

**A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY
16TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE NEW VICTORY HALL,
MUNDON.**

Those present – Councillors G. Rowsell, B. Hollis, L. Clark, I. McDonald, the clerk and six members of the public.

1. An apology was received from Councillor S Livermore,(Chairman), so Councillor G. Rowsell (Vice Chairman) took the meeting.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. Public Comments (15 mins).
Danielle Adger of Furzedown, Mundon was at the meeting to speak about a proposed planning application on Furzedown where she and her family hope to live. A site plan was provided and details of the application. It was the opinion of the council that they could see no reason not to proceed and they would discuss the application when it was sent out from MDC Planning.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting.
The Minutes of the December meeting were approved and signed.
5. Matters Arising/Clerks report.
All matters covered by Agenda items.
6. District Councillors Report – there were no District Councillors present.
7. Items previously agreed for the Agenda.
 - a. Transport – Councillor L. Clark reported that there were no problems with the 31x. He had spoken with the Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group. He will be unable to attend the meeting on 17th February.
 - b. The Furze – Wood Wardens had put up a new post on the fence facing West Chase and will replace another broken one. A couple of branches came down during the high winds but no real damage done.
 - c. Grass cutting – Andrew Macdonald has now ceased as the contractor for grass cutting. Steve Wells was approached but he declined as he does not have a ride on mower.
 - d. Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor McDonald had nothing to report.
 - e. Fence at Woodside – there has not been any positive progress on this and it was felt that there was a need to confirm costs again. The new length of fencing needs to be as like the existing as possible.
 - f. Other Woodside matters – The road at West Chase is in very poor condition with big holes appearing. Councillor Rowsell will contact Nicola Syder of Moat Housing who is responsible for this road. Councillor Clark mentioned that there was still one car permanently parked and some hedges needed cutting at the front. Councillor Rowsell suggested a personal call from himself and the Chairman might be a good option if necessary.

- g. Defibrillator – Councillor McDonald reported that this needs a box on the outside of the pub. This box would have electricity, a constant temperature and access 24 hours a day. The likely cost will be £570.00. Councillor Rowsell proposed a vote to go ahead with this. The vote was carried unanimously.
- h. Uses of Business Reserve Account – It was decided that the above defibrillator box cost should come from this account, which is only for projects that benefit the village.

8. Planning.

FUL/MAL/15/01368. Proposed single detached dwelling with double garage. Change of use from Office (B1) to dwelling house (C3). Wycke Farm, Main Road, Mundon. There were no objections to this application.

FUL/MAL/15/01361. Proposed erection of two detached houses. The Elms Coal Yard, Main Road, Mundon. This application was discussed between meetings as the reply needed to be submitted before 11th February. There were no objections.

APPEAL DECISIONS

APP/X1545/W/15/3134801. The Barn, Fambridge Road, Purleigh.

Dismissed.

APP/X1545/W/15/3131611. Park House, Maldon Road, Latchingdon.

Dismissed.

9. Highways.

Councillor Rowsell met a Highways Enforcement Officer responsible for Highways repairs. He was concerned that the ditches along Blind Lane are not adequately dug and if this is not done within two weeks, ECC will do it and charge owners. Blind Lane is scheduled to be resurfaced and possibly closed for two weeks. The ditches will also be dealt with at this time if necessary.

10. Correspondence and Emails.

Emails

Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group

ECC Consultation

EALC E Bulletins

Planning – weekly lists, decisions and appeals

New Audit Framework

Rural Vulnerability Framework

MDC News Releases

Rural Services Network

Weekly Email News Digest

Making the Links

Replacement Waste Local Plan Event

Limited Assurance Reviews

Community Emergency Plan – help offered

Rural News Special
 NHS Services. Consultation on proposed changes
 DHGPC – Bradwell Power Station, Dengie Fire and Rescue Coverage
 DHGPC – Minutes and Agenda
 Proposal to extend existing Outer Thames Estuary
 Update to Maldon District Community Led Planning
 Superfast Essex Update
 MDC Meet the Leader/Deputy Leader
 First Communication from the Chair of Smaller Authorities
 Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 Devolution Newsletter

11. Finance

The following cheques were signed

J & M Payroll Services (to January)	126.00
A Hutchison (Clerk) (less £40 paye)	160.00
MDC Parish Election charges May 2015	65.28
AG Macmorland – grass cutting 06/07/15	162.00
Village Hall rent	12.00

12. Items for future Agendas.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 19th April 2016. This will incorporate the Parish Assembly.

Signed Dated