



**Minutes**  
of the virtual Extraordinary meeting of  
**MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
held online  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021  
at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr Oatham (Chairman) Cllr Spires (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Bush Cllr Smith  
Cllr Haywood Cllr Chandler

**Clerk:** Mrs L Whitefield

**In attendance:** 6 Residents

**132 Members' Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr Todd

**133 Declaration of Interests**  
None

**134 Public Discussion**

- A resident asked what area of land agenda item 135 referred to. Cllr Oatham clarified that it was for an 8 foot piece of land north of the existing fence installed by the Parish Council.
- A resident asked whether the Parish Council had received confirmation on what land was owned from land registry. Cllr Oatham confirmed that they had but that all discussions in this meeting should be about the agenda items only.
- A resident asked for an explanation to the residents why this piece of land is being purchased. Cllr Oatham made the following points:
  - The additional land was offered to the Parish Council
  - It would enable a route into the Orchard before the trees go into leaf
  - Mr Wood is landscaping his side of the fence and needs to have a decision about this land
  - The option to pipe the ditch could cause problems, be time consuming and be costly
  - Costs could be avoided if land purchased now
  - Ditch would remain open
  - Existing fence could either be lowered or remain in place
  - Still awaiting confirmation who owns the ditch

*Item 135 was discussed at the end of the meeting but for reference purposes, it will be minuted in the order on the agenda.*

**135 Orchard**

Geoff Wood has offered an additional piece of land adjacent to the recently purchased Orchard at the end of North Drive. It measures 8 feet from the existing fence. The original idea was to move the panels from the existing fence to the new location but the fencing contractor advised that the panels were bonded in. Cllr Oatham is awaiting a quote from the same contractor for a new fence to be installed at the new location but estimates the cost, based on the previous installation, to be around £7,000.

The cost of the land is £7,000 and solicitors fees £863. Other costs could be incurred to move trees, or install a gate at entrance.

Cllr Bush proposed that this additional land be purchased with a maximum cost of £18,000. Cllr Smith seconded this proposal. All in favour.

**136 Nature Reserve**

It was proposed that permission be granted for the trees adjacent to the Nature reserve in Nipsells Chase to be removed by the resident at 22, to enable them to replace their fence.

**137 Tennis Courts**

A resident had asked if the tennis courts could be used for dog training purposes. Cllr Spires said it had been used for this purpose historically but it was agreed that permission would not be given.

**138 Councillors**

Cllr Oatham requested that all councillors read their emails once a day so that responses can be sent. He also asked that they be more proactive on the Council to allow the burden of responsibilities to be shared.

**139 Imperial Avenue Lighting**

Cllr Chandler proposed that the invoice for the replacement LED lights at the end of Imperial Avenue be accepted. Cllr Bush seconded this.

The Clerk had made enquiries with Essex County Council as to why this part of the road had not been adopted but had not received a response. It was resolved that as we had requested the work to be done, it was down to the Parish Council to settle this invoice.

**140 Any other business**

The meeting was closed at 7.39pm.