**Present:** Cllr Gavin Rowsell (Chair), Cllr Kerry-Jane Wylie, Cllr Lynne Attfield &

Cllr John Bennett

**In attendance:** Mrs S Sayer – Parish Clerk

**Members of Public: 0**

1. **Chairman’s Welcome & Apologies.**

The Chair welcomed all those present and received apologies from Cllr Len Clark . No news received from District Councillor Bassenger. The meeting commenced at 19.30 p.m.

1. **Declarations of Interest**
   * Members made the usual declaration that all members live and/or work in the District and declared a global declaration. No other declarations were made at this point in the meeting.
   * Members noted their responsibility to make any changes to their register of interests within 28 days and let the Parish Clerk know that it has been done.
2. **The Minutes of the last meeting – 19th May 2020**
   * The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record when Covid-19 allows. Proposed: Cllr Lynne Attfield and Seconded by: Cllr Kerry Jane Wylie . - AGREED
3. **Public Comments**

No members of public present

1. **District Councillors report**

No report available as District Councillor not present.

1. **Policies and Procedures.**

a) It was agreed to hold the draft risk assessment for using The Victory Hall until the next meeting.

1. **Transport**

Cllr Len Clark, although not present had sent an email stating that there were no reported problems regarding the buses.

1. **The Furze**

Contact has been made with Steve and Les and all is going well. Extra benches have been fitted by them too as reported via email by Cllr Clark.

1. **Grass Cutting**

All perceived to be going well and Cllr Clark reported via email that regular checks confirm this and payment is up to date. Auditor suggesting that may need further quotes for the next season and Chair to ask Len to instigate. AGREED.

1. **Neighbour Hood Watch**

June and July the Maldon Crime report from Essex Police, nothing for Mundon.

Hare coursers have been seen in the area.

Chair commented after speaking to local police that they are slowly returning back to normal policing – reduction in fly tipping in East Essex Area, there is

continued fly tipping in the West Essex Area.

1. **Woodside**

Clerk stated that an email has been received from Karen Embleton giving excuses

that Covid-19 has slowed everything, and clerk responded saying that it is now

over 12 months since the Chair and Clerk met with two representatives and

nothing has been moved on.

1. **Defibrillator – Outside Victory Hall**

Clerk still looking for the papers and also mentioned to date had not found a VAT

registration number to reclaim VAT.

Discussion took place regarding whether or not Mundon PC is registered to claim

VAT and it was thought that it never had been. Clerk to write to VAT

reclamation office to start process. Chair stated that he could not recall Mundon

ever having reclaimed VAT and Clerk stated would ensure that VAT number will

be obtained and VAT reclaimed that was able to be.

1. **Broadband –**Cllr Attfield stated that it is live and available and can now be taken off the Agenda.
2. **Planning**

**Planning Applications to discuss and decide:-**

**20/00642/FUL PP-08783243**

Erection of fencing, including replacement of 2 existing vehicular gates.

Desch Plantpak Ltd, Maldon Road, Mundon Essex.

Members **resolved** to support this application.

* 1. **Planning Correspondence**

Members to note receipt via email of the following:-

* + 1. List of Planning applications – 20-28 **NOTED**
    2. List of Planning Decisions & Appeals – 20-28 **NOTED**
  1. Planning Decisions: None at the time of writing - **NOTED**
  2. Members noted that a response was made to Bradwell B and an acknowledgement received and to confirm that after their meeting on 2nd June, support was given by Purleigh Parish Council. Chair thanked members for also putting in their individual responses.

Chair mentioned a discussion at a local meeting with Rt Hon John Whittingdale MP and his closing remarks were that “Bradwell will happen”

Main arguments he has received as an MP as follows:-

* People who don’t like nuclear, end of story and wish to go completely with renewables but the Government has a lot of scientists who have said renewables can not be 100%.
* The second argument is Bradwell is not a good location because of the impact on transport. That is the general consensus of most of the parishes.
* That people do not want the Chinese involved, the problem being that it is not classed as viable without the Chinese being involved as they are using as their flagship project with the new HPR 1000 reactor, which is not being used at Hinckley or Sizewell B, it will only be at Bradwell so they purportedly using as a loss leader to promote to the rest of the world.
* Further discussions were had regarding the problems on the road around South Woodham Ferrers and how Chelmsford City Council are opposing a Northern ring road around South Woodham Ferrers.

1. **Post Box**

Cllr Wylie had to send a letter. Cllr Wylie asked the question if it should be installed back in front of Stud Farm, however it was stated that it should go back to where it is most convenient for residents.

Possibly not able to choose where it goes.

One in Village Centre, one at Pillar Box Corner – Question raised as to whether it

should go back at Stud Farm. Cllr Wylie been passed from pillar to post and now

communicating with Facilities Management.

Need to ascertain what Post Office plans are regarding the missing post box and then make a response accordingly.

Members to communicate regarding progress.

1. **Parking on the Grass Verge – Main Road, Mundon -**

Clerk spoke to Olive Porter who is Network Management at Highways and that Highways land usually goes probably to the middle of ditch or hedge line and there are two telegraph poles that are set back quite a way and it probably goes back that far and is requesting a highways boundary. Highways have no funding for such a project and to apply to Local Highways Panel, but members had already said that this takes too long and were willing to fund themselves. Olive Porter suggested that you place some substantial planters about 75 cm in to stop the parking, but still put in a Highways panel request and will need a licence to do this, but that only takes 6-8 weeks. Members to consider a way forward.

1. **Highways**

a) Mundon Wash Bridge – no updates available and agreed to remove from Agenda.

b) Salt Bin –has been purchased.

c) Chair has spoken to Adam Pipe, Essex Police Head of Roads Policing and has proposed to come along to the next meeting and discuss a way forward for traffic calming measures. Try to get as many residents to join the meeting to discuss traffic calming measures. It was decided to leave discussing the speed limit through the village and discuss both items at the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the new 20mph imposed due to Covid-19 in Maldon High Street.

d) Members discussed the request by a resident asking to look in to re-installing a bus stop in the vicinity of New Hall Lane/Blind Lane/Mundon Wash Bridge. It was suggested the bus stop was probably removed after being deemed

dangerous due to the 2 blind corners, and if moved away from those corners,

it would be just a few hundred metres from either the Stud Hill stop or the

one in the village centre.  Also it was mentioned that the Dengie Dart is now

available for people to call on.

1. **Correspondence**

There was no additional correspondence other than what had already been

circulated via email or that detailed as a separate agenda item.

1. **Finance**

a) Members reviewed and agreed the payments for June and July 2020 and permission was given for authorised members to approve payments during the course of August. **AGREED** Proposer: Cllr Rowsell Seconded: Cllr Bennett.

b) Item not discussed as irrelevant as Clerk leaving and will wait until new

Clerk joins when the mandate will be changed.

c) Auditors report was noted. Proposed: Cllr Rowsell and Seconded: Cllr Bennett.

d) Proposed: Cllr Rowsell and Seconded: Cllr Attfield – AGREED to sign off

the AGAR – including the Certificate of Exemption for 2019-2020.

1. **Community Events/Networking/Fund Raising**

It was proposed and agreed that no further plans be made until it is known how Covid-19 situation is going pan out.

1. **External Meetings**

No other meetings attended other than the one attended at NFU by the Chair.

Advert for Parish Clerk Vacancy being circulated via members and advert to be put on the notice board/facebook page and EALC job bulletin.

  Vote of thanks to Clerk for all work carried out to date.

1. **Information Exchange & Items for Next Agenda**

No information exchanged and Agenda items had already been discussed during the course of the meeting.

1. **Date of the next meeting** **–** Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 7.30 p.m

Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 20.15 p.m.**