

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at the HENRY SAMUEL HALL on

TUESDAY 8th April at 7.35pm

Present

Councillor Short (Chairman)	Councillor Oatham
Councillor Hawkes	Councillor Spires
Councillor Durant	Mrs Rackham (Clerk)

D. Cllrs Mrs P Channer, Mr D Horner & Mr A Cussen. Also present were 10 members of the public.

213. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gregory, Cllr, Robinson & Cllr Massenhove.

214. Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest.

Cllr Hawkes may have an interest in item 218

Cllr Durant declared an interest in item 219. Planning application FUL/MAL/08/00314

215. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2008 and the Planning Meeting held on 19th February 2008

Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the minutes from 11th March, Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour, and the minutes were signed and dated as a true record. Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the minutes from 19th February Planning meeting, Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour, and the minutes were signed and dated as a true record

216. Public Discussion Session.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm to allow the press & public to address the council. Also present was Rob Freake from the Scouts who came to advise the council that his committee will be vacating the scout hut at the end of April when the licence expires. They would like the council to take over the scout hut and not remove it from the site.

217. District Councillors Report

The meeting remained closed to allow the D.Cllrs to address the council.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.26pm

218. Lawling Park Committee.

No meeting of the LPC was held in March.

Scout Hut. The information regarding the cost of running the scout hut was very difficult to obtain. The cost of electricity over the last two year period was £400. Fire extinguishers maintenance £35 and insurance £1500. It was noted that the insurance costs include contents. These will be removed before 30th April 2008. Taking over the ownership of the scout hut was discussed. Cllr Spires agreed to add the management of the building to the LPC Committee. The Clerk as RFO agreed to collect all hire fees and keep a record of the bookings.

Cllr Hawkes proposed the council take back the running of the scout hut. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, a vote was taken 4 in favour, 1 against, motion carried. The meeting was closed to allow Mr Freake to speak to the council. He agreed he will write to the council confirming his committee's decision to hand the building over to the Parish Council. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.47pm.

All agreed with the exception of Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons the scouts will have 1st refusal at a preferential rate for a period of time. **Clerk** to insure the building from 1st May 2008

A proposal to apply for funding to erect a purpose built toilet block near Katonia Avenue car park will be required. Due to the popularity of the skate park and the increased number of visitors to Mayland Cllr Oatham proposed the council applies for a grant for a purpose built unit. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

A decision to accept the quotation to repair the Maylands Play Park. The total cost of repairs will be £321.00. Cllr Spires proposed accepting the quotation, Cllr Durant seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

A decision to accept the quotation to purchase paint for the Skate Park. Two quotations were discussed. Cllr Spires proposed the purchase of the paint at a cost of £161.04. Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal all in favour. **Clerk** to action after ensuring a safe storage site is identified.

A decision to apply for planning permission for the proposed path extension behind Bakersfield.

Following a discussion Cllr Hawkes proposed applying for planning approval to allow the path to be extended. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

Land adjoining Katonia Avenue car park. A decision will be required to consider a resolution by negotiation or ADR. This item was discussed Cllr Spires proposed the council accepts the council's solicitors advised and reject ADR or negotiation. Cllr Short seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

Fast Food Licence

A decision to extend the licence to operate a fast food outlet on the LPC from April 1st until 31st March 2009 was discussed. It was agreed that the facility was well liked and used by the football club. The owner of the outlet kept the area clean, removing all the rubbish from the area. Cllr Spires proposed continue the licence until 31st March 2009. Current conditions will still apply. Cllr Durant seconded the proposal, all agreed. **Clerk** to action.

219. Planning

Consideration of applications for the council to make comment to the Planning Authority.

FUL/MAL/08/00314. Conversion of detached double garage to 2 bed chalet style bungalow. 2 Marine Parade, Mayland.

Object. Over development on junction. Traffic problems. Cllr Durant declared an interest in this plan and removed herself from the discussion and vote.

FUL/MAL/08/00331. Single storey side extension, 5 Mayland Green, Mayland

Object. Too close to boundary.

FUL/MAL/08/00318. Erection of single storey single garage to front of property Byron House, 5 Princes Avenue, Mayland.

3 No objections 2 objections

FUL/MAL/08/00305. Single storey side and rear extension 89 Bramley Way Mayland.

No objections

TOP/MAL/08/00354. TPO 08/91 Part of Area 1 – Selective pruning of those fruit trees that are still viable that were part of the original orchard. Land adjacent Klaxons, Nipsells Chase, Mayland.

Object. Ownership of land is not established.

Planning Decisions made by the Planning Authority.

FUL/MAL/08/00016. Demolition of existing dwelling and Shed/workshop and construction of two detached five bedroom dwellings 87/89 Imperial Avenue Mayland.

Approve

FUL/MAL/08/00037 Construction of new single storey dwelling 48 Princes Avenue Mayland

Refused

FUL/MAL/07/01354. Proposed two bed detached bungalow. Plot B Land rear of 78 The Drive Mayland.

Refused

FUL/MAL/08/00117. Front conservatory Four Winds Highlands Hill Mayland.

Approved

Appeals.

APP/X1545/A/08/2065953/NWF. Planning application OUT/MAL/07/01198.

9 Wembley Avenue Mayland. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of five bungalows with parking including landscape strip and private drive.

220. Finance

All payments and receipts were agreed at the Finance meeting held prior to this meeting and are listed below:

Payments March 2008 received after March finance meeting.

31 Mar 08	Reliable Signs	Fixing signs Skatepark	35.25
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Receipts March 2008.

3 Mar 08	Maldon District Council	Grant for Skatepark	1000.00
11 Mar 08	Mayland Village FC	Fees	517.35
11 Mar 08	Essex CC	Grant Trees	567.50
25 Mar 08	Mayland Village FC	Football Fees	154.50
3 Mar 08	Barclays Bank	Int 3 Dec - 2 Mar 08	0.59
3 Mar 08	Barclays Bank	Int 3 Dec - 2 Mar	0.73
3 Mar 08	Barclays Bank	Int 3 Dec - 2 Mar	393.50

Financial year 2008/09

Payments April 2008

08 Apr 08	E.A.L.C	Membership fees	516.00
08 Apr 08	D J Landscapes	Turf area skatepark	1220.00
08 Apr 08	A & J Lighting Solutions	TC Lighting Maintenance	36.27
08 Apr 08	A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Lighting Main	39.95
08 Apr 08	MSJ Garwood & Son	Grass Cutting	796.18
25 Apr 08	Mrs C Serjeant	Salary April	117.95
25 Apr 08	Mr D Hawkes	Salary April	221.36
25 Apr 08	Mrs J Rackham	Salary April	993.85
08 Apr 08	Mrs J Rackham	Expenses re: use of house	300.00

Donation request from St. Barnabas Pre-School Mayland. Following a discussion in which the profit showed in the balance sheet was noted. Cllr Spires proposed the council declined their request, Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action

221. Circulation Documents.

These documents maybe be discussed and the council's views noted if each Councillor has seen a copy.

NATS. Consultation DVD. It was agreed that the information supplied showed less traffic over Mayland and therefore the proposed changes were not an issue.

Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Essex. DVD

This report showed discrepancies. It stated that Maldon District Council ran a fortnightly collection service. This is incorrect. Both recycle and rubbish collections are weekly in the Maldon District. Cllr Oatham proposed the council reject the two weekly collection changes, Cllr Durant seconded the proposal, all in favour. It was agreed that any Cllr who wished to add any other comments to our response could advise the Clerk. **Clerk** to action.

222. Sports & Community Centre

A decision to set up a committee to investigate all possibilities with both a new build and adapting the scout hut. It was agreed that this item will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

223. Parks & Open Spaces.

Cllr Spires proposed an expenditure of £110 to cut the meadow and pathway into the MNR Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

224. Vandalism & Litter

Councillors reported the picnic bench has been moved again. It was agreed that the **Clerk** should contact the manufacturer and request a quote for secure fittings for the legs. These have worked very well in the MNR. The fence around the ditch has been removed. It was agreed that these items will be looked at on Saturday at the opening of the skate park.

225. Street Lighting

Councillors reported an outage at post 8 Imperial Avenue. **Clerk** to action. A response from ECC re: Request for additional lighting Mayland Green has been received. They do not have any budget for new lights only repairs existing lights. The Clerk has advised the resident who requested better lighting in this area.

226. Highways

Cutting of verges in Mayland. Our contractor has completed the NRSW one day course as requested by ECC Highways Dept.,
Hedges and Fences Cllr Hawkes as if there were any rules regarding hedges and fencing around property. The Chairman explained that ECC Highways do not have a policy for cutting hedges. They suggest the PC approach the owner and ask if the hedge can be cut back from the path. The fence erected at the junction of Princes Road and Nipsells Chase has been inspected by ECC Highways and they do not think it causes problems of visibility. No action will be taken.

Curlew Avenue. This council has a copy of the sent to Abbey Development by residents and Abbey Development's response. This will be added to next months agenda.

227. Correspondence.

EALC. Short course for Councillors. Cllr Durant will attend this course. **Clerk** to action.

MDC. Housing Needs Survey. Noted. The poster will be added to the noticeboard.

Emergency Plan The latest information differs from previous information. This needs clarification. **Clerk** to action.

228. Facing the Future Seminar

Cllr Spires attended this seminar.

The seminar purpose was to update delegates with the latest proposals for Maldon District **Local Development Framework (LDF)** and the developing **Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)**.

The **LDF** was divided into sub groups all with **Issues and Options** for the future.

Employment Land and premises

Housing Needs and Supply

Rural Facilities and Services

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

These issues and options were discussed in workshop groups and then reported back.

Most of the delegates gave the proposal options a hard time, with a “not in my village” approach. I have copies of the sub groups above with separate illustrating maps. We (MPC) need to be keenly aware of the effects some of the options could have and prepare our own proposals.

229. Dengie Hundred Group of Parishes.

Cllr Spires attended this meeting.

Guest speaker MDC Chief Executive Mr Steve Watson gave an up to date appraisal of MDC affairs that affect the Dengie area;

British Energy will give a presentation on Nuclear Power Stations at Maldon Town Football Club on 23rd April 2008. If it happens, Bradwell Power Station will take around 5 yrs to approve, be a Billion Pound scheme, will not start until 2012, and will need 2,500 workers over 5 yrs to build and have a life of 60 yrs. It is unlikely that the Wind Farm would go ahead, as anti terrorist laws now require radar cover for Nuclear Stations and the turbines would interfere with it.

The Wind Farm appeal went unopposed by MDC as legal advice was, as there was, no new evidence the case could not be defended. MDC have not received any planning applications yet.

MDC have a one off fund surplus this year and have awarded £200,000 to a Parish Fund. A committee has been formed to administer the fund and sits on 14th April. All Parish Councils can apply. MDC envisage a showcase scheme of £50,000 with the balance being smaller schemes of around £5,000 each. Projects must be sustained by the Parish thereafter. Schemes can be for anything e.g. Even radar light operated speed signs.

Police report; Even though the Dengie has a lower then average crime rate, it has fallen further. The new **Non Emergency** telephone number is 0300 333 4444 and is operated 24/7.

Future dates;

Essex Association of Local Councils AGM is Tuesday 10th June at Maldon.

Southminster Halloween 31st October, Saint FM will be there.

230. Parish Plan

A ‘Maylands Village Plan’ talk by Cllr Spires explained the reasons why a Community – led Plan (Parish Plan) was needed for the Village. Put simply, without it, there is no evidence or direction of the communities requirements, so funding is not allocated accurately or a higher government layer decides your parish needs and direction.

A Parish Plan is a published document, which is compiled by local people actively involved in making decisions about the future of their community, empowering them to play an active and sustainable role. It has Strategic Links to the ‘Planning System’.

Mayland Parish Council cannot decide for the community alone but can have 2 councillors on the volunteer steering group comprising 5 to 9 persons, which is overseen by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) with grant aided finance. Consultation with the community through talks and workshops, gathers information of what the community’s needs and aspirations are. They provide a snapshot of parish life and how people want their area to develop in the future. The process from beginning to end takes 12 to 18 months and

requires volunteer time of 8 to 20 hours per person to accomplish a published document.

The talk was followed by an audience viewpoint participation illustrating how information is easily gathered.

The Chairman thanked peter for attending all the meetings and his reports.

231. Ann Ellis

Mrs Ellis was Clerk to the Parish Council for approximately 15years. Her family has arranged a private committal followed by a remembrance service at St Barnabas Church Thursday 10th April at 11.45am. It was agreed that a donation of £30 will be sent to the Alzheimer's Society. **Clerk to action**

232 Items for Agenda

Web site report, Sea Wall, Curley Avenue, Camera purchase.

Meeting closed 10.32pm