



Stow Maries Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15th February 2021
Virtually Via Zoom at 7:30pm

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

20/107 COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND OTHER ATTENDEES

Chairman: Councillor Hollington.
Members: Councillors Cllr N Gilmore, Cllr M Cooper & Cllr David Hopping
District: Cllr Sue White
Essex CC Apologies sent.
Apologies: Cllr Penny Channer and Cllr Jane Fleming
In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer – Parish Clerk/RFO
Members of Public: 2

20/108 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a) No declarations made at this point in 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.

20/109 MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th January 2021

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2021 were reviewed and **proposed by Cllr Hollington and seconded by all Councillors as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to two changes. AGREED**

20/110 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- Power station been delayed for a year possibly due to Covid-19, but still committed to building a plant.
- Transformational programme at the Council is progressing.
- Talks to Try and save money on the Council buildings.

20/111 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report available as Cllr Channer sent apologies but a report has been sent.

20/112 QUESTIONS AND POINTS OF INTEREST FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

No one spoke at this time.

20/113 PLANNING

- a) **Planning Applications:**
No applications this month.
- b) Planning correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - i) List of planning applications 4-6-2021 - NOTED
 - ii) List of planning decisions and appeals 4-6-2021- NOTED
 - iii) Planning Decisions:- None at the time of writing the agenda -NOTED
- c) **Chelmsford City Council Draft Planning Documents Consultation.**

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

d) BRADWELL B

- a) No news other than what Cllr White said and that it has been delayed for a year.
- b) The meeting on the 3rd February was not attended but notes will be available in due course. Chair discussed the meeting with some people and it was mostly about the GDA (Generic Design Assessment) Nothing discussed about the roads as was told this will be dealt with going forward.

Cllr White attended some of the meetings and last meeting the preferred route was through SWF and not Danbury. Different routes were suggested at the meeting. Accommodation of boats was mentioned and it was raised to get funds for roads and sea defences and some robust proposals going forward to try and get some money out of them should it go ahead. Difficult to get them to commit to anything.

Q: Was the matter of rail improvement raised as understands that the Witham to Maldon line has already passed its resurrection and is now to be reinstated. The Southminster route was intended to go to Bradwell originally but ran out of money.

A: Bradwell B won't commit to anything. However need to put a good case forward for what is needed in the area, but to date not come up with anything at all. The wards need to work together to get as much out of Bradwell B if it goes ahead.

e) STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

- a) Clerk to check back what problems one regarding the fuel, and the other is to understand where certain conditions have been removed what still applies. Clerk to download the rest of the files and look at the meeting agendas and corresponding minutes too. Talked recently about getting expert planning advice from an independent source could back up the case. Would be worth considering. Cllr White agreed that would need somebody expert in planning law. Clerk to find the original 2009 planning application and download and forward to Chair. Discussion took place regarding the exhibition that was held with plans for the Airfield to have all access via Crow's Lane, but knew that the PC were going to object to this and partway through the application was changed. A new drawing was shown but was never sent by MDC so could not be considered by the PC.
- b) No more comments made.

20/114 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) No news on the closure of Wellinditch Bridge Closure. Drawings that were sent to Julie Martyn were incorrect so she had to send back.
- b) **Local Highways Panel** – Vote of thanks given to Mr. Roy Martin for putting together a detailed letter regarding the LHP project that was rejected by the panel, and despite being requested to leave it on until an appeal could be made which they agreed to, it was taken at the LHP October meeting. Clerk raised question and asked if Thomas Eng would be taking this to the next LHP meeting. Clerk to get Cllr Penny Channer on board regarding this.
- c) **Railway Bridge Repairs & Surfacing -Church Lane** – no update available from Matt Irwin or
- d) No news what the No. 18 was indicating painted by the gully
- e) It was decided following the meeting on 9th February 2021 to write a letter to Chelmsford City Council regarding the SWF Master Plan. All correspondence had been circulated to members in regard to this. A member of the WI Group had received a letter (see attached letter received by A. Brunning). John Cormack contact two solicitors who specialise in highways. The first meeting will be financed and will see from there. Crunch time is 2nd March 2021 and why there is a rush to try and get Chelmsford City Council Cabinet to look at a different picture. Always need a Highways Traffic Consultant on board and could contact Peter Brady. Chair requested his details. Need traffic surveys, pollution, monitoring, and at the moment take what we have to a solicitor to see if there is a case for CCC to answer.

20/115 FINANCE

- a) Members received the payments for February 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 31st January was reviewed and AGREED.

20/116 NEW WEBSITE AND INDIVIDUAL PARISH COUNCILLOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

- a) The website is progressing but the company are helping all the companies during Covid-19 to be able to continue trading via the internet.

20/117 CORRESPONDENCE

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

20/118 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Still short a Parish councillor – Clerk to re-advertise.
- Lead work stolen off the church roof prior to Christmas. Semi permanent arrangement to be put in place which will last about 20 years. In pretty bad way, as been damaged by water. Clerk to look into law relating to a Parish Council giving funds to the church.

20/119 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – the next meeting is on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m. and will be virtually via Zoom.

20/120 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING. THE MEETING FINISHED AT 20.40 P.M.