



ARDLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9 JULY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

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

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

Chairman's Welcome

18/0122 Apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr's Partridge was absent from the meeting having submitted his apologies.
Cllr's Gugliemli and Stock (ECC and TDC respectively) were also absent.

18/0123 Declaration of Interests - to receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.
Cllr Chase-Gardener declared an interest in the Martells Quarry planning application ESS/14/18/TEN.

18/0124 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

The problem of dangerous parking by both HGVs and cars on the Old Ipswich Rd was raised. The lorries are parking without the necessary lights and the road is a fast moving unlit 60mph road. It was also reported that the junction white lines at the Crown pub have faded leading to increased risk on accident. And also that where the resurfacing had taken place the cats eyes were now removed making lane visibility poor.

A further resident asked that the Council campaign for mains gas to be made available.

It was said that the local volunteer community speed-watch team is up and running and has so recorded 20 speeding vehicles in its first hour of operation. Three of these were vehicles where the registration number did not match the vehicle type and had been reported to the police for further action. There were also vehicles where the vehicle registration plate did not match the vehicle type and this information is reported for police/prosecution action. It's was noted that the speed camera/tracker operates with more than a mile visibility in either direction and therefore has significant coverage.

18/0125 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2018.

The minutes were agreed as accurate.

18/0126 Clerk's Report

The clerk's report was presented and accepted. The clerk reported that the Councils insurance provided public liability insurance for the Recreation Ground but might not actually cover damage to the ground itself. Cllr Chase-Gardener agreed to review the policy with the clerk and look to increase the policy to cover the Recreation Ground.

18/0127 District and County Councillors

Both the TDC and ECC councillors were absent. Cllr Gugliemli had sent an Essex County Council report which would be forwarded to Councillors.

18/0128 Planning

It was commented that the Council understood that there was a delay on the Gladman Homes Bromley Road planning appeal.

18/128.1 To discuss the Council complaint to the Ombudsman regarding Peake Fruit Refrigeration unit.


It was reported that the Ombudsman would not investigate the complaint from the Parish Council that TDC had not carried out their duty in considering and permitting the Peake Fruit Refrigeration Unit as it would not investigate a public body complaining about another public body. The Councillors expressed frustration that time had been wasted and that this information should have been available earlier so that a private resident could have made the complaint. The Council agreed to seek advice from the local MP Sir Bernard Jenkin about what avenues are available for complaint.

18/128.2 To receive a verbal update on a recent neighbourhood planning seminar attended.

Both the clerk and the chair had attended a neighbourhood planning seminar and the Council discussed the relative merits of a developing a neighbourhood plan covering all or part of Ardleigh Parish. It was agreed to find out further information by inviting a local Neighbourhood Planning advisor to brief the Council and that we would also invite Great Bromley to such a session as there might be merit in joining forces.

Applications

18/00833/LBC

[Proposed thatch repair, front elevation/wall repair, reduction of ground levels, redecoration of windows, repair of window surrounds and sills, removal of cement pointing and replacement with lime mortar.](#) 

Witneys Dead Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QD

The Council had no objection to this application.

18/00861/ADV

[Replacement noticeboard to church using existing posts.](#) 

St Marys Church The Street Ardleigh Essex CO7 7LD

The Council had no objection to this application.


18/00909/FUL

[Single storey side extension with balcony.](#) 

Ashfield Crown Lane North Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RB

The Council had no objection to this application.

18/00907/FUL

[Two storey and single storey extensions, addition of front porch, and new roof incorporating dormers to the front and rear roof planes.](#) 

Holly House Chapel Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7BJ

The Council had no objection to this application.

18/00954/TCA

[1 No. Holly - Fell.](#) 

The Hollies The Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LD

The Council had no objection to this application.

18/00963/OUT

[Proposed erection of a dwelling.](#) 

Land Adj Lamberts Chapel Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7BJ





The Council did object to this planning application as the site sits outside the village envelope or settlement development boundary and was not in keeping with the village design statement.

18/01024/TCA

[Norway Spruce - Fell.](#) 

Aslan Cottage The Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LD

The Council had no objection to this application.

- 18/01002/FUL [Demolish existing large garage-workshop and build 2no, 3 bedroom chalet style houses.](#) 
2 Shakespeare Cottages Turnpike Close Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7QW
The Council did object to this planning application as the site sits outside the village envelope or settlement development boundary.
- 18/01067/FUL [Proposed two storey front extension to form porch, and extension to existing study.](#) 
Mulberry Cottage Waterhouse Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7TE
The Council had no objection to this application.
- 18/01075/ADV [Consent for five fascia signs, and five others \(one large entrance gate, two totems, one directional sign, and one illuminated service sign\).](#) 
Haddocks Fox Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PP
The Council had no objection to this application.
- 18/01078/TCA [1 No. Pseudo Acacia Frisia - reduce to boundary line](#) 
Seeley Court The Street Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LD
The Council had no objection to this application.
- ESS/14/18/TEN TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)
Proposal: Proposed retention of water management pipeline
Location: Martells Quarry, Slough Lane, Ardleigh, Essex, CO7 7RU
The Council had no objection to this application.

Decided The approved planning decisions were noted.

Approvals:

Decided The refused planning decisions were noted.

Refusals:

Appeals The following was noted.

Appeal Result
17/02054/OUT - Hope Cottage,
Crown Lane South, Ardleigh.

The appeal is allowed.

- 18/0129 **TDC Operation London Bridge – Parish Council information
To respond to the information request from TDC regarding Operation London Bridge (see email in supporting papers).**
It was agreed that the most appropriate location for the placement of flowers would be St Mary's Church in Ardleigh and Cllr Barrott agreed to speak to Reverend Wilson about this. The clerk would notify TDC. TDC would collect flower tributes on the day after the funeral. It was also decided that there would not be specific book of condolence for Ardleigh and people would be directed to the Tendring books at Weeley and Clacton.

18/0130 **Churchyard & Cemetery**

18/130.1 **To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.**

It was decided to seek quotes for shot blasting and painting the cemetery railings.

18/130.2 **To note that pest control was required to destroy a bee's nest in a grave space due for burial.**

This was noted.

- 18/130.3 To decide to fund the request for ivy to be trimmed back in the church yard.**
It was agreed to fund the cutting back of ivy in the churchyard and trim the yew hedge and a quote would be obtained.
- 18/0131 Recreation, Play and Open Spaces including Colchester Road Play Area**
18/131.1 To receive reports on condition of area and identify any health and safety risks of duty and consider any decisions for expenditure.
The repair to the damaged joints is in hand with the Millennium Green Trust. It was also reported that the cricket club had had problems with their water pump on the Recreation Ground but there is no action for the Council.
- 18/131.2 To consider the verbal WI request to replace the WI bench on the Millennium Green with possible funding made available from the WI.**
Cllr Thompson is the Chair of the Millennium Green Trust and he said that the WI should contact the Millennium Green Trust should they wish to replace the WI bench. The clerk agreed to pass on the Trust contact details.
- 18/0132 Annual Tree Survey**
To receive the Annual Tree Survey and consider action on urgent works.
The Council accepted the Annual Tree Survey and asked for a quote to deal with the priority 3 (highest) tree works.
- 18/0133 Environment and maintenance**
18/133.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.
The clerk reported that no action had taken place on installing a dog waste bin at Burnt Heath as it was not clear how to get the emptying established via TDC. It was agreed to write to TDC.
- 18/133.2 To consider the quote and 50% reduction to replace the knee high wooden rail fence at Plains Farm greensward (see attached).**
It was agreed to accept the quote and offer from Cox Landscapes to repair the wooden knee-high fence at Plains Farm.
- 18/133.3 To note the Local Services Fund Award for Handyman Contract of £10,000.**
The Council accepted the LSF award for Handyman services.
- 18/0134 Public Rights of Way**
18/134.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.
It was noted that the light at the Fruit Shack on the A137 did get altered so that it did not shine directly at motorists however, it seemed to be back to its original position.
- 18/134.2 To consider supporting a bid to establish clearway status in Fox Street, as requested by a resident. This would reduce the risk of accidents along the A137.**
The Council members discussed the problem of line of sight and risk of accidents and concluded that a request for the establishment of a clearway along that part of the A137 was not the best solution as it would affect delivery drivers and post etc, however, support for a 'no parking' solution would be supported if the resident wished to submit to the NEPP (North Essex Parking Partnership) and or Local Highways Panel.
- 18/0135 Highways**
To consider what action might be taken in respect of lorries parking on Old Ipswich Rd.
Cllr Halsey agreed to liaise with the local PCSO about illegal parking on the Old Ipswich Rd. It was also agreed to try and establish if a clearway was in place and could that be

reinstated.

18/0136 Council Audit

To note Heelis and Lodge had agreed to be appointed Internal Auditors

The Council noted that Heelis and Lodge agreed to be appointed as Internal Auditors for Ardleigh Parish Council and the Ardleigh Village Hall and Ardleigh Recreation Ground.

18/0137 Ardleigh Memorial Events

Cllr Chase-Gardener updated the Council that Sir Bernard Jenkin MP was booked for the lectern unveiling on 30th September and several local people had been invited to that event. The funday on the 8th September was progressing well with several activities booked including a bouncy castle and the Clerk was asked to inform that insurance company of the event.

The Tommy figurines would be in place for the 30th September event and the Ringing for Peace event on 11th November.

18/0138 TDALC

To receive any report or minutes from latest meetings.

Cllr Halsey said he would be attending the next meeting and he was asked to raise the issue of Parish Council inability to complain about TDC to the Local Government Ombudsman.

18/0139 Parish Council Finance

18/139.1 To receive report on Parish Council financial statement as at the 30 June 2018.

This was accepted, and the clerk agreed to produce a separate entry line for handyman expenses.

18/139.2 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)	£ 669.60
Employer Pension	£ 13.39
Clerk Mileage.....	£ 33.75
Clerk Stationery	£ 49.99
JF Tree Specialist - Tree Survey & Grasscutting	£ 2,268.00
Killer Instinct - cemetery	£ 69.00
St John's First Aid for Commemorations	£ 138.00
A&J Lighting Repair and servicing	£ 451.80
Liverton - Wick Lane Cut	£ 72.00
Bland Landscapes – Grasscutting	£ 1,427.40
Watering Contract	£ 609.50
War event – etched panels photocast	£ 1,770.00
Bland Landscapes – notice board repair	£ 54.00
EON – streetlighting	£ 116.83
Affinity for Business	£ 17.42
Chairs Allowance Q1.....	£ 100.00
Donation to Hort Society already agreed	£ 25.00
Refund of cemetery deposit.....	£ 265.00

18/0140 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th August 2018.

Signed by Meeting Chair on