
- 18/051**                    **Car Rally**  
**To discuss plans for the Tendring Car Rally due to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.**  
It had been noticed and reported to TDC that trial runs or individuals trying the route at speed were happening.  
It was also noted that the Parish Council had requested a post event de-brief meeting with

the car rally organisers, Chelmsford Motor Club.

18/052

**TDALC**

**To receive any report or minutes from latest meetings.**

No meeting to report this month.

18/053

**Annual Assembly and Annual General Meeting**

18/053.1

**To agree a date for the 2018 Annual Assembly – suggested date Monday 21st May 2018 (NB Must take place between 1 March and 1 June).**

It was decided to check the availability of the hall and set a late April date.

18/053.2

**To note that the Annual Meeting of the Council will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It is a council meeting with additional items including the election of chair and councillors to various roles.**

Noted.

18/054

**Parish Council Financial Report**

18/54.1

**To receive report on Parish Council accounts as at the 28 February 2018.**

The financial statement was accepted.

18/54.2

**Accounts for payment for Parish Council and Village Hall –Cheques/Bacs payments to be approved for payment and signed.**

The following was approved for payment:

Clerk Pay (inc PAYE, pension, NI, holiday)	£ 693.12
Employer Pension .....	£ 6.93
Clerk Mileage.....	£ 27.00
Clerk Expenses postage, parking.....	£ 9.37
JF Tree Specialist (storm damage) .....	£ 480.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – Tendring donation	£ 100.00
EALC Data Protection Briefing Clerk	£ 45.00
EALC Data Protection Briefing Cllr Andrews	£ 45.00
Tommy product purchases for Ringing for Peace	£ 1048.78
Village Archivist	£ 129.33
CPRE .....	£ 36.00
Eon Street lighting	£ 105.04
(approved in Feb but not on authorisation sheet)	
Chair allowance Q4.....	£ 100.00

Refunded £166.80 vat on Tommy purchase

18/055

**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.

18/056

**Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 9 April 2018.

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