



Minutes
of the meeting of
MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 12th October 2021
at 7.00 p.m.

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

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: 7 Residents

73 Members' Apologies for Absence
D/Cllr Penny Channer

74 Declaration of Interests
None

75 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Oatham stated he was not happy with the minutes dated 13th July 2021. A statement was read out written by Cllr Bush which he proposed should replace the original report of item 54.

"There was a discussion regarding the working party for the nature reserve. Nigel Todd said that he wanted everyone to come on to the working party. John Oatham explained that the idea of the working party was to have a small group to look at different ways forward and then report back to the rest of the councillors so that decisions could be made. Nigel Todd then accused John Oatham of being a bully and underhand dealing. He was then asked to explain what he meant and to give an example, there was nothing forthcoming. Ray Bush also asked exactly what he had meant by the allegations, again there was no explanation. There followed a heated discussion across the floor where Nigel Todd was swearing. At this point the Chair lost control of the meeting, after which John Oatham left the meeting."

The previous statement originally minuted was read out to compare the versions.

Cllr Oatham stated that unless he received a personal apology from Cllr Todd then this matter would not be resolved. He proposed discussing item 80 on the agenda at this point.

Cllr Todd apologised to Cllr Oatham and asked to move forward and to all work together. He also asked that it be minuted that Cllr Oatham stated at the meeting on 13th July that the purchase of the additional land adjacent to the orchard, would not happen.

Cllr Todd proposed accepting the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2021 as well as the amendment above. Cllr Bush seconded this proposal. All in favour.

Cllr Bush proposed accepting the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2021. Cllr Chandler seconded this proposal. All in favour.

76 Public Discussion

- A resident thanked the Parish Council for cutting the hedge along Esplanade/North Drive
- A resident from North Drive expressed his concerns about the impact of the new orchard on the residents of North Drive. He felt it had not been discussed with them first. He thought it might be a security threat, that it could be used for drug taking and other activities, and might cause harm to the natural habitat. He was concerned that trees were being taken down and pathways created.

Cllr Haywood reassured him that all these issues would be discussed at a Management committee meeting which was being arranged at this meeting.

Cllr Spires pointed out about the discussion with the Tree preservation officer at Maldon District Council and that all the points raised at this meeting were listed in the previous month's minutes. He assured the resident that nothing would be done that would not conform with the TPO officers requests and that the wildlife would be protected.

The Management committee can include residents so that they can be included in any discussions.

77 Planning

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

- **21/00857/FUL PP -10148013**

Proposal: Change of use from shop (62a) and office (62b) to carer's accommodation

Address: 62 Nipsells Chase, Mayland

All Councillors wanted more clarification on this planning proposal before it gives a response.

- **21/00991/HOUSE PP -10221774**

Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Address: 13, Hillcrest, Mayland

No objection to this proposal, but a comment was made that the Parish Council feels that it is not acceptable for the large area of flat roof described in the application.

78 Finance

Councillors received a list of all payments and receipts. The approved payments and receipts are listed below: -

TRANSFER

PAYMENTS

Date	Payee	Service/supply	NET
08-Oct-21	County Broadband	WiFi	27.61
17-Sep-21	Voipfone	Renewal Fee	3.00
12-Sep-21	Eon	Street Lighting	154.90
16-Sep-21	Maldon Garden Machinery	To sharpen blade on hedge cutter	29.17
02-Oct-21	Gards	4 x Timber posts, postcrete	23.49
06-Oct-21	Maldon Garden Machinery	Mountfield mower	315.83
30-Sep-21	Total Amenity Supplies	5L Roundup weedkiller	49.98
07-Oct-21	ICO	Renewal for ICO Certificate	40.00
08-Sep-21	Amazon	2 x 128GB Memory sticks for data storage	16.64

06-Oct-21	Amazon	5 x Reams of paper/100 Poly pockets	21.58
12-Oct-21	Maldon District Council	Engagement team August	140.24
12-Oct-21	Maldon District Council	Engagement team September	140.24
12-Oct-21	S-Type Security	Patrols for September	490.00
12-Oct-21	MSJ Garwood & Son	Overmarking 5 pitches	236.90
12-Oct-21	MSJ Garwood & Son	Grounds Maintenance September	2,183.80
12-Oct-21	Clearwater Technology	Half yearly maintenance for hall	225.36
12-Oct-21	EALC	Chairman's Training Oct/Nov/Dec	270.00
12-Oct-21	EALC	Essex Highways Briefing	20.00
12-Oct-21	A&J Lighting	To change bulb in Cherry Alley	150.45
12-Oct-21	Fordesigns	To supply sign for slide	140.00
12-Oct-21	Wicksteed	M8 Pentagon key for roundabout	16.50
12-Oct-21	Mrs L Whitefield	Petty Cash Top up	40.91
14-Oct-21	NEST	Staff Pension	116.09
24-Oct-21	MPC Staff	Staff Wages	2,053.04
			6,909.73

RECEIPTS

15-Sep-21	Mayland Football Club	Fees for August/September 2021	360.00
21-Sep-21	R Cook	Hire Deposit for 23/10	75.00
04-Oct-21	Maldon District Council	Precept	50,124.50
04-Oct-21	Casual Hirers	Tennis Hire	41.00
			50,600.50

PETTY CASH

23-Sep-21	Home Bargains	Toilet roll, bleach, cleaning materials	24.24
02-Oct-21	Gards	4 x Fence posts, postcrete (some cash, rest DC)	16.67
			40.91

- Cllr Bush proposed that these payments be accepted. Cllr Haywood seconded this proposal. All in favour.

79 Clerk's Report

Each Councillor has received an update on matters from the previous meeting.

80 Apology – This item was covered under item 75**81 Lawling Park Committee** *including Bakersfield, Lawling Playing Field & Dog Walk Area*

- **Update** – An update was given from the LPC meeting
 - Roundabout surfacing to be replaced at a cost of £2,640
 - To carry out work in small playground, wet pour replaced, to replace rope net, jet wash all equipment at a cost of £2,505.
 - New signs in small playground at a cost of £250
 - To spray weeds along Bakersfield
 - Chains to be replaced on all 4 swings at a cost of £143 per set
 - To replace all nuts/bolts in small playground with a budget of £200
- **Drainage**- A quote was considered from D Moore to add a drain along Bakersfield path. Concerns that diversion to drains could be too much. Clerk to get more quotes.
- **Scale Swing** – Options for disabled pieces of equipment to be discussed at next Lawling Park Committee meeting

82 Orchard

- **Update** – Review of TPO visit.
Andrew May from ACJ Ecology has been in contact about possible grants that are available to produce a wet/dry pond in the orchard for the great crested newts. We may be eligible for biodiversity credits to help with the orchard. One credit is worth £15,000. He will also look at other nature reserve and the pond in Drake Avenue.
- **Members to join Management Committee-** Nigel Todd and Gordon Morris to join.
- **Meeting-** A meeting to discuss the orchard will take place on 19th October 2021 7pm.

83 Village Environment

- **Cherry Alley** – A quote for £400 has been received to trim the trees in Cherry Alley. Cllr Haywood proposed that a budget be set of £400 but the Clerk will get another quote. Cllr Spires seconded this. All in favour.
- **Gateway** – Discussion to replace gateway on Steeple Road. Cllr Spires pointed out that this is Essex County Council's responsibility.
- **Reimbursement** – Request from resident who has just paid for hedge to be cut along Esplanade and then found out that the Parish Council agreed to pay for this. Original quote was for £488, new quote to cut remainder of hedge is £260 so difference of £228 to be paid to resident. Cllr Bush proposed this, Cllr Chandler seconded this. All in favour.

84 Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Spires reviewed the quote from Troy Planning to write a Neighbourhood Plan. The total cost is £21,987.50. Grants are available from Locality Fund – we have received £7,500 so far and can claim up to £15,500. The Parish Council has already set aside £10,000 towards this plan.
- Cllr Oatham raised the point that if the plan goes ahead will MDC take any notice of it. Cllr Spires explained that Leonie Alpin from MDC has a review coming up and there are options what to do but they could decide what amount of land is available for houses. If it is in our control and they agree with the plan, then we are in a better position.
- Cllr Spires proposes that we use Troy Planning with the grants and monies set aside. Cllr Chandler seconded this. Cllr Spires to write to Troy and give them the order providing they can raise the rest of the monies through grants. All in favour.

85 Website

- Cllr Haywood proposed that the draft minutes from the previous meetings only go on the website when the agenda is added. Cllr Chandler seconded this. All in favour.

86 Events

- **Remembrance Day** – Update on remembrance service on 11th November. Small band volunteered to play during refreshments in the hall, Mayland School attending to read a poem, Cllr Spires to lead the tributes, Andy Duncan to raise the flag, Cakes and other refreshments in the hall.
- **Christmas** – Christmas tree ordered from Garwoods for £150. Lighting up ceremony on 3rd December with Santa attending. On 10th December, there will be some stalls by the shops and music playing between 5 and 8pm.

87 Matters for next Agenda

- Cllr vacancy
- Drama club
- Lights in village/by shops