

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at the Lawling Park Hall on
TUESDAY 13th March 2012 at 7.35pm

Present

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

D.Cllr Mrs P Channer

126. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Evans

127. Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest.

Cllr Hawkes declared an interest in item 132 Lawling Park, Cllr Spires declared an interest in item 132 Lawling Park – boxing.

128. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th February 2012

Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the minutes, Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, all in favour, the minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

129. Public Discussion Session

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 pm to enable D. Cllr Mrs Channer to address the meeting. Among the issues reported on were the 0% rise in MDC's share of the council tax and ECC's 0% rise in their share. It was noted that Mayland Parish Council had reduced its precept from £83,000 to £80,000. D.Cllr Mrs Channer also reported on the overpayment of £88k from benefit fraud with another £57k from two other cases being investigated. MDC will always prosecute in the case of benefit fraud. The exact route of the Olympic torch has yet to be released. Neighbourhood planning was also discussed. This is also an agenda item. The Chairman thanked D.Cllr Mrs Channer and reconvened the meeting at 7.56 pm

130. Planning.

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

Planning Decisions made by the Planning Authority.

HOUSE/MAL/11/01038. Demolish existing porch, conservatory and garage. Erect part single/part two storey side and rear extensions. 40 North Drive Mayland Essex CM3 6AG
Approved

Planning Appeals.

FUL/MAL/11/00379 APP/X1545/A/11/2162240/NWF. 36, 38, 40, 42, 48, 50 & 52 Teal Avenue, Mayland, CM3 6TU. Variation of condition 2 of FUL/MAL/07/00638 to change 1.8MH brick walls to 1.8MH close boarded fence with concrete bollards serving Plots 13-15 (Inc.) and Plots 6-9 (Inc.).
Appeal Dismissed.

FUL/MAL/11/00023. APP/X1545/A/11/2160859/NWF 43 West Avenue, Mayland
Proposed 2no. Replacement houses
Appeal Dismissed

131. Finance. Payments & receipts. Cllr Spires proposed accepting all the payments, receipts and petty cash listed below. Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, all in favour. These are listed below.

Accounts circulated. Cllr Spires proposed accepting the accounts circulated in January, Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour.

Tfr earmark funds. A decision to tfr into reserves £551.61 from LPH Building works

A decision to tfr into reserves £723 from CCTV.

Tfr funds. A decision to tfr into LP General Maintenance from Bakersfield improvements £1937.00. A decision to tfr into LP General Maintenance from LP Contingency £1000

Cllr Spires proposed all the above transfers of funds, Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk to action.**

Payments.

27 Feb 12	Mrs J Rackham	Makro	342.89
13 Mar 12	Cummins & Jennings	Shovel	14.40
13 Mar 12	TDR Computers	Printer all in one	99.99
13 Mar 12	Aon Ltd	Ins. libel & official cover	24.27
13 Mar 12	Essex County Council	Admin CRB	21.60
13 Mar 12	A & J Lighting	Street lighting Main	50.40
13 Mar 12	A & J Lighting	TC Lighting Maintenance	37.04
13 Mar 12	A & J Lighting	Street lighting Main	105.30
13 Mar 12	Mrs J Rackham	Expenses visit Dunmow	24.74
13 Mar 12	Office Is	Stationery	82.96
13 Mar 12	Maldon District Council	Rangers Jan/Feb	122.12
13 Mar 12	Mr & Mrs Lee	Deposit refund LPH	30.00
23 Mar 12	Mr D Hawkes	Salary, holiday, tax refund	299.64
23 Mar 12	Mrs J Rackham	Salary	919.79
23 Mar 12	Mr D Blowers	Salary, holiday	430.10
31 Mar 12	Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI	498.30
18 Jan 12	ESR Services	Keys	50.00

Receipts

13 Feb 12	Chq	Mayland Carpet Bowls	February Fees	132.00
13 Feb 12	Chq	Mayland Carpet Bowls	Electricity tokens	20.00
13 Feb 12	Chq	Allianz Cornhill Ins	Claim for B'field	488.30
14 Feb 12	Tfr	Mrs J Rackham	Petty Cash	100.00

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16 Feb 12	Post Office Ltd	Stamps	14.16
13 Mar 12	Marts Parts	Snow shovel	8.50
28 Feb 12	Transporter	Deliver Makro	20.00

132. Lawling Park.

Each Cllr has received a copy of the minutes from the February LPC meeting. Cllr Spires gave every Councillor a copy of his draft 10 year plan for the Lawling Park, it was suggested that CCTV updates should be added to the plan.

CRB checks for members of staff and Cllrs. Both Cllr Oatham and Cllr Hawkes have been checked also Mr Blowers and Mr Hawkes who both work in the park.

CCTV. The fly tipping incident caught on CCTV was reported to the police who also received a copy of the CCTV disc.

There are problems in Bakersfield car park early evening and at weekends with youths in cars speeding around the car park shouting obscenities and playing extremely loud music. It was agreed that **Cllr Massenhove** will take this complaint to the Neighbourhood Watch meeting. It was also agreed to keep the gates lock at the weekends. **Clerk** to action. It may also be possible to lock the gates earlier than normal to discourage this problem.

133. Highways.

Cllrs reported that the pavements in Wembley Avenue are being patched. A pot hole by the bus stop (west side) in Nipsells Chase near the junction of Drake Avenue was also reported. **Clerk** to action.

Letter from resident sent to Highways. The Chairman read the letter which covered some of the issues previously raised by this council. It was agreed that **The Clerk** will contact Highways and request a copy of their response and also speak to the resident.

Cllr Massenhove gave his apologies and left the meeting at 8.40 pm

134. Parks & Open Spaces.

Cherry Alley Tree. Resident concerned that dead tree may fall into his garden. A second quotation was received. A discussion over the exact location of the tree took place. The Chairman proposed this council accepts the lowest quote and have the tree removed, Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal, a vote was taken, 3 yes, 1 abstain and 2 no. **Cllr Oatham left the meeting 8.55 pm** The Chairman used her casting vote, motion carried 4 yes. **Clerk** to action. It was agreed to investigate who owns the land that the footpath is on and if possible send them the bill for removing the tree.

135. Village Environment

Includes: Lighting, Vandalism, Sea Wall, Transport & Queens Jubilee.

Queens Jubilee. Following a discussion Cllr Hawkes proposed ordering one jubilee oak tree. The Chairman seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action and check size of tree. Mrs Haywood is holding a race night to raise funds for the jubilee picnic in the park.

Green dog walker scheme. Each Councillor has seen this information and all agreed it is a good idea. Volunteers wear a green arm band and can be approached by other dog walkers for a bag. **Clerk** to write press release.

Saturday waste service. MDC responded to our letter asking for this service to be reinstated. They are not willing to do so but have reduced the cost of the green bin to compensate.

Review of polling districts. This information was noted. The only change that affects us is the use of the LPH instead of St Lukes. This is already working very well on election days.

RCCE Best kept village. Following a discussion it was agreed not to enter. We will enter our parks and open spaces with Essex Playing Fields.

Insurance. A quotation from a different insurance provider has been received. A copy of the schedule has been given to Cllr Spires and Cllr Pettitt to review and report back. A third quotation has been requested by the Clerk and will be available in April. **Add to April agenda.**

136. Councillors Report

Planning seminar at EALC This seminar was attended by Cllr Spires and The Clerk. A copy of Cllr Spires report was discussed. The suggestion of preparing a neighbourhood plan was also discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Spires would arrange a meeting with MDC to register

this council's interest in their future planning document. The Parish Plan will be held in abeyance until after this meeting. **Add to April agenda.**

138. Items for April Agenda

Annual Parish Assembly 17th April
Gate Keys.

The Chairman reported that she would not be available to chair the PC meeting on the 10th April.

She closed the meeting at 9.40 pm