

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
TUESDAY 10th December 2013 at 7.33pm

Councillor Evans Chairman	Councillor Oatham
Councillor Duncan	Councillor Massenhove
Councillor Robinson	Councillor Hawkes
Councillor Spires	Councillor Pettitt
Mrs Rackham Clerk	

2 members of the public

76. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mrs Gibson

77. Code of Conduct/Declaring an Interest.

None.

78. Minutes.

A decision to accept the minutes from 12th November, 3rd December Planning & 3rd December Budget meetings. Cllr Spires proposed accepting all three sets of minutes, Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour, the minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

Public Discussion Session.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.38, neither of the two members of the public wished to speak. The meeting was reconvened at 7.39.

79. Finance.

Payments & Receipts.

Cllr Pettitt proposed accepting all the payments and receipts which are listed below, Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour.

		Payments	
10-Dec-13	Kier MG Ltd	TC Cabling	5292.30
10-Dec-13	Get Mapping	Aerial Image Signs	198.00
10-Dec-13	Essex & Suffolk Water	Charges LPH	41.66
10-Dec-13	Rigby Taylor	Duraline Dual	186.00
10-Dec-13	Mayland Village Fete	Deposit refund LPH	50.00
		Deposit refund less	
10-Dec-13	Mrs H Ward	heat	48.00
10-Dec-13	A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Light Main	50.40
10-Dec-13	A & J Lighting Solutions	TC Lighting Main	42.90
10-Dec-13	Dale Hire & Sales	Scaffold Tower	88.80
10-Dec-13	Office Is Ltd	Stationary	150.16
10-Dec-13	Maldon District Council	Park Rangers	104.26
23-Dec-13	Mrs J Rackham	Salary	907.50
23-Dec-13	Mr T Blowers	Salary	40.55
23-Dec-13	Mr D Leete	Salary	85.31
23-Dec-13	Mr A Kemp	Salary	55.41
10-Dec-13	Mrs J Rackham	Petty Cash	100.00

Receipts			
25-Nov-13	Mrs L Haywood	Deposit LPH Personal	50.00
25-Nov-13	Mrs L Haywood	Hire fee NY Eve	73.00
25-Nov-13	Mrs H Ward	Deposit LPH	50.00
25-Nov-13	Mrs H Ward	LPH Booking	28.00
25-Nov-13	Mayland Boxing	LPH Booking	266.00
Petty Cash			
10-Dec-13	Post Office	Stamps & special post	37.09
10-Dec-13	All Seasons	Cleaning & T.rolls	17.00
10-Dec-13	Wickes	Post crete	19.85
10-Dec-13	Tesco	Cleaning	3.00
10-Dec-13	T J Frostick	Key cut	3.95

Budget 2014/15. Cllr Pettitt proposed completing the precept form, Cllr Spires seconded the proposal. The Clerk completed the form for £80,000 precept agreed at the budget meeting.
Clerk to action.

Afternoon Tea donation request. A decision to donate £25 again this year will be required. Cllr Pettitt proposed the donation of £25 Cllr Spires seconded the proposal. All in favour. **Clerk to action.**

80. Lawling Park.

Each Cllr has received a copy of the minutes from the November LPC meeting. Cuttings behind Bakersfield. This will be investigated by Cllr Spires. Cllr Massenhove apologised for not clearing cuttings as previously agreed. He will carry out this work during his Christmas break.

TC Path. A decision to accept the quotation will be required. **Add to LPC agenda.** Need the width of the path before we can proceed.

Gritting Policy. A decision to accept MDC's policy will be required. It was noted that we haven't received a written copy of MDC's policy to date. Keeping the car parks closed in icy conditions will remain this council's policy. **Add to January agenda**

81. Planning.

Vote of No Confidence. Proposal by Councillor Oatham.

Each Councillor received a copy of the emailed responses from D.Cllr Channer & D.Cllr Horner; both gave their reasons for voting for the two applications this proposal refers to. Cllr Oatham said he felt let down by the District Councillors named above. Neither of the Councillors were able to come to this meeting. Many residents who had attended previous meeting also felt let down. The Chairman then asked each Cllr who wished to speak on this matter to do so.

Cllr Duncan said he felt disappointed but would not second the proposal.

Cllr Massenhove said he didn't doubt the integrity of the District Councillors, he felt they were responsible D.Cllrs and had not witnessed any harm to Mayland by their actions. He had read their responses to this proposal in detail and would not second the proposal. Cllr Oatham asked Cllr Massenhove why he supported the proposal at the November meeting. Cllr Massenhove responded that he felt that the proposal

should go to the December meeting which would give the D.Cllrs time to respond. He needed to see their response or speak to them if they came to the meeting before making a final decision.

Cllr Spires. Read the following statement.

Planning Applications FUL/MAL/13/00699 & /006700

With regard to the conditional approval of the above plans by MDC south east planning committee and the subsequent protest by affected residents of Nipsells Chase and Seaview Parade at MPC's meeting of 12th November wherein a resident spokesperson's request was made, to discuss a vote of no confidence at the next full parish council meeting in December. This was then requested to be put on the agenda for the December meeting by Cllr John Oatham. (All councillors were in approval) and MPC's District Councillors invited to attend.

MPC had already forwarded its objections representing its own and residents views to the above plans to MDC south east planning committee for its consideration.

MPC were disappointed that the planning application was approved albeit with conditions of an independent habitat survey and use limited to "Sea Cadets/Scouts, the White family and friends only". I received copies on December 3rd of emails sent by Cllr David Horner on November 14th and Penny Channer on November 15th. I accept their explanations of how and why the planning applications were approved. Had MPC been privy to the information given at the southern planning committee meeting and had had the benefit of prior visits and consultations with its District Councillors a more informed representation could have been made.

Do I want in the future, more visits and consultation with Mayland/Maylandsea Wards District Councillors? Yes, I do!

Do I consider, in the light of the information submitted by our District Councillors, that a case for a vote of no confidence exists? No I do not.

Cllr Spires requested his opinion on this matter be recorded in the minutes.

Cllr Hawkes had no comments to make.

Cllr Pettitt. No point in having a Parish Council if our opinions are not taken forward, I have no faith in our District Councillors. I support Cllr Oatham.

Cllr Robinson said it was disappointing that our views were not supported. Maldon District Council, think of the rules and if someone will appeal. The District Councillors know our views, we should ask them to tell us what we need to consider when making our views effective. We need better two way communications we should use them, not alienate them. I would not support the proposal.

The Chairman reported that she had received all the information. The planning committee was entitled to make their decision. However, the Parish Council was at the front line of our very vocal residents. She went on to say she felt let down by not being listened to. I would like to meet all our District Councillors and work with them. I do not support the proposal.

Cllr Oatham concluded by saying that the District Councillors should represent the Parish that voted for them and that there was a weight of residents against the application. However, he withdrew the proposal reserving the right to re-introduce it in the future. It was noted that any Councillor can add a proposal/motion to the agenda at any time.

The Vote of No Confidence did not have the required support motion failed.

Planning

Mayland/Maylandsea village. Cllr Spires reported that we need to meet with MDC's planning department before publishing our Parish Plan. It is too late to add our PP to the MDC draft local plan which is being considered at the moment. **Cllr Spires** will formulate a proposal over the Christmas holidays to take to MDC. **Add to January agenda.**

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

No applications for consideration.

Planning decisions made by the local Planning Authority.

FUL/MAL/13/00871. Demolition of structurally defective detached bungalow and erection of a new 3 bedroom detached bungalow with integral garage.

Green Lea 55 Imperial Avenue Mayland Essex

Approved.

Noted

Planning Appeals

82. Highways.

Cllrs report of any problems and actions that maybe required.

Highway Panel Minutes, Highway Road Safety Audit. The information was noted.

Cllrs reported the condition of Imperial Avenue near the junction of West Avenue & North Drive needed attention. The platforms in The Drive. The rubber tiles at the entrance and exit of the platforms need attention. Some are missing and others are curling up.

83. Parks & Open Spaces. MNR, Carnell's & Everett's.

Cllrs report of any problems and actions that maybe required in any other of the Council's POS.

Registering Gladwell Walk. Update. Consideration was given to the alternative suggestion of a charge being put on the land. If anyone else tries to register the land we would then be informed. **Cllr Massenhove & Cllr Oatham** will put a case together for registering the land using adverse possession. **Add to January agenda.**

Tree Survey. The quotation was considered reasonable however, it was agreed to contact our local tree surgeon for a quotation.

Cherry Alley play area fence. The chain link fence is in a bad condition and it has been highlighted by our risk assessor. **Clerk** to advise resident that we will be removing the fence and they should make provision to repair their wooden panels.

84. Village Environment

Includes: Lighting, Vandalism, Sea Wall, Transport Parish plan.

Teal Avenue new section unlit. This area is the responsibility of the developer. The lights will in the future be handed over to ECC.

Light opposite number one Imperial Avenue is lit constantly.

Light south side of Steeple Road between Nipsells and Village sign is hidden by trees. **Clerk** to advise correct department to deal with these issues.

It was noted that the CCTV and the boxing club had helped considerably in cutting the incidents of vandalism in the village

Sea Wall. The high tide and tidal surge came up the barrier at the boat yard to within 1.2m from the top. Some Maylandsea residents were asked to evacuate to the Plume School in Maldon. However, Cllr Spires advised the police that he would open the Lawling Park Hall for residents to use. This council has an Emergency Plan and the Chairman is the liaison officer for this plan with MDC. It was agreed that this council needs to contact the Emergency Planners to ascertain how we can help in future. It was noted that we need to update our Parish Councillor's list too. **Clerk** to action.

It was noted that the Marine Environment unit in Burnham on Crouch is closing and the dog unit at Sandon reduced. It was agreed that this council should write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to highlight our concern. It is believed that Essex County has the second longest coastline in England

Photo Competition. Viewing of all the entrants was made and the winning photo was taken by Mr Higginson in his back garden. It was agreed he will be awarded a £20 gift voucher to be spent in a variety of shops.

The Chairman proposed moving the following item into the closed section of the meeting discussing confidential business. Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960. Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried.

Nipsells Chase. Definitive Map Modification 528.

85. Standing Orders.

All Councillors had received an electronic copy of this document and had commented accordingly, the Clerk had altered the documents to include the Councillors suggestions. Cllr Robinson proposed accepting the new Standing Orders, Cllr Spire seconded the proposal, all in favour. Each Cllr will receive a paper copy. **Clerk to action.**

87. Agenda Items.

As listed in these minutes.

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86. Freedom of information Act request.

88. Staff Matters

The Chairman closed the meeting to the Press and public.

84. Village Environment.

Nipsells Chase. Definitive Map Modification 528. The council made an agreement with reference to this matter.

86. Freedom of information Act request.

A request for correspondence between this council and district councillors and monitoring officers has been received. If the applicant wishes to have paper copies of the minutes then a payment will need to be received. The cost is 10p per sheet for minutes, agenda's free. Plus postage.

88. Staff Matters

A decision to purchase a leaving gift for Mr Blowers was made.

The council accepts the Personnel Committees's recommendation to agree an additional 5 hours per week maybe worked by the Clerk to the Parish Council as and when nessessary at the Clerk discretion

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.40pm