



ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr Barrott (Chair),
Cllr's Thompson, Fontaine, Smith, Andrews, Marshall and Talbot
Clerk - Karen Thompson

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

18/0195 Chairman's Welcome

The Chair welcomed those attending and went on to thank all of those that played a part in the excellent Remembrance Day events.

18/0196 Apologies and reasons for absence

The Council resolved to accept the apologies of Cllr Fryer, Partridge and Scott-Barrett Cllr Gugliemli of Essex County Council and Cllr Neil Stock OBE of Tendring District Council had also sent apologies.

18/0197 Declaration of Interests - to receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

None declared

18/0198 To consider co-opting to fill the vacant Councillor Position

The Council resolved to co-opt Mrs Lynda Chase-Gardener to the vacant position on the Council. Cllr Barrott would confirm her acceptance when he speaks with her and she completes a acceptance of office form.

18/0199 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

A member of the public reported that the recent visit to the reservoir was very helpful and suggested that a similar visit might be useful to pupils at the school. Cllr Barrott agreed to speak to the school.

A second member of the public talked through aspects of a planning application made recently to TDC.

There was a report that the parking on yellow lines outside the Chinese take-away was causing obstruction of the road for larger vehicles. Cllr Barrott agreed to speak to the take-away and if this didn't see an improvement then the Council would speak to the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) who can enforce the parking regulations.

It was reported that the hedge on the opposite side of the road from the Highways salt dome obstructs the view of oncoming traffic from Lawford. This has been reported to Essex before and they had said they would cut it back.

It was reported that the footpath on the Langham side of the Old Ipswich Road is overgrown with vegetation, uneven and not lit and is dangerous. It was agreed that the state of the path would be reported to Essex.

It was also reported that lorries are still illegally parking along the Old Ipswich Rd, sometimes without cabs. It was agreed to report to the police and the NEPP and also speak to the garage and Essex Highways about the clearway status of the road.

18/0200 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 8 October 2018.

The minutes were agreed as accurate.

18/0201 Clerk's Report

The report showing the status of actions on-going and completed was received and noted.

18/0202 District and County Councillors

Cllrs Carlo Guglielmi and Neil Stock OBE were not present and we had not received a report.

18/0203 Planning

18/230.1

To note that TDC will investigate 19 Harwich Rd (GMP) for depositing material and concrete crushing.

This was noted.

Applications

18/01817/LBC

[External and internal amendments following conversion of existing outbuilding into a single 2-bedroom dwelling.](#)

Good Hall Coggeshall Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LR
The Council did not have any objections to this application.

18/01816/FUL

[Conversion of existing outbuilding into a single 2-bedroom dwelling, including 1.2m high boundary fencing.](#)

Good Hall Coggeshall Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LR
The Council did not have any objections to this application.

18/01705/FUL

[Single storey rear garden room extension. Single storey 'link' extension. Detached double cartlodge and garden store. New wing wall and piers, with entrance gates. New low level fencing to front boundary.](#)

Lavender House Spring Valley Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7SD
The Council did not have any objections to this application.

18/01685/FUL

[Change of use from equestrian to domestic garden.](#)

Devon House Malting Farm Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QG
The Council did not have any objections to this application.

18/01680/FUL

[Single storey rear extension.](#)

3 Badliss Hall Cottages Badliss Hall Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LX
The Council did not have any objections to this application.

18/01679/FUL

[Siting of temporary accommodation to provide on-site security and protection of glasshouse stock.](#)

Shadows Pit Nursery Harwich Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LT
The Council had concerns about the time-limit associated with the temporary nature of this proposed application.

18/01668/FUL

[Additional area for caravan storage facility.](#)

Shadows Pit Nursery Harwich Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LT
The Council did not have any objections to this application.

18/01621/FUL

[Removal of condition 1 of TEN/180/71 to allow unrestricted occupation.](#)

Birchwood Nursery Harts Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QH
The Council would look at little closer at this application.

Decided

The approved planning decisions were noted.

Approvals:

Decided

The refused planning decisions were noted.

Refusals:

Appeals

The following appeals and appeal decisions were noted
17/01152/OUT – Land at Cherrytree Farm, Harwich Road. The appeal was allowed.

17/02190/OUT - Land at Nobby's Place. The appeal was allowed.

New appeals

Site Address:

22 Harwich Road Ardleigh Colchester

Description of development: Proposed development of 1no. three bedroom detached dwelling with parking spaces
Application reference: 17/02160/FUL
Appeal reference: APP/P1560/W/18/3205269
Representations by 26 November 2018

Site Address: The Nursery Bromley Road Ardleigh
Description of development: Erection of one detached self-build or custom build dwelling
Application reference: 18/00095/OUT
Appeal reference: APP/P1560/W/18/3212047
Representations by 26 November 2018

Site Address: Land adjacent to Hammonds Farm Bromley Road
Description of development: Erection of two detached properties with garaging, parking facilities, and landscaping access from Bromley Road.
Application reference: 17/02132/FUL
Appeal reference: APP/P1560/W/18/3205410
Representations by 4 December 2018

Site Address: Land adjacent Springwood Bromley Road Ardleigh
Description of development: Erection of two detached properties with garaging, parking facilities, and landscaping, to be accessed from Bromley Road.
Application reference: 17/01846/FUL
Appeal reference: APP/P1560/W/18/3204985
Representations by 12 December 2018

18/0204 Churchyard & Cemetery

18/204.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.

It was noted that the refurbishment of the cemetery railings had begun.
It was also noted that the handyman contract would be used to clear the leaves from the pavement leading to the cemetery.

18/204.2 To agree to commission work to rake over and seed the clear area adjacent to the cemetery railings.

This was approved at a cost of £420 (exc VAT). The Council also agreed to site small plaques to mark the location and incumbent of unmarked graves.

18/0205 Recreation, Play and Open Spaces including Colchester Road Play Area

18/205.1 To receive reports on condition of area and identify any health and safety risks of duty and consider any decisions for expenditure.

It was noted that the scramble net had been repaired but the teen shelter was still broken. It was also reported that the beacon pole had been repainted and the sign was cleaned in time for the Remembrance events.

18/205.2 To consider a scheme to allow Memorial tree planting on the Millennium Green or other suitable location.

Cllr Thompson, who is also a trustee for the Millennium Green, reminded the council that it had been decided that there were sufficient trees on the Green. The council decided to look further afield for suitable places for memorial or dedication trees that could be available to bereaved families.

18/205.3 To consider the parking facilities available to The Mill in the Recreation Ground car park.

The Council has leased a number of Recreation Ground car parking spaces to the Mill in return for car park up keep but it was felt that too many cars were parking. Cllr Barrott agreed to talk to the owners of the Mill to see if alternative arrangements could be made.

18/0206 Environment and maintenance

18/206.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.

None reported. Although the council noted that the roadside hedge alongside the village hall was very overgrown and resolved that it would be cut back.

18/206.2 To consider any action regarding the reported dark conditions at the Village Centre Car Park.

It was noted that the lights in the village centre car park had not worked for many years and it was resolved that Cllr Barrott would raise this with TDC.

18/206.3 To note that the leaves will be cleared from the pavement alongside the cemetery and from the footpath linking the Village Centre Car Park and Chapel Croft as part of the village handyman works.

This was noted and it was also agreed to write to the owners of Little Court to ask if they would be able to clear ivy that has extended from the fence to the walk way.

18/206.4 To consider investigating the cost and benefits of lighting and or CCTV for the village hall and recreation ground car park to deter anti-social behaviour in line with TDC advice.

This was agreed.

18/206.5 To decide if any action is required to improve village and road lighting. Areas of concern include the Ardleigh Highways depot, Haddocks and Village Centre Car Park.

The discussion concluded with the council agreeing that the Ardleigh Depot was not confirming to its lighting conditions as set out in the planning consent and the issue should be raised again.

The lighting at Haddocks is also causing problems as the new lighting looks like an oncoming vehicle as you travel from Colchester. The council resolved to write to Haddocks requesting that they be re-angled.

Cllr Barrott said that the village centre car park lighting had not worked for many years and he would raise it with TDC again as they own the lights.

18/0207 Highways

To consider what action might be taken to reduce the risk of accidents/damage and unacceptable conditions in Home Farm Lane.

After a meeting with ECC Cllr Gugliemli it was agreed that the immediate aim of the council for Home Farm Lane is to get ECC to put a passing place sign on the lane to stop HGVs parking for long periods including overnight. At the meeting Cllr Gugliemli had agreed to take this up with ECC Highways.

The longer to aim is to find a better solution to stacking up of HGV traffic in Home Farm Lane and a meeting would be requested with the general manager of Peake Fruit.

It was noted that a vehicle count would be requested by Cllr Gugliemli.

18/0208 Public Rights of Way

18/208.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.

None reported.

18/208.2 To consider the Councils position on the closures of a series of level crossings including Abbots which Ramblers oppose.

The council had been aware of the proposed closing of Abbots Crossing across the railway line and the planned new route and felt that the new route although longer would be safer and therefore no objection would be made.

18/0209 Events

18/209.1 To receive a verbal report on the parish remembrance events on 11th November 2018.

The collection at the Remembrance Service raised £592 for Combat Stress and all the groups involved had played their part very well. The council agreed to send thank you cards to the groups involved.

18/0210 TDALC

To receive any report or minutes from latest meetings

The next TDALC meeting is 21st November and Cllr Andrews and Marshall were planning to attend with the Clerk.

18/0211 Parish Council Finance

18/211.1 To receive report on Parish Council financial statement as at the 31 October 2018.

The financial statements were noted showing the Council reserves at £134,790 which includes a ring-fenced set aside to fund the purchase and development of additional cemetery space. This was accepted.

18/211.2 To approve the bills for payment for Parish Council–Cheques/Bacs payments (see attachment).

The following were approved for payment:

Nett Pay	£	522.93
HMRC Tax and NI	£	130.60
Employee Pension Contribution	£	16.07
Employer Pension contribution - total is £29.46	£	13.39
Clerk Expenses Stationery	£	58.82
Tree work	£	1,524.00
Church Clock repair	£	125.00
Suffolk Brick & Stone – war memorial clean	£	690.00
Oakview nurseries - floral display removal	£	748.00
Liverton Verge Cuts	£	1,440.00
EALC training - Election Course	£	85.00
A&J Lighting - streetlighting	£	336.00
EALC training material		£49.99

18/211.3 To note that the Council budget will be proposed at the next meeting and any projects/known spend should be reported to the Clerk.

This was noted.

18/0212 Information for the next meeting

To suggest items 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)

It was noted that the following would be on the agenda for next month.

- Council Budget
- Lighting/CCTV in Village Hall and Recreation Ground car parks

18/0213 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th December 2018.

Signed by Meeting Chair on