

APPENDIX

CORONAVIRUS 3: JUNE 2020

RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS BY PURLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE SCHEDULED JUNE 2020 MEETING, AS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO SLOW DOWN AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS SATURDAY, 16th MAY 2020 – FRIDAY, 12th JUNE 2020

JUNE 2020 (1) PROCEDURE

Between meetings Members agreed that the Parish Council would not meet as planned on Friday, 12th June 2020, but to keep the matter under review. It was later agreed to meet on Friday, 19th June 2020 to discuss an urgent item of business which would potentially be held in committee pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

JUNE 2020 (2) PLANNING MATTERS

JUNE 2020 (2.1) Decisions taken between meetings: FUL/MAL/20/00258 Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permissions 19/00138/FUL (Erection of agricultural storage building and associated hardstanding). Land at Old Whitmans Farm, Hackmans Lane.

The Parish Council recommended **APPROVAL**.

FUL/MAL/20/00358 Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission 19/00184/FUL (Erection of agricultural storage building.) Land at Old Whitmans Farm, Hackmans Lane.

The Parish Council recommended **APPROVAL**.

JUNE 2020 (2.2) Notification of Appeals:

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (appeal under s78 & section 195/26K)

Site address: New Redgates Farm, Fambridge Road, Purleigh

Application reference No: FUL/MAL/18/01153

Appeal reference No: APP/1545/W/19/3229323

Proposal: Variation of conditions 3 & 5 on approved planning permission FUL/MAL/08/01319 (Continued use of land for the permanent stationing of a mobile home as a single residential property, retention of hardstanding, decking and 300mm high brick wall.)

Application reference No: LDE/MAL/18/01158

Appeal reference No: APP/1545/X/19/3224272

Proposal: Claim for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of a mobile home to a permanent bungalow.

Members noted that two Appeals had been made to the Secretary of State against Maldon District Council's decision to refuse to grant planning permission and refuse consent for a certificate of lawful use.

In relation to the appeal against the lawful development certificate, the Local Planning Authority had not been satisfied that sufficient evidence had been submitted to substantiate the claim that, on the balance of probability, the mobile home at the site constituted a permanent dwelling. Members noted that the planning merits of the Appeal were not at issue and that the appeal would be determined on the basis of a hearing.

JUNE 2020 (2.3) Maldon District Council planning decisions: Members noted that Maldon District Council had **REFUSED** to grant planning permission for the following development:

- ◆ HOUSE/MAL/19/01321 Erection of detached garage, Wickhams Cottage, Wickhams Chase, Danbury.
- ◆ HOUSE/MAL/20/00221 Adding a dropped kerb to allow use of front/side garden as driveway. 22, The Glebe Purleigh

JUNE 2020 (2.4) Other planning matters: *Proposed Bradwell B Power Station - Stage One Public Consultation:* Members considered the contents of a draft letter from the Chairman of Mundon Parish Council. In it he explained that whilst Mundon Parish Council supported the need for a sustainable and reliable energy source, the potential boost to the local economy and the extra jobs that building a new power station would create, it had one very specific but major concern regarding traffic.

The B1010 Fambridge Road was the designated ‘early years’ route, however, the unclassified Mundon Road ran parallel and was of similar distance. Regardless of a route being ‘designated’, drivers would naturally opt to use the quickest, simplest and easiest route according to a Satnav or their personal experience.

Fambridge Road, whilst rated a B road and having some signage to direct heavy traffic was currently of such poor specification (with measured widths between kerbs of less than 5 metres in places) that a large quantity of heavy traffic already chose the lower hierarchy Mundon Road, which ran right through the heart of Mundon village itself. Traffic surveys had shown 76% of vehicles already breaking the 30 mph limit.

Should just a small amount of the increased traffic to Bradwell B decide to divert through Mundon, which it inevitably would, then the impact on Mundon village and its residential housing, which was almost exclusively situated alongside the road, would be disastrous.

In Mundon Parish Council’s opinion the solution was quite simple, and only involved ensuring that the B1010 Fambridge Road route was brought up to the standards as specified in the current Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, CD 127, Revision 1 (formerly Volume 6, Section 1, Part 2, TD 27/05.)

These industry standards would make the B1010 more suitable for the expected increase in traffic volume, which allied to good signage for Bradwell B traffic and restricting Mundon Road to a 7.5 ton limit, would be a very cost effective mitigation for all the surrounding villages/hamlets.

Members noted that Mundon Parish Council would also be responding to the online questionnaire at Bradwell ‘B’.

The Parish Council agreed to support the recommendations advocated in Mundon Parish Council’s response. As like Mundon, the Parish Council was very concerned about the traffic implications of the proposal and the effect it would have on Purleigh parishioners. If Bradwell traffic went through Mundon village, and then travelled along Burnham Road and Maldon Road more Purleigh parishioners (as well as Mundon ones) would be affected than if it went along Fambridge Road. The Council therefore agreed that an upgraded Fambridge Road was the logical route, especially if the traffic then continued south to the Lower Burnham Road rather than causing chaos going through Latchingdon village (if the potential Latchingdon bypass didn’t come to fruition.)

Members also considered the request by Mundon Parish Council that it included an additional paragraph as follows:

‘ ... We are aware that Purleigh Parish Council are also supporting the requirement to improve the B1010 Fambridge Road, as they have near identical concerns of heavy traffic taking short-cuts through their village too.’

It was agreed to let Mundon Parish Council use the additional paragraph which advised that Purleigh Parish Council was also supporting the requirement to improve the B1010 Fambridge Road, as it has similar concerns about heavy traffic taking short-cuts through Purleigh.

Members noted that the Parish Council had also received a letter from a former Purleigh parishioner asking it to help petition against the proposed new nuclear power station on the grounds that they believed the development would bring about 700 trucks a day through the Dengie and would destroy wildlife sanctuaries, rare birds and

much more. The resident was concerned that roads would never be the same in the area and that every day traffic would be forced onto smaller and inappropriate roads.

They asked the Parish Council to support and publicise a petition to the Government which currently had attracted 7,500 signatures.

It was agreed to sign the petition against the development.

Members also agreed that the Parish Council would express its concerns about the proposals in the consultation paper before the closing date of 1st July 2020, reiterating Mundon Parish Council's objections and including other reasons for opposing the development, to be agreed.

North Western Area Planning Committee meeting: 8th June 2020: Between meetings the Parish Council had been notified that the following application was due to be considered at the meeting of the North-Western Area Planning Committee held on 8th June 2020.

- ◆ FUL/MAL/20/00310 Conversion of barn and cartlodge to 2 new dwellings partially retrospective. Barns adjacent to Mosklyns Farm, Chelmsford Road, Purleigh.

It was agreed that a representative of the Parish Council would not attend the meeting.

JUNE 2020 (3) HIGHWAYS

JUNE 2020 (3.1) Request for traffic calming measures in Burnham Road: Members noted that the Parish Council had been informed by a parishioner that there had been a serious accident involving three vehicles on the bend in front of Roundbush Farm Cottages. Speed had been a major factor in the accident. Apparently it had taken over two hours for firefighters to cut one driver out of their vehicle. Fortunately, apart from broken bones, no-one had been seriously injured but it could just as easily have involved a fatality. This was not the first accident to occur at this location.

The resident had requested that the Parish Council asked Essex County Council to introduce some traffic calming measures e.g. improved signage indicating the approaching bend and 'Slow' signs. They would ideally like a lower speed limit to be introduced but were realistic about the prospects of achieving this.

It was agreed to ask Essex County Council to install traffic calming measures at this location.

JUNE 2020 (3.2) Request for traffic calming measures in Hackmans Lane: Members noted that the Parish Council had been asked by a parishioner to request:

1. Speed cameras in both directions within the 30mph speed limit.
2. A ban on heavy goods vehicles through Cock Clarks.

Members noted that their request was based on the resident's observations whilst working from home that the speed of traffic had increased considerably during lockdown, particularly by HGV's.

Members agreed to ask Essex County Council to install fixed speed cameras in Hackmans Lane and to introduce a ban on Heavy Goods Vehicles.

JUNE 2020 (3.3) Essex County Council winter salt bag Scheme: Between meetings Members agreed to continue to participate in the County Council's winter salt bag scheme and that the parish did not require any more salt at the current time, having plenty still in stock.

JUNE 2020 (4) PLAYING FIELD AND OPEN SPACES

JUNE 2020 (4.1) Giant Hogweed: Members noted that it had been brought to the Council's attention that there may be Giant Hogweed growing alongside the path between Purleigh Community Shop and the playing field. The Parish Council had reported it to the Environment Agency for further investigation and it had been subsequently found that the same plant was growing in Simmons Lane.

JUNE 2020 (4.2) Commemorative Bench, Rigby's Path: Members noted that now that the tree trunk had been lifted, the bench was more severely damaged than previously envisaged. The Parish Council had received numerous complaints that the bench had been left unrepaired for so long. Members agreed that whilst *in situ* the bench reflected very badly on the parish and the council.

The Parish Council therefore agreed to remove the bench, dispose of it and replace it with new, retaining the plaque which explained that the bench had been donated by 'Out and About' to commemorate the bicentenary of Ordnance Survey 1791-1991.

Members noted that due to the circumstances of the owners of the tree that had fallen on the bench during lockdown, their insurance details had yet to be received.

JUNE 2020 (4.3) Parish Tree Survey: Members noted that on 1st June 2020 the Parish Council had received copies of the Tree Survey Reports carried out by Place Services on 26th May 2020. All four reports were circulated to Members between meetings.

It was noted that no trees identified required work classified as 1 (Urgent, immediate action required) or 2 (Very high, works required within 30 days). However there were a large amount of trees classified as 3 (High, work required within 90 days) 4 (Moderate, work required as part of scheduled maintenance over twelve months from the relevant inspection date) and 5 (Low, may be done if budget allowed.)

It was agreed to forward all the reports to A.G Macmorland Farming Partnership to ask them to carry out all the high risk category 3 work they were able to and to inform the Parish Council which work they weren't able to carry out so that further quotations could be obtained.

JUNE 2020 (4.4) Notice Board, Farther Howe Green: Members noted that the Parish Council had taken delivery of the new notice board for Farther Howe Green. On 19th February 2020 S.P. Bardwell Ltd had been asked to remove the old notice board and concrete posts, install two new posts a similar distance apart and re-lay the concrete slabs between the posts and Howe Green Road in preparation for the installation of the new board. Weather conditions and Coronavirus had made it impossible for the company to carry out the work up until now.

It was agreed to ask S.P. Bardwell Ltd to remove the old notice board and concrete posts and re-lay the concrete slabs between the posts and Howe Green Road and to concrete two metal sleeves (provided) into the ground and fit the new notice board to them and to invoice the Parish Council accordingly.

JUNE 2020 (4.5) Pavilion Lettings: Between meetings Members agreed not to let the Pavilion at this juncture, but to keep the matter under review. Advice received from the EALC and Maldon District Council supported this decision. Maldon District Council advised that until the Government changed COVID indoor guidance for public places, people should not meet indoors. Clubs and groups should look to make reasonable adaptations to work outside whilst this COVID guidance remained in place. If the Parish Council was to allow people to use the pavilion it would be in breach of Government guidance. There are no other halls or public indoor spaces currently open in the District.

JUNE 2020 (5) FINANCIAL MATTERS

JUNE 2020 (5.1) To approve payment of accounts between meetings: Members noted and approved that the following accounts were paid between 15th May (when the Parish Council had last met) and 12th June 2020, adhering strictly to the procedures outlined in the Parish Council’s Financial Regulation 5.5.

A.G. Macmorland	Grass cutting	£869.00	
Farming Partnership	VAT	<u>£173.80</u>	
			£1,042.80
Arthur J Gallagher	Insurance Premium		
Insurance Brokers Ltd	(Playing Field)		£224.00
Friends of Essex Heritage	Subscription 2020/2021		£25.00
Anglian Water Business	Water re: Pavilion		<u>£205.92</u>
National Ltd			£1,497,72

Chairman..... Date: