



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Barrott (Chair),
Cllr's Thompson, Scott-Barrett, Chase-Gardener, Partridge, 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.

17/0196 Apologies for absence

Cllr's Fryer and Smith sent apologies.

Also absent was Cllr Stock - Tendring District Council (TDC)

17/0197 Declaration of Interests - to receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

None declared.

17/0198 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Points raised by members of the public included the dangerous lorry parking with no lights at weekends along the Old Ipswich Road; extensive and dangerous car parking under the bridge of the A12 from the Old Ipswich Road; vicious overgrown hedging along Mill Lane; Anglian Water damage to hedging and ditches at the pumping station near Back Road; people living in caravans and shacks and burning household waste; pot holes along Home Farm Lane being dangerous; sleeping in lorries on Home Farm Lane and the recent siting of the 'Welcome to Great Bromley' sign being within Ardleigh.

There was also support for a planning application before the Council 17/01702/Ful.

The Essex County Councillor reported that the Brightlingsea objection to concrete crushing and suggestion of re-siting at the waste transfer station is Ardleigh was not a possibility. Cllr Gugliemli also commented on the 5 year housing supply being identified by TDC. It was suggested that developers had questioned the TDC identified 5 year housing supply. They had done this because planning permission had been granted for developments but the development had not taken place and therefore it was challenged suggesting that the development shouldn't be counted. This has left the Planning Inspectorate questioning the TDC position. TDC is challenging this position.

17/0199 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 9 October 2017

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

17/0200 Clerk's Report

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

Essex Air Ambulance has offered a visit to see the Air Ambulance at the Earls Colne Base. Visits could be arranged for a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. The Clerk agreed to canvas Councillors for availability.

17/0201 District and County Councillor Reports

Cllr Gugliemli circulated his ECC report before the meeting.

Cllr Stock was absent.

17/0202 Planning

Consideration was given to the response from TDC regarding the complaint made by the Council about the handling of the application 17/00550/FUL which is for further development at Peake Fruit on Home Farm Lane. The Parish Council will format a response back to TDC as it was felt that the pints had not been addressed.

17/202.1 To consider the petition suggesting that the planned Brightlingsea concrete crushing works should be sited at or adjacent to the Waste Depot in Ardleigh.

The Council decided that this suggestion that the concrete crushing planned for Brightlingsea was already firm in the Essex Plan and it would not be sited in Ardleigh.

17/202.2 To note the Planning Appeal made by Gladman Development and the request for a TDC/Colchester/Ardleigh Councillor and Public meeting to discuss the arguments to be made in the appeal. (NB APP/P1560/W/17/3185776 is the reference).

The Council agreed to resubmit comments to the Planning Inspectorate and would arrange the requested meeting between the objectors committee and TDC/Colchester Borough councillors to discuss the best way forward.

Applications

17/01662/FUL [Removal of flat roof to existing extension and replace with a pitched roof. New double doors to garden. Alterations to windows. Minor internal alterations.](#) 

Fox Hollow Fox Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PN

The Council did not object to this proposal.

17/01685/DISCON [Discharge of conditions 12 \(Fencing Detail\) and 15 \(Arboricultural Method Statement\) of planning permission 15/00932/OUT.](#) 


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

The Council did not object to this proposal.

17/01702/FUL [Two storey side extension.](#) 

The Bungalow Green Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PE

This application was supported by members of the public at the meeting and the Council agreed that the application represented a tasteful development bringing the bungalow to the same height as surrounding properties.

17/01777/DISCON [Discharge of conditions 04 \(illumination Scheme\), 05 \(Working hours\), 07 \(access\), 08 \(Visibility Splays\), 09 \(Surface Treatment\), 10 \(Off Road Parking\), 11 \(HGV Parking and Turning Facilities\) and 13 \(Surface Water Drainage\) of planning permission 16/01036/FUL.](#) 

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

The Council did not object to this proposal.


17/01768/OUT

[Detached 3 bed bungalow.](#) 

Land adjacent Hilary Colchester Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PB

The Council objected to this application as it fell outside the village settlement boundary and was close to the difficult junction on Dead Lane with the A137.

17/01774/FUL

[Construction of a front porch, orangery, services room and glazed extension with link to existing building.](#) 

Devon House Malting Farm Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QG

The Council did not object to this proposal.

17/01804/TPO

[1 No. Oak - 30% reduction, remove dead wood](#) 

Hunters Oak Hunters Chase Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LN

The Council did not object to this proposal.


17/01831/OUT

[Erection of 3 detached dwellings.](#) 

Land adjacent Fernview Turnpike Close Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QW

The Council objected to this application as it fell outside the village settlement boundary.

17/01846/FUL

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

Land adjacent Springwood Bromley Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7SG

The Council objected to this application as it fell outside the village settlement boundary and it is close to the junction of Springvalley Lane and the Bromley Road which is another difficult junction on a 60mph road.

Appeals:

17/00115/Ful - Hunters Oak dismissed

Decided

The following were noted.

Approvals:

17/01344/FUL

[Proposed cartlodge.](#)


1 Chancery Farm Cottages Park Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7SS

17/01426/DETAIL

[Erection of four detached dwellings and associated garaging and parking.](#)

Land opposite The Old Mission Bromley Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7SE

17/01430/FUL

[Proposed orangery to replace existing conservatory, first floor extension, part conversion of existing garage to form self-contained living accommodation ancillary to the use of the existing dwelling and a pool/gym room with associated alterations.](#) 

Pycott Malting Farm Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QG

17/01587/TCA

[1 No. conifer - leaning dangerously - fell](#) 

Refusals: There were no refusals.

**To Be Decided
by Another
Authority**

None.

**Approval Not
Required**

[Change of use of first floor from commercial to residential.](#) 

17/01295/FUL The Lion Inn The Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LD

**Application
Withdrawn**

[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.](#)

17/00976/FUL Land adjoining Ipswich Road and Wick Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7QL

17/0203 Churchyard & Cemetery

17/203.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.

It was confirmed that the majority of the urgent tree works was complete. It was also agreed to take advice on what we would need to do to improve the fence railings at the cemetery.

17/0204 Recreation, Play and Open Spaces & Colchester Road Play Area

17/204.1 To receive reports on condition of area and identify any health and safety risks and consider any decisions for expenditure.

The reports were received with a broken joint on the scramble net and the orange netting still around the hazel walk to be removed, noted.

17/204.2 To agree to submit the 31 March 2017 Recreation Ground accounts to the Charity Commission Annual Return.

It was agreed to submit the Charity Commission Annual Return showing the position at the end of Financial year 16/17 as agreed with the Parish Council internal auditor.

17/204.3 To consider the break-ins to the Cricket Club and the offer to walk off-duty police dogs in the area and consider signage to indicate presence.

This was accepted and signage would be purchased.

17/0205 Environment and maintenance

17/205.1 To receive any reports and consider decisions for expenditure.

Nothing reported.

17/205.2 To note the funded request from a resident for a memorial bench on the triangle of Spring Valley Lane and Bromley Road.

This was noted.

17/205.3 To consider the bids for removing the pavement vegetation.

The bids were discussed and it was decided to award the contract to JF Tree Specialist.

17/205.4 To receive an update on the lighting at the Ardleigh Depot – Ringway Jacobs,
The clerk said that she would be meeting the manager of the Ardleigh Depot (Salt Dome) to understand the lighting they have in place.

17/205.5 To note the conclusion of the urgent tree works.
It was noted that the bulk of the work had been completed but top soiling and seeding as well as the tree in the churchyard were still to be done.

17/0206 Public Rights of Way

17/206.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.
The situation of large lorries running fridge units for long periods in Home Farm Lane and depositing human waste in the hedgerow along with the damage to hedges, ditches and verges was discussed. It was felt that the situation would get worse with the increase in traffic planned as the new refrigeration unit comes into operation.

It was also reported that a presentation by Essex Highways had confirmed that very little funding was available for highways improvements and only potholes that are in the tyre travel line and were potentially damage causing would be repaired quickly.

17/206.2 To note the presence of Order allowing enforcement of the weight restriction on Wick Lane.
This was noted.

17/0207 TDALC
To receive any report or minutes from latest meetings.
The next meeting is due shortly.

17/0208 Review of Council Standing Orders
To conduct the annual review, amend if necessary and adopt the Councils Standing Orders and decide if they should be published on the Council website.
It was agreed to change the Standing Orders to say he/she rather than he, and they were agreed without further amendment.

17/0209 Social Media Policy
To consider the proposed council social media policy and approve the setting up of a parish council facebook page with a photographic competition for the banner photograph.
Due to timing constraints it was agreed to bring the Social Media Policy back to the next meeting in December 2017.

It was also agreed that photographs submitted by members of the public would be requested and made available via the planned facebook page. A photo would be chosen as the banner photo and changed occasionally.

17/0210 Parish Council Financial Report
17/210.1 To receive report on Parish Council accounts as at the 31st October 2017.
The financial statement was received with no concerns raised.

17/210.2 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)	£ 922.64
Employer Pension	£ 9.23
Clerk Mileage.....	£ 123.75
Clerk Expenses	

Stationery	£ 55.36
Parking	£ 2.00
Philip Liverton Ltd Verge Cutting.....	£ 1656.00
Oakview Nurseries Floral Display	£ 748.80
JF Tree Specialist Grass Cutting.....	£ 2238.00
Fresh Air Fitness U12s Fitness Equipment....	£ 1120.20
Tree Works – Dedham Vale Tree Surgery.....	£ 723.75
Remembrance Wreath£17 + £3 donation	£ 20.00

- 17/210.3 To note that the 2018/19 Budget will be put before the Council at Decembers meeting and to consider projects for inclusion in both 2018/19 and 2018/2021 timeframes.**
This was noted.

17/0211 Village Hall

- 17/211.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.**
The Council is still waiting on a repair report and quote for the hall floor.

- 17/211.2 To note the responsibilities of Trustees. All Councillors are Trustees of the Village Hall.**
This was noted.

17/0212 Village Hall Financial Report

- 17/212.1 To receive financial report on Village Hall accounts as at the 31st October 2017.**
The report was accepted.

- 17/212.2 Accounts for payment –Cheques/Bank payments to be approved for payment and signed.**
The following list was approved for payment.

Bookings & Cleaning – June	£ 401.10
Anglian Water - Sewage.....	£ 64.52
Roalco Repairs.....	£ 1628.40

- 17/212.3 To agree to submit the 31 March 2017 accounts to the Charity Commission Annual Return.**
It was agreed to submit the audited accounts data as at 31st March 2017 for the Annual Return. It was also agreed to correct the Trustee details to say Ardleigh Parish Council and not Cllr Tim Barrott on the Charity Commissions website.

17/0213 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.

17/0214 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11 December 2017.

Signed by Meeting Chair on