



ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14 MAY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

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

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

Chairman's Welcome

18/076 Apologies and reasons for absence
Cllr's Partridge was absent from the meeting having submitted his apologies..
Cllr's Guglielmi and Stock (ECC and TDC respectively) were also absent.

18/077 Declaration of Interests - to receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.
Cllr Chase-Gardener declared a non-pecuniary interest for the planning application involving Martells Quarry as she is a consultant.

18/078 Election of Chair including the signing of the Declaration of Office
Cllr Barrott was unanimously elected as Chair for May 18 – May 19 and acceptance of office signed.

18/079 Election of Vice-Chair including the signing of the Declaration of Office
Cllr Andrews was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for May 18 – May 19 and acceptance of office signed.

18/080 To Appoint Councillors to Roles and Responsibilities
The following appointments were made to the following roles of responsibility:

• Play Areas	Cllr Talbot
• Recreation Ground	Cllr Talbot
• Millennium Green	Cllr Thompson
• Churchyard and Cemetery	Cllr Chase-Gardener
• Police Liaison	Cllr Halsey
• TDALC	Cllrs Halsey& Partridge
• Quarry Liaison	Cllrs Talbot & Scott-Barrett

18/081 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest
A local student spoke of his planned charity expedition to Kenya in 2019 and was seeking a donation towards his target. There were a number of suggestions from the Council and members of the public on fundraising opportunities that could be undertaken.

The traffic in the village is causing a nuisance at night with loud vehicles screeching along the A137 at speed. The Council agreed to approach the Local Highways Panel to see what could be done to curb speeding along the A137.

The issue of litter along the Old Ipswich Rd was raised as the cars park along that stretch of road all week and seem to empty their cars of litter onto the roadside before leaving. The council agreed to approach the Local Highways Panel to see what could be done to

dissuade littering.

It was confirmed that the local Speedwatch group would be commencing soon, during daylight hours only, with one site approved and a further 3 possible sites being considered.

It was reported that a car using Blacksmiths Lane narrowly missed a pedestrian recently. The Council confirmed that Blacksmiths Lane is a footpath and unless the car user has authority to drive over it (through TDC or via the land owner) then they should not be driving vehicles along the lane. The Council agreed to investigate the permissions in place.

The village archivist presented the draft art work for the Ardleigh In Wartime memorial which is being funded by the GCG Trust. The Parish Council very much support and approve the memorial and the planned village activity days.





18/082 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 9 April 2018.
The minutes were agreed as accurate.


18/083 Clerk's Report
The clerk's report was presented and accepted. It was reported that the item at 18/66.1 had been rectified by Highways.


18/084 District and County Councillors
There were no reports as both the TDC and ECC councillors were absent..


18/085 Planning
18/85.1 To discuss progress re Peake Fruit Refrigeration unit.
It had been reported that after securing planning consent to site a refrigeration unit at Peake Fruit there had been a discovery of a high pressure sewer. The Council commented that a change of planning consent may be required and if so a 2nd approach to TDC to state that this application should not be approved because of the HGV/LGV congestion already occurring along Home Farm Lane.


Applications

- 18/00404/LBC [Rebuilding of demolished stable block to allow change of use to residential \(auxiliary to main house\).](#) 
Plains Farm Plains Farm Close Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QU
The Council would object to this application as the proposed building was substantially larger than the stable block that has been removed and is out of context alongside a listed building. It is also outside the village envelope.
- 18/00519/FUL [Variation to condition 2 \(Approved Plans\) to approved planning application 16/00751/FUL - to allow construction of enclosed porch.](#) 
Land adjacent Valley Springs Fox Street Ardleigh Essex CO7 7PP
The Council has no objection to this application.
- 18/00538/FUL [Variation to condition numbers 2 \(Parking Area\) & 3 \(Bicycle Storage\) to approved planning application 16/01384/FUL.](#) 
Redbury Farm Barn Colchester Road Ardleigh Essex
The Council has no objection to this application.
- 18/00581/TPO [Leylandii Conifer Hedge - reduce by 75%](#) 
Ardleigh House Dedham Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QA
The Council has no objection to this application.

18/00633/TCA [1 No. Pine - reduce overhanging branches](#) 
The Vicarage The Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LD
The Council has no objection to this application.

18/00649/FUL [Proposed new detached dwelling.](#) 
43 Harwich Road Lawford Manningtree Essex CO11 2LS
The Council would object to this applicatrion as it is outside the village envelope and the TDC Local Plan states that green space should not be filled in between villages and this would represent strip development filling in the green spaces. It would also set a precedent for all of the Harwich Roads houses.

18/00697/FUL [Proposed single storey rear extension, cladding of rear facing dormer, and minor associated alterations.](#) 
5 Wheatlands Station Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RS
The Council has no objection to this application.

18/00724/FUL [New Cart Lodge projecting forward from existing garage.](#) 
3 Waterhouse Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7TE
The Council has no objection to this application.

Decided The approved planning decisions were noted.

Approvals: The approval granted (17/02193/FUL) for change of use to a business on Badliss Hall Lane was against the wishes of local residents and the Parish Council.

Decided The refused planning decisions were noted.

Refusals:

Appeals The following were noted.

Appeal Dismissed.
17/00901/FUL - Benson Stud Harts Lane Ardleigh CO7 7QE

Appeal Dismissed.
Appeal Ref: APP/P1560/W/17/3187679 4 & 5 Green Lane, Ardleigh, Essex CO7 7PE

Appeal Allowed
17/00646/OUT - Land adjacent to Fern View, Turnpike Close, Ardleigh, CO7 7QW

The Council noted that the appeal allowed stated that one of the reasons for granting the appeal was the (then) lack of five year housing supply by TDC.

18/086 Churchyard & Cemetery

To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.

It was reported that the Cemetery gates need attention and where the large tree had been removed the area needed seeding. Cllr Barrott commented that grave diggers were using that area to dump the removed soil instead of taking it away. It was decided to write to the regular funeral directors reminding them that they are responsible for ensuring that top soil is removed.

A headstone inscription was approved.

18/087
18/87.1

Recreation, Play and Open Spaces including Colchester Road Play Area
To receive reports on condition of area and identify any health and safety risks of duty and consider any decisions for expenditure.

It was reported that a scramble net joint needed replacing but after discussion it was

decided that the Millennium Green Trust would arrange for the whole net to be replaced.

- 18/87.2 To note the intended start date for the Colchester Road play area fencing works to start by mid-May.**
This was noted.
- 18/87.3 To decide if any action can be taken to deter evening and night time gatherings on the Recreation Ground car park.**
It was decided that putting in a higher speed bump would not be a deterrent and might damage legitimate users of the Recreation Ground Car Park. It was decided to investigate CCTV with appropriate signage.
- 18/87.4 To consider request for small piece of Recreation Ground land on car park (see attachment).**
In order to consider this request the Trust documents need to be read to understand if a sale would be permissible.
- 18/088 Environment and maintenance**
18/88.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.
It was noted that the Ardleigh Depot had not yet arranged a meeting to discuss the lighting.
It was also reported that the warning signs had been knocked over by the primary school and would be reported to Highways.
It was noted that part of the see-through window of the bus shelter at Burnt Heath was fractured and the Clerk was asked to request Roalco to repair.
- 18/88.2 To note that the Council had received no bids for the Handyman contract advertised.**
This was noted and it was decided to try again later in the year.
- 18/089 Public Rights of Way**
18/89.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.
The issue of cars travelling along the public footpath that is Blacksmiths Lane had been raised in the Public Participation session of the meeting. The Council agreed to conduct Land Registry searches to establish if any property had legitimate use of the lane by vehicle.
- 18/090 Funding Requests**
18/90.1 To note the Dictaphone for the Speed Awareness Team was purchased.
This was noted.
- 18/90.2 To consider a funding request from an Ardleigh student.**
This was considered but decided against as the Council did not feel that it was a good use of local tax payers money. It was decided that the application should be passed to the Ardleigh Parochial Charity.
- 18/90.3 To note the application to the GCG Trust for £3912.00 to cover the cost of the outside works adjacent to the Village Hall. This will allow the bills of £436.00 = VAT and £3476.00 + VAT to be paid.**
This was noted.
- 18/091 Car Rally**
To note that the organiser of the Corbeau Seats Car Rally held in Tendring on 22nd April 2018 is attending the June Parish Council meeting.
There was a view expressed that said that the car rally was inconvenient to locals with

road closures for the day and with no benefit to Ardleigh. There had been the added frustration of individuals trying to race the route before the event. One of the local landowners had equipment and rally staff positioned in a field they own without permission which should have been resolved before the event. The rally organisers had sent a magazine article to the council for comment and Cllr Barrott agreed to review and pass to the Ardleigh Advertiser.

18/092 Ardleigh Memorial Events

To receive a verbal report on the Ardleigh Memorial and Ringing for Peace events.

An Ardleigh family fun day is planned for Saturday 8th September and an Ardleigh in Wartime Memorial dedication service planned for 30th September. The Beacon would be lit on Remembrance Day November 11th at 7.06pm followed by a ringing of the Church bells as part of the Ringing for Peace event. It was agreed to book adequate first aid coverage for the Sep 8th fun day for the Village Hall, Recreation Ground and Millennium Green from 12 – 4pm.

18/093 TDALC

To receive any report or minutes from latest meetings.

The next TDALC meeting is later this month. Cllr Halsey was asked to raise the issue of speeding vehicles.

18/094 Annual Assembly

To decide on any suggested changes to the Annual Assembly format.

The advantages of booking a community speaker was discussed and agreed to be a good idea.

18/095 Parish Council Finance

18/95.1 To receive report on Parish Council financial statement as at the 30 April 2018 (see attachment).

This was received. The Clerk explained that the forecast for grants had been changed to reflect the CIF grant to assist with the Colchester Road Fencing project of £4000 which had been notified to the Council since the budget was set.

18/95.2 To approve a transfer of Parish Council funds to the Cemetery ring fenced account ** 7650 of £30,000.00.**

This was approved.

18/95.3 To note and accept the increase in the National Pay Scales for Clerks pay. This increases the clerks' current pay from £12.16 per hour to £12.40 per hour. With effect from 1 April 2018.

The increase in pay-rate was accepted.

18/95.4 To approve the bills for payment for Parish Council and Village Hall –Cheques/Bacs payments .

The following were approved for payment:

Clerk Pay (inc PAYE, pension, NI, holiday)	£	570.40
Employer Pension	£	11.41
Clerk Mileage.....	£	20.25
Clerk Expenses postage, stationery.....	£	51.39
Dictaphone	£	21.99
EON	£	102.75
JF Tree Specialist	£	2076.00

Breezpark Ltd (Outside works project)	£ 4171.20
Outside works concreting	£ 523.20
Neighbourhood Plan seminar	£ 48.00
Approved donation (see minutes) Flower Festival	£ 100.00
Cemetery Refund - overcharge	£ 220.00

- 18/096 To adopt the TDC Code of Conduct for Ardleigh Parish Council**
The Code of Conduct would be amended to reflect its use for Ardleigh Parish Councillors and is adopted.
- 18/097 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)
- 18/098 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting**
Monday 11 June 2018.

Signed by Meeting Chair on