



Stow Maries Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15th March 2021
Virtually Via Zoom at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Hollington welcomed all those present. The meeting started at 7.30 p.m.

Consecutive number changed from Agenda as 20/120 had already been used therefore each Agenda item is numbered one up.

20/121 COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND OTHER ATTENDEES

Chairman: Councillor Hollington.
Members: Councillors Cllr N Gilmore, Cllr M Cooper & Cllr David Hopping
District: Cllr Jane Fleming
Essex CC Apologies sent.
Apologies: Cllr Sue White & Cllr Penny Channer
In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer – Parish Clerk/RFO
Members of Public: 3

20/122 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a) Cllr M Cooper made a pecuniary interest known on item 20/127 (a)i. No other interests were declared at this point of the meeting.
- b) Members noted that it was their responsibility to check their Register of Interests at MDC is up date, any changes must be done within 28 days.

20/123 MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th February 2021

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th February 2021 were reviewed and proposed by Cllr Hollington and seconded Cllr Cooper as a true and accurate record of the meeting. AGREED

20/124 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- MDC Council have it on Agenda to see what is happening after 7th May as primary legislation is needed to extend this and do not have to extend it. Will keep us updated regarding what is decided.
- ECC and the Police and Crime Commissioner Thursday 6th May. There are two by-elections for Maldon District – one in Heybridge and one in Tollesbury.
- MDC Budget has been set.
- MDC are looking for staff who will be paid for the elections on 6th May, help in polling stations/counting staff.
- West Maldon Community Centre is where to go for asymptomatic testing

20/125 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Three reports been circulated to members and members of the public.

20/126 QUESTIONS AND POINTS OF INTEREST FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

No one spoke at this time.

20/127 PLANNING**a) Planning Applications:****i) Application No: 21/00106/HOUSE PP-09425051**

Proposal: Erection of garage and hard standing.

Location: Old School House, Church Lane, Stow Maries, Essex. SUPPORTED

ii) Application No. 20/01155/HOUSE

Proposal: Single Storey, flat roof out building for golf simulator

Location: Stow Bullocks, Stow Road, Stow Maries, Essex.

Supported provided that the structure is suitable screened by vegetation.

b) Planning correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:

i) List of planning applications 6-10 2021 have been circulated and noted

ii) List of planning decisions and appeals 6-10 2021 have been circulated and noted.

iii) Planning Decisions:- None at the time of writing.

c) Chelmsford City Council Planning Documents**Consultation.**

No news regarding our response or the outcome – keep on agenda for any future information.

Info relating to the South Woodham Ferrers Infrastructure Group and looked into whether it was relevant to have a judicial review. This is defined as when an error or law has happened, and the barrister said that they had not. The barrister in this case was keen to help but said that it is about the planning permission decisions and can not do anything until that time. If going to argue on traffic flow it would be a good idea to consult a traffic consultant, which is going to be expensive and would need input from all the Parish Councils. The B1012 from Woodham Road roundabout is going to be interrupted with six other pedestrian crossings and roundabouts and believe that this will cause gridlock. So no real progress.

Cllr Fleming explained that Chelmsford Planning Committee is probably just about a third of the whole council and it would be advisable to find out where they reside. You need the evidence to be able to rebut the reports and a legitimate company should be used. The cost is a huge factor but it is being worked on.

Vote of thanks given to the Chair for the time being spent on this project.

Clarification was sought about the Judicial review, and whether the Barrister was quite clear that it is only in the event that they are acting illegally that this can be pursued as it has been known historically that I have come across

judicial reviews on the basis of prejudicial interest and in this case the matter that you raise about ECC being the disposal source of the land and being the judge and jury on the adequacy of the management reports. The Barrister was clear that it is only in the event that a decision has been made that is an error of law. Chair to go back to him for clarification.

Further pedestrian crossing at Shore Farm is nearly built so people can cross over to the new Kentucky Fried Chicken.

d) Bradwell B

- i) No news at the current time other than it has been delayed for 12 months.

e) STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

- i) It was suggested that the Clerk use drop box to download the planning applications so that all members can have access.
- ii) The parish has been kept informed about three proposed opening days and that they are considering the comments regarding the public footpaths. 30th May/25th July and 12th September are the planned days.

20/128 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) No news on the closure of Wellinditch Bridge Closure. Drawings that were sent to Julie Martyn again were incorrect so she had to send back.
- b) **Local Highways Panel** – email received back that it was discussed and suggested that a zoom meeting is organised. Clerk to set up in order that members can engage fully in the process.
- c) **Railway Bridge Repairs & Surfacing -Church Lane** – no update available from Matt Irwin at Highways England or ECC Highways.
- d) This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

20/129 FINANCE

- a) Members received the payments for March 2021 and were agreed by all the members. AGREED Chair to authorise payments at Barclays to complete the process.
- b) The bank reconciliation as at the end of February 2021 was reviewed and AGREED.
- c) The Government side says we should not make a contribution due to an act passed in 1894 and the LGA 1972 says that you can. The information came from EALC saying that we should not make a contribution to the church. Clerk to go to EALC to clarify the position. Proposal made to continue make a contribution to the footpath which used to be £150 per year. Clerk to put on agenda for approval. Church insurance will only cover for a semi permanent replacement that will only last 20 years or so.

20/130 NEW WEBSITE AND INDIVIDUAL PARISH COUNCILLOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

- a) The website is progressing and clerk to read through a long email received from Sue Lees Consultancy to bring this project to a conclusion. Email has been circulated to members and Clerk requested comments. Also a resident is reviewing.

20/131 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) None at the time of writing other what was already an agenda item.

20/132 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

20/133 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – the next meeting is on Monday 19th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m. and will be virtually via Zoom.

20/134 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING. THE MEETING FINISHED AT 20.28 P.M.