



Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting

held in the Lawling Park Hall
on Tuesday 8th June 2021
at 6.35 pm

Present: Cllr Haywood (Chairman) Cllr Chandler (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Bush Cllr Oatham
Cllr Todd Cllr Spires (arrived at 7pm)
Cllr Smith

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

In attendance: D/Cllr Penny Channer
5 Residents
Pat McShea Community Protection Team, Maldon District Council
Steven & Suzie Appleby S-Type Security

1 Apologies for Absence
None

2 Minutes of the Previous Annual Assembly Meeting
Cllr Bush proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 16th April 2019. Cllr Oatham 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
Having just taken over as Chairman of the Parish Council, I must thank our former Chairman, John Oatham, and Vice-chairman Peter Spires, for the work they have done over the past few years. I would also like to thank all other councillors for their continued personal and voluntary commitment and contribution in support of the residents and parish of Mayland. As you are aware, your Parish Councillors are all volunteers who willingly give up many hours of their own time to do this work. I must also thank our parish clerk Linda Whitefield, for her professional support and knowledge which she brings to the work of the council.

This year has been like no other with the restrictions of Covid-19. The Lawling Hall has been closed for over a year now and meetings have taken place virtually. We are now required to hold meetings in the hall again with guidelines put in place. We hope that groups will start to use the hall again soon.

A support group was set up in the village to help those residents who were unable to get shopping or prescriptions and this was successful thanks to all volunteers involved.

The Lawling Hall was re-decorated during this time thanks to our dedicated groundsmen.

The Annual Precept for 2021/22 is £100,249 and Band D for the Village of Mayland is levelled at £68.67. This was a 2% increase on the previous year.

Our contractors, Garwoods, have continued to keep our park in the best condition it could be. The memorial garden has been very well received with many people asking for plaques for their loved ones to be added to the wall.

Our Playground is being refurbished with a new Space climber and slide being fitted soon along with re-surfacing under the swings and roundabout.

The new gymnasium is an asset to the park and we are getting quotes for the skate park to be extended.

A dog training area is also being looked into.

The tennis courts have been used a lot this year and we are pleased this area is being used.

We received several hundred new trees which have been planted on the perimeter of the park.

The park has also been used for boot fairs and by the Football teams.

As requested by the residents, Cherry Alley was re-surfaced this year. We have also employed the services of a security company who patrol the park and other areas around the village. The Park rangers also play a role in patrolling the village.

We have applied for a zebra crossing to be installed outside the school, and are awaiting confirmation from the speed watch scheme.

The council purchased a piece of land at the end of North Drive to be used as a further nature reserve. Fencing was installed also.

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.

5 Maldon District Council

District Councillor Penny Channer gave a report about work achieved in the district:

- 1) Maldon Town temporary restrictions of 20mph along the High Street to keep people safe. A High Street consultation will take place asking public what their thoughts are long term.
- 2) District Council office has become a vaccination centre
- 3) At the Annual meeting - Two district councillors resigned. Wendy Stamp became leader of the council.
- 4) Grants are being given by Essex County Council to businesses in Maldon with certain criteria.
- 5) Flooding issues have badly affected Katonia Avenue but have been sorted
- 6) Budget has seen a 2.47% increase
- 7) LDP is being reviewed. Call for sites to develop
- 8) Splash park to open at the end of June
- 9) Plan to support local shops
- 10) VE day will be held on 8th May
- 11) New ship in Maldon Park
- 12) Parking costs are being reviewed
- 13) Miriam Holden sadly passed away. We owe a great debt to her and for all her hard work.

6 Park Rangers

Review of what park rangers roles:
Community Safety

ASB
Dog Fouling/control
Abandoned vehicles
Graffiti
Fly tipping
Parking issues

PC pays for 4 hours a month. Mainly concentrate on illegal parking around school times and dog fouling and littering in the park.

Fines have been issued for dog fouling and for littering in Mayland.

Resident asked what authority the park rangers have regarding vehicles. Response was get the police involved and to use ASB powers to warn, give notice and then issue order to move it.

If any problems in village, residents should report directly to community engagement team.

7 Security Company

Review of what security company does in the village. Need the backup of the Police. Having a meeting with them as need them to be on their side.

Anti-social behaviour outside the shops and around the park has improved
All incidents in Mayland recorded on body camera

Not dealing with dog issues – this can be dealt with by others
Phone number around the village for residents to report incidents

8 Public Questions

- 1) Della asked about the emergency plan
Cllr Haywood to look at this as Barry Edwards has done a lot of work on this but it needs to be finished.
- 2) With regard to the new Orchard, no communication has been received by the residents since the letter was sent to them 7 months previously. Residents would like to see the design of how it will look after work carried out.
Cllr Haywood will start holding working party meetings to discuss matters.
TPO officer, Andy Day, is giving advice about trees.
- 3) The southern boundary along the ditch to be cleared and a fence will be installed.
The possibility to purchase additional land next to the new fence will be looked into. This will make a secure entry into the orchard which can be locked.
- 4) Drainage ditch – Cllr Oatham confirmed that the PC has no intention of piping the ditch.
Cllr Haywood stated that it will be looked into where the original ditches are located and find out what ditches belong to whom.
- 5) Letters – residents feel that land to the rear of properties along North Drive should have been looked into first before letters were sent out.
- 6) Timescale – Della would like timescale of when all matters relating to orchard will take place. Cllr Oatham confirmed now that land registry has been confirmed then can speed up process.
- 7) Update – An update will be given each month at the parish meetings so that any decisions will be transparent.

9 Close

Della thanked the Parish Council for all they do on the resident's behalf.

Meeting closed at 7.37pm