

Minutes
of the meeting of
MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 14th April 2015
at 7.55 p.m.

Present

Cllr Evans (Chairman)
Cllr Duncan
Cllr Hawkes
Cllr Gibson
Cllr Massenhove

Cllr Oatham
Cllr Pettitt
Cllr Spires
Cllr Robinson
Mrs Massenhove (Clerk)

192. Apologies for Absence

None.

193. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

194. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 10th March. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

The Chairman proposed amending the draft minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 24th March to include observations that were made at the meeting by D Cllr Channer. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to make the required amendments for approval of the minutes at the next meeting.

195. Public Discussion

No members of the public were present.

196. Finance

Councillors received a list of all payments and receipts approved by the Finance Committee. Cllr Robinson proposed accepting both the payments and receipts. Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal, all in favour; payments and receipts accepted. New electricity costs were noted. Clerk to obtain a copy of the Council's unmetered certificate and find out about costs from other suppliers.

197. Planning

The following applications were considered and comment to the Planning Authority agreed: -

FUL/MAL/15/00034 PP-03924212

Application for variation of conditions 5 (restriction of use throughout the year), 6 (hours of use), 7 (public address system), 8 (amplified sound) & 10 (restriction on amplified sound in the marquee) on approved planning permission FUL/MAL/13/00566 (Change of use of former Essex barn to use as a wedding ceremony, reception and ancillary functions. Demolition of existing single storey buildings and replacement with bridal suite and letting rooms. Erect a pedestrian bridge over pond. Provision of access and car parking. Erection of gazebo and permission to erect a marquee for wedding receptions for six months per year May to October).

High House Farm Old Heath Road Southminster Essex

7 support; 1 object; 1 abstain. Therefore the recommendation to MDC is to grant planning permission. However, Mayland Parish Council is concerned to ensure Environmental Health regulated noise levels and suitable parking arrangements.

Claim for Lawful Development Certificate: -

LDP/MAL/15/00180

Claim for Lawful Development Certificate: Proposed extension to rear. Garage conversion with access via inside house to study, additional door access to remaining garage, roller door to outside.

46 Bramley Way Mayland Essex CM3 6ER

Cllr Robinson proposed recommending that planning permission should be sought due to the unclear plans and potential loss of the garage. Cllr Pettitt seconded the proposal. 5 in favour; 4 object. The recommendation to MDC is that planning permission should be sought.

The following decisions made by the local Planning Authority were noted: -

FUL/MAL/14/0126

Extension to industrial building

Mayland Hall Mayland Hill Mayland Essex

APPROVE

WTPO/MAL/14/01276

TPO 08/91 Area 1 - Area marked by pink boundary on plan - Remove Blackthorn, Hawthorn and area of diseased/dead Elm. Retain 1-2m wide rooting area of boundary vegetation. Clear a 3m x 4m area for new access gate. T1 Blackthorn - Remove. T2 Hawthorn - Remove.

Land South West Of Nipsells Chase Mayland Essex

APPROVE

HOUSE/MAL/15/00060

Replacement of the single storey side building on the south side of the house, containing entrance hall, WC and garage, with a two-storey side extension; re-cladding exterior of existing house and replacement of windows and doors, erection of separate single storey garage with new driveway and new access from Mill Road.

Mayflower Nursery House Mill Road Mayland Essex

APPROVE

It was noted that the following application has been withdrawn by the applicant: -

HOUSE/MAL/15/00056

First floor conversion including raising height of existing roof and removal of existing dormers

Crusoes 19 Princes Avenue Mayland Chelmsford

198. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's update on matters from previous meetings was noted.

199. Standing Orders

The Council's standing orders were reviewed and amendments suggested. Clerk to e-mail draft amended Standing Orders to all Councillors for approval at the May meeting.

200. Lawling Park Committee including Bakersfield, Lawling Playing Field & Dog Walk Area

Each Councillor has received a copy of the minutes from the March LPC meeting. It was noted that work is in progress on the CCTV enhancements and on the rabbit wire fencing around the recently planted trees.

201. Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Each Councillor has received a copy of the record of the inquorate March NP meeting. Cllr Spires reported on a successful meeting with the University of East London together with Latchingdon and Tollesbury Parish Councils. The University has put forward a proposal for engaging the school, which Mr Rudman has agreed to. This will involve a colouring competition and prize presentation in co-operation with the Neighbourhoods Made project.

202. Flooding

Cllrs Spires reported on the recent site visit by an ECC Watercourse Regulation Engineer who viewed areas put forward by the Parish Council as priorities for flood management. A report is expected from the engineer in due course. He has visited other parish councils within the Dengie area and is looking to inform riparian owners of their obligations as part of flood management.

203. Broadband

Cllr Spires reported on the Superfast Essex event he attended recently. Superfast (fibre technology) broadband is due in Mayland in 2016. It was noted that service providers will not necessarily inform users that a faster option is available, but posters will be put on the green street cabinets. The final connection to each house is likely to be via the existing copper wire.

204. Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils

It was noted that Cllr Spires has e-mailed a copy of his report from the DHGPC meeting held on 18th March to all Councillors.

205. Highways

An update on the Highways Schemes requests submitted to Highways (in October 2014) was requested.

D Cllr Mrs Penny Channer joined the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Clerk to write to Highways to request an update on the Scheme requests, with copies to be sent to District Councillors Penny Channer and Bob Boyce.

The state of the Mayland 'gateway' sign was discussed. Clerk to write to Highways to ask them to remove the sign and copies to be sent to District Councillors Penny Channer and Bob Boyce.

It was noted that MDC has agreed its contribution towards the cost of verge cutting for 2014-15.

206. Parks & Open Spaces *including George Everitt Memorial Park, Cardnell Brothers Memorial Park Field & Mayland Nature Reserve*

It was questioned whether recent damage to the zip line wire may have been due to vandalism. Clerk to check date of damage and inform Cllr Oatham so that he may check CCTV coverage.

207. Village Environment *including Lighting, Vandalism, Sea Wall, Transport*

The Clerk reported that the street lighting annual maintenance visit has taken place and that the lighting contractor has been approached regarding harmonising the two lighting contracts to end at the end of the financial year 2015-16.

208. Footpaths

It was noted that the gate across the Nipsells Chase restricted byway is still in place, but that this is being dealt with through the correct channels.

Having sought advice from ECC, the Clerk reported that a Public Right of Way may be created and added to the Definitive Map with the agreement of the landowners (as an alternative to 'evidence of use'). There is a cost involved, but ECC would prepare the agreement and maintain the route. It was agreed that this is an option which should be explored. Cllr Spires to speak to the landowners and liaise with the Clerk. Clerk to write to the landowners to enquire whether they would be willing to support a change to the Definitive Map in this way.

It was reported that a number of residents have expressed their concern at the misuse of the footpath between Promenade and North Drive. The manoeuvring of construction vehicles over the footpath leaving it unusable for pedestrians has been reported to Highways.

209. CCTV

Cllr Oatham gave an update on progress of the CCTV enhancements. Work may be completed this week.

210. Personnel Committee

Draft Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee will be e-mailed to all Councillors. Any comments should be forwarded to the Clerk so that a decision to adopt these may be made at the May meeting.

211. Membership Renewals

Cllr Duncan proposed renewing the Council's membership of the Dengie Hundred Bus User Group. Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal. All in favour, Clerk to action.

Cllr Spires proposed renewing the Council's membership of Essex Playing Fields. The Chairman seconded the proposal. All in favour, Clerk to action.

Cllr Spires proposed entering Essex Playing Fields' annual Best Kept Playing Field competition. Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal. All in favour, Clerk to action.

212. Correspondence

Various residents have forwarded copies of their letters to MDC objecting to planning application OUT/MAL/15/00179, off Nipsells Chase. These were noted.

MDC – Minutes and Reports 29th January – 2nd March 2015. Clerk to circulate to Councillors.

Minutes and Reports 5th -12th March 2015. Clerk to circulate to Councillors.

The Dengie Project Trust – Request for a contribution towards keeping the Burnham One Place Tourist Information Centre open. Clerk to send grant form.

213. Items for Next Agenda

Decision to publish draft minutes.

Orchard path.

The meeting closed at 9.56 p.m.

Dates of next meetings: -

- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Tuesday 12th May 2015
- Annual Assembly of the Electorate, Tuesday 26th May 2015