



**Minutes**  
**of the Extraordinary meeting of**  
**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held in the Lawling Park Hall**  
**on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**  
**at 6.45 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr Oatham (Chairman) Cllr Spires (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Duncan Cllr Edwards  
Cllr Smith (arrived at 6.55pm)

**Clerk:** Mrs L Whitefield

**In attendance:** 1 Residents

**215 Members' Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bush, Cllr Pettitt, Cllr Theckston, Cllr Sampson gave their apologies.

**216 Declaration of Interests**

None

**217 Public Discussion**

None

**218 Social Media**

Cllr Edwards has compiled the following statement on behalf of the Parish Council regarding its stance on Social Media.

**"Social Media Statement from Mayland Parish Council**

MPC are posting this statement in response to much mis-representation that has occurred over the last few weeks. MPC will not engage in the unregulated platforms such as Facebook to answer questions or statements made by members of the public. However we will continue to supply information on our Facebook page (Mayland Parish Council) that may be useful to people.

MPC will, and always has, welcomed all residents to come to the Parish council meetings and ask questions and debate facilities, budgets and problems occurring in the village.

For public information, the Parish Council is not responsible for any Highway facilities such as crossings, double yellow lines, bus cages, speed bumps, ANPR cameras, ponds, halls we don't own, etc. These are the responsibility of Essex Highways or other bodies. The council will and has in the past, made representation to the appropriate departments on behalf of the village.

Please come along to the meetings if you wish to ask questions or debate a subject with the Parish Council"

Cllr Oatham suggested this statement be added to our standing orders so that all councillors are clear on this subject.

Cllr Spires proposed that the above statement would be added to the standing orders, put on our Parish website, put on our Parish Facebook page, be put in the Mayland Mayl and on the Maylandsea Information Group Facebook page. Cllr Edwards seconded this. All councillors voted in favour. Clerk to action.

Cllr Oatham wanted support from the Council with regards taking legal advice over accusations made against him personally on Facebook. He proposed that the Council support any Parish Councillor if they have accusations made against them.

EALC have a new legal service team which could give him advice. Clerk to enquire.  
Cllr Edwards suggested he contact Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils for support. If these two options do not prove successful, then it was proposed the Parish Council fund a half hour consultation with a solicitor. Cllr Duncan proposed the support of the Council and Cllr Edwards seconded this. All other councillors voted in favour of this. Cllr Smith was not present for this vote.

The meeting closed at 7.01pm.