



**Minutes**  
**of the Annual Assembly of**  
**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
held in the Lawling Park Hall  
on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr Oatham (Chairman) Cllr Spires (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Bush Cllr Edwards  
Cllr Sampson Cllr Duncan  
Cllr Smith

**Clerk:** Mrs L Whitefield

**In attendance:** D/Cllrs Penny Channer, Michael Helm  
11 Residents  
Adrian Rayner Community Protection Team, Maldon District Council  
Pat McShea Community Protection Team, Maldon District Council

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Jayne Pettitt

**2 Minutes of the Previous Annual Assembly Meeting**

Cllr Spires proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Cllr Bush seconded this proposal. All in favour. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

**3 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone in attendance.

**4 Chairman's Annual Report**

The new Chairman was elected in September 2018 following the resignation of Jane Evans due to health reasons. He would like to thank his fellow councillors and Deputy Chair for their continued personal and voluntary commitment in support of the Parish of Mayland. All elected and co-opted councillors are volunteers who give up many hours of their own time to undertake this work. The Chairman also thanked the Parish Clerk for the role that she plays in helping the Council run smoothly.

The annual Precept for 2019/20 is £97,310 and Band D for the Village of Mayland is levelled at £65.54. The number of individuals calculated on the electoral role for Mayland is in excess of £3,000.

The Lawling Hall is used on a regular basis both for classes and events.

CCTV has been extended in the park

Dog fouling program has been introduced in the park which has been successful due to the vigilance of the village residents.

Streetlamps have been changed to LED lights

New footpaths have been laid in the Lawling Park and those in Bakersfield are soon to be repaired also.

Bus cage has been installed at Maylandsea Post Office

New Bus Shelter to be fitted at the end of April 2019

New garden area to be installed in Bakersfield this year with new memorial benches and a steel replica of 'Tommy'

New Park equipment to be installed

Award winning Lawling Park Playing Field

Community workers have worked extremely hard cutting back vegetation and trees to make the park look much neater

Skate Park has been repaired and levelled to make this area safer for children

Park ranger's hours are to be increased to continue to stop dog fouling, speeding and other anti-social behaviour in the village

Special constable Scheme to be introduced if volunteers come forward

Speed Watch program to go ahead in April/May to reduce speeding,

Anti-social behaviour has been a problem, especially during the summer months but if residents continue to report incidents to the Clerk or to MDC then action can be taken,

The Parish Council continues to maintain its positive working relationships with both Maldon District Council and Essex County Council and we welcome the support of our District Councillors at our Parish Meetings,

The Parish Council continues its commitment in working together with the residents of our village and we appreciate those who attend our Parish meetings and contribute in any way to the upkeep of our village,

The Chairman also thanked the village residents who regularly attend the neighbourhood planning meetings and contribute so enthusiastically to our village plan which is progressing well.

## **5 Maldon District Council**

D/Cllr Michael Helm reported on the transformation project at Maldon District Council where major changes are taking place to ultimately save costs.

D/Cllr Penny Channer reported on the following points:

- Essex County Council also transforming their structure as well as Maldon District
- Protection officers doing great job throughout the district as well as Mayland
- Council Tax lowest in Essex apart from Epping
- Live well agenda being set up by Ben Page with emphasis on Health and well-being, mental health, obesity issues
- Police, Fire and Crime Panel needs more officers to create better policing
- Speed limit along Steeple road – Residents ask why Mayland is the only village with 40mph limit. Mayland Green impossible to exit safely
- Tribute to Jane Evans who retired in September 2018. She was Chair for six years and Penny gave her credit for all the work she had done within the village. Both Michael and Penny gave her their best wishes.

## **6 Park Rangers**

Adrian Rayner reported on the following points:

- Restructure in Maldon District Council requires all to re-apply for their jobs

- Hubs in different parts of the district. Suggestion to have one in Mayland where people can drop in and see them and ask questions.
- Social Media is being used successfully
- TruCam is being used successfully and Maldon are first team in the County to use this on behalf of the Police. 25 fines issued in Mayland to date.
- PCN been issued in village. Problem outside school. Adrian to look further into.
- Park Watch – Penalty notices issued for dog fouling. If residents see fouling taking place, they can report.
- Tennis courts – other areas are holding football matches to include youths who are causing problems. Relationships established to help reduce Anti-social behaviour.
- Pat McShea is responsible for abandoned vehicles, litter, flytipping. 113 litter fines been issued in MDC. This shows how hard the team are working.
- Flytipping – slight decrease in this.
- Farm Watch – To contact CPO to pass on vehicles acting suspiciously and photos of flytipping.

## **7 Lawling Park Committee**

Cllr Spires reported on how proud he is of what has been achieved in the Lawling Park.

- Awards have been given out for the park
- 10 year plan for the skate park to be extended
- Extension to the hall with proper changing rooms and a Parish office
- Pathways are being renovated
- Memorial Garden for Bakersfield is the project for this year
- Outside Gymnasium is being looked into with best position, best equipment
- Astroturf to be put in double tennis court so that Football club can use all year round for training
- Grants to be applied for all projects

## **8 Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

Cllr Spires reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan

- Final call for land took place in November to ask if anyone has any land to register
- 14 applications received to now be graded with help from Leonie Alpin from MDC
- Housing increased by 20 homes per year since 1972
- Neighbourhood plan to suggest up to 10 new houses per year
- Houses to be dotted amongst houses already in place rather than new estates

## **9 Public Discussion**

Meeting opened up to the public for questions

### **1) Signs at top of road need reporting as getting old**

Clerk has reported these signs but it takes some time to get matters sorted.

### **2) Grass verges near post box in Wembley Avenue needs more regular cutting**

Garwoods do cut this area once a month

### **3) How can we make sure big developments are not built similar to neighbouring villages?**

The Parish Council have to make sure their Neighbourhood plan is robust and make sure that this does not happen within the village of Mayland. Cllr Spires reassured the residents that we can be selective where houses are going to be built.

### **4) Is there an update on the Village pond in Drake Avenue?**

Review of situation with residents who owned this pond initially. To form a working party or use community workers to clear and get back to original condition.

**5) Henry Samuel Hall update?**

Charity commission status in doubt as there are no accounts for the last 5 years  
Looking for Parish council to take over as sole trustees pending surveys and discussion  
Phase the work to do it up over two years

**6) Henry Gilder Trust update**

Jean Hawkes gave update on the trust.  
Strict criteria to be able to be housed in one of their houses  
Houses in Althorne/Southminster for people who live in the dengie  
Trust wants to build more houses if the builders give the land.

**10 Close**

Jean Hawkes thanked the Parish Council for all that they do.

**Meeting closed at 8.46pm**