

Minutes
of the meeting of
MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 10th March 2015
at 7.30p.m.

Present

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| Cllr Evans (Chairman) | Cllr Oatham |
| Cllr Duncan | Cllr Pettitt |
| Cllr Hawkes | Cllr Spires |
| Cllr Massenhove | Cllr Robinson |
| Mrs Massenhove (Clerk) | |

D. Cllr Mrs Channer
5 residents

169. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Gibson.

170. Declarations of Interest
No interests were declared.

Cllr Massenhove left the meeting at 7.31 p.m.

171. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the minutes from the meetings held on 10th February and 24th February 2015. The Chairman seconded the proposal, all in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

The Chairman closed the meeting for public discussion at 7.35 p.m.

172. Public Discussion
A resident enquired as to the progress of the french drain item from previous agendas. The Chairman assured her that work on this is continuing. The resident offered to forward copies of relevant correspondence.

Cllr Massenhove re-joined the meeting at 7.42 p.m.

A group of residents asked for permission to use the field for a music festival to be held in July. They will arrange security and obtain the necessary licence for the event. The Football Club has expressed an interest in holding a joint event or an event earlier on the same day. The event was agreed in principle; the two parties are to liaise with each other then put their plan forward to the Lawling Park Committee.

A group of residents gave an update on their plans to start a youth club in Mayland (a proposal they had previously put to the council). They reported that DBS checks have been carried out and training is underway. The Youth Bus is stopping, but its staff are assisting the residents to set up the youth club. The progress was welcomed by councillors. The Chairman advised that once the group becomes a regular user of the Lawling Park Hall, they should liaise with the Lawling Pak Committee and suggested that they attend an LPC meeting.

D Cllr Mrs Channer spoke of the Dengie Gateway, a project to encourage increased visitor numbers to the area to boost the local economy (subsequent to the closure of Bradwell Power Station) and for which £300 000 has been provided by Coastal

Communities funding. She also spoke of the 1.5% increase in council tax, devolution in local government and informed councillors that the new senior management structure is now in place at Maldon District Council.

The Chairman closed the public discussion session and reopened the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

173. 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 Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour; payments and receipts accepted.

All Councillors had received copies of the quarterly accounts. Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting them, Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour.

174. Annual Assembly

It was provisionally agreed to hold the Annual Assembly on Tuesday 26th May and to hold that month's Lawling Park meeting on 19th May.

175. Planning

The following decision made by the local Planning Authority was noted: -

HOUSE/MAL/14/01145

First floor extension (resubmission of application with modified elevational treatment)
271 Esplanade Mayland Chelmsford Essex
REFUSE

The following appeal decision made by the local Planning Authority was noted: -

FUL/MAL/14/00541 (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/A/14/2228139)

Land South Of Bartlett Close - Mayland
2 No. new self build chalet bungalows on vacant site
APPEAL ALLOWED

176. Clerk's Report

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

177. Lawling Park Committee *including Bakersfield, Lawling Playing Field & Dog Walk Area*
Each Councillor has received a copy of the minutes from the previous LPC meeting.

Cllr Spires proposed adding the new football pitch to the grass cutting contract taking up the option to minimise cost by cutting the pitch area only on some occasions (rather than the entire field). Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. 7 in favour, 1 objection; motion carried. Clerk to action.

178. Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Each Councillor has received a copy of the minutes from the previous NP meeting.

Cllr Spires reported that questionnaires have been printed and that the Mayland Action Group has agreed to distribute and collect them. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council writes to the Action Group to thank them for their continued involvement. Clerk to action.

A date is to be agreed for another meeting with the University of East London. It was noted that they are also working with Latchingdon and Tollesbury.

Cllr Oatham agreed to attend the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting (to be held on Tuesday 7th April) as a substitute member in the Chairman's absence.

179. Highways

Cllr Hawkes expressed concern at the state of the roads in the village, in particular the loose concrete at the West Avenue/ Imperial Avenue junction and Wembley Avenue. It was agreed to write to Highways stating these concerns and also asking when are they going to conduct their annual survey and how much has the situation changed since their last one. Clerk to action.

Cllr Duncan expressed concern over the projecting BT inspection covers on the south side of Drake Avenue between The Drive and Teal Avenue. Clerk to write to BT asking them to address this.

Cllr Duncan proposed writing to the South Essex Parking Partnership to ask how many visits they have made to Mayland in the past year and how many parking tickets have been issued. Cllr Spires seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to action.

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

Cllr Duncan proposed that this year's annual play area inspections are arranged by MDC as was done last year. Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to action.

It was agreed to grant permission to a resident to trim bushes at the north side of Cardnell Brothers Memorial Park on the understanding that this is carried out at the resident's cost. Clerk to write to resident.

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

Cllr Massenhove proposed extending the tennis court lighting maintenance contract until April 2016 whilst shortening the street lighting maintenance contract to end at the same time in order to bring them in line with the financial year. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. All in favour. Clerk to write to lighting contractor.

Our Neighbourhood Constable's correspondence regarding the recent deliberate fire at the Lawling Park was noted. His suggestion to box in the zip-wire platform is to be referred to the Lawling Park Committee.

Cllr Pettitt observed that drainage ditches near to the hall and around the park area are becoming blocked by overgrowing greenery. Cllr Spires offered to look at this with the ECC Watercourse Regulation Engineer whom he is due to meet with later this week. Cllr Spires to report at the next meeting.

Cllr Pettitt reported that the hall doors are being left open whilst football matches are being played. Cllr Spires reported that the changing room lights had recently been found left on after matches. The Clerk reported being shown evidence of boots being cleaned in the showers, despite recent correspondence to the Football Club requesting that the changing rooms are left in a better condition. It was agreed to write to the Football Club instructing them to keep the doors shut when the hall is unattended, to stop cleaning boots in the showers and wash basins, to stop leaving the lights on and also requesting a deposit which will, if necessary, be used to cover costs incurred in additional cleaning requirements and repair of damage. Clerk to action.

Cllr Duncan reported sloping of the sea wall. Cllr Oatham asked if, in the event of a public footpath being eroded away, the route remains where the erosion is or transfers to the non-eroded area alongside it. Clerk to write to ECC for clarification.

Cllr Duncan reported on the Parish Transport Representatives' meeting with Essex County Council that he attended today. He was concerned about the lack of information that was forthcoming. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the transport

committee to express these concerns. Cllr Duncan to draft a letter for the Clerk to forward on behalf of the Parish Council.

182. Footpaths

An update from ECC was noted stating that if the gate at Nipsell's Chase has not been removed by 23rd March, the matter will be passed to the Enforcement Officer.

The issue of evidence of use of the track through the old orchard was raised. It was agreed to request advice from ECC as to whether a route may be added to the Definitive Map by an agreement with the landowner or if evidence of use must be obtained (and any variation to the route applied for subsequently). Clerk to contact ECC. It was noted that two landowners whose land is crossed by this track may be agreeable to a footpath following a very similar route. This could provide the continuous footpath sought. It was noted that grants may be available for maintaining footpaths.

183. S106

The Chairman proposed deferring this item regarding potential projects until after the elections. Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. All in favour.

184. Grant Requests

It was agreed that the recently agreed grant to the church should be given at the beginning of the next financial year. It was noted that the annual budget should provide for grants generally rather than for specific grants.

185. Publicising of Meetings

It was agreed to publicise parish council meeting dates in local newspapers and the Maylands Mayl. It was suggested that dates could be posted on notice boards located at Mayland Green and outside the Lawling Park Hall. The Mayland Information Website was also suggested as a means of publicising meetings.

186. Correspondence

ECC – the gateway sign. Clerk to write to ECC again requesting removal or replacement.
 MDC – A record, assessment and celebration of 40 years, 1974 to 2014. Clerk to circulate this to councillors.
 MDC – Minutes and Reports of the Council and its Committees 15th – 27th January 2015. Clerk to circulate this to councillors.
 ECC – Launch of Getting around in Essex Consultation. Clerk to add consultation information to the Parish Council website.

187. Items for Next Agenda

CCTV (add as a standing item)
 Report on site visit with Watercourse Regulation Engineer

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 14th April 2015.