



Stow Maries Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 18th January 2021
Virtually Via Zoom at 7:30pm

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

20/092 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 (joined at 19.48) & Cllr Jane Fleming
Essex CC CClr Penny Channer
Apologies: No apologies
In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer – Parish Clerk/RFO
Members of Public: 1

20/093 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.

20/094 MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th November 2020

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November 2020 were reviewed were proposed by Cllr Hollington and seconded by Cllr Hopping as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **AGREED**

20/095 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- MDC Offices being used as a vaccination centre.
- Coronavirus – can collect a kit from the Town Hall which is free.
- Promenade Park – play areas have been closed as too many were congregating around the play areas.
- At Full Council on 17/12/2020 a letter sent to Office of Nuclear Regulation and to Rt Hon John Whittingdale would prefer small modular reactors which marks a policy change.
- Consulting on the RH100 design for the two Bradwell B reactors, all details on the website.
- Letter from MDC to Office of Nuclear Regulation was supporting the advancement in technology and the small modular reactors (SMR) would have less of an impact on the environment.
- Cllr Fleming on the Bradwell B working group. Origins of the MDC letter came from the working group.
- The report stated that if Bradwell B does not proceed but still seen as a site of nuclear energy then the use of SMR's could be applicable to other sites as well.
- Cllr Channer Conservative Group leader. Cllr Wendy Stamp is the Leader of the Council.
- Reported that officers improved reporting to Parish Councils.

20/096 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Cllr Channer sent a report and a follow up report.
- Paper going to cabinet 0% Council Tax and taking 1.5% (not 3%) which has to be ring fenced for social cabinet.
- Funding for food projects - £90,000 pot for vulnerable families and grants up to £2000 to help food banks. Some grants be administered by EALC.
- Essex Covid 19 contact and trace service set a new milestone as one of the top performing in the region.
- ECC closing the digital divide – 3000 ipads, chrome books and laptops distributed across the counter for those children without access to remote learning.

20/097 QUESTIONS AND POINTS OF INTEREST FROM PRESS AND PUBLIC

No one spoke at this time.

20/098 PLANNING**a) Planning Applications:**

20/01261/HOUSE PP-09325028

Single Storey rear and side extension to bungalow.

Kaduna, Church Lane, Stow Maries, Essex. D/line to MDC 13/01/2020

A response was not made but no objections were raised.

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

i) List of planning applications 47-52 2020 and 1-3-2021 - NOTED

ii) List of planning decisions and appeals 47-52 2020 and 1-3-2021 - NOTED

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

**c) CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT PLANNING DOCUMENTS
CONSULTATION & SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Meeting at Burnham on 14th Jan not considering a by-pass around South Woodham Ferrers and anything that has been sent in favour of this has fallen on deaf ears. It was stated that the B1012 at 8.30 in the morning during lock-down was very busy. Cllr White raised these issues and not heard back from Cllr Bentley.

Concerns were raised is to actually understand if there are any proposals to understand the mitigating effects of traffic, particularly at peak hours and it is very difficult to see to which body we go to ask that question as Chelmsfords City Council are not the least bit interested on the impact of traffic that is going to be advancing towards SWF in the morning and who is the contact to ask if there is going to be a study when the full traffic lay out is known and we know that is going to involve at least another 3 or 4 roundabouts at SWF, that people probably don't fully understand where do you get advice to see if a proper study has been done to see how that impacts the traffic flows that going to be taking short cuts through the local lanes which people will be

using on a permanent basis to avoid the gridlock. Who should address these claims as the observations of these effects should have been brought up by MDC and if it has not been asked how does this get on the Agenda.

It was stated that the PC had followed the procedures, but there has been very limited communication from CCC. Advised to write to the Leader of Chelmsfords City Council, with copy of letters. It was further stated that it has been too long and would have no effect.

It was stated that as the PC most affected the CCC Plan/SWF Plan that when MDC did response as official consultees had consulted Stow Maries PC.

It was stated that you could write in regard to the effects of traffic on Edwins Hall Lane as it affects both parties.

Cllr Sue White to find the emails where the questions were raised.

Defined nature reserve/conservation area around the Aerodrome.

A long discussion pertaining to the various consultations and responses took place regarding CCC/MDC/ECC Highways and Parish Council.

It was further stated that there is a problem but we need someone to acknowledge and hear what is being said as no-one is taking notice.

The solution is definitely bridges over/by-pass and no crossings or roundabouts, as large HGV's cannot pass the Sainsbury roundabout.

It is likely that they will continue to ignore the request for a bypass. Contrived from the traffic surveys done as done during the holidays. The bodies involved are CCC and trying to stop the huge flows of traffic coming through Stow Maries trying to by pass the gridlock at SWF. It affects CCC because of Edwin's Halls Lane and MDC because of Crows Lane & Church Lane and ECC as have a responsibility and a report done jointly to all of them and ask that a meeting is convened to discuss the impact of local villages what appears to be a lack of understanding of the routing through SWF as a consequence of the development there. If all ignore then starts to be a press matter.

Suggested that PC conduct own traffic survey and photographic evidence.

Traffic surveys can be requested but Covid is distorting the real traffic flows.

Request Traffic Survey information from Woodham Infrastructure Group. Chair to contact John Cormack.

Cllr Fleming & Cllr White left at this point in the meeting

It was suggested that a second assessment be carried out sharing the expense with other Parish Councils.

d) BRADWELL B

- a) No news.
- b) Bradwell B Community forum on 3rd February 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Cllr Hollington to attend. Cllr Channer to forward information/notes from last meeting.

Cllr Penny Channer left at this point.

e) STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

- a) Clerk to draft letter to MDC.
- b) The minutes of the last meeting (18/11/20) have been circulated in draft format. Mr. Storer was appointed to write directly to a local resident who had made a complaint with back up information. SMGWA systematically denied the resident's complaints. However did uphold a complaint about low flying which they said the pilots apologised for. Resident was unhappy that four months after the complaint was made to the airfield in writing that a written reply has not been received to date.
2nd June 2020 a picture going at 50ft over Wellinditch Farm and SMGWA have not apologised.

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HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) Clerk spoken with Julie Martyn of Highways, received an order for a working party to do surface dressing which Chair confirmed that it was done last week. The Highways have said that a survey has happened and the infill has subsided. The drawings have been rejected so waiting for new drawings from Highways England and the same one way system will be implemented for about 7 days
- b) **Hagg Hill** - Chair went to the site and edge of the road/ditch needs attention. Clerk mentioned that there are still 40 complaints sitting on the ECC Highways "Report a Pothole" site, which will be turned into a spreadsheet and then the Hagg Hill item off the Agenda.
- c) **Local Highways Panel** – the report is all but completed and the attachments will be sent over to the Clerk to collate the report for sending off to the relevant parties. Cllr Cooper to update the data relating to the TruCam information received. The road hierarchy was discussed. Highway report dated April and it was set out to members in June as the email came via Penny Channer and not direct from Thomas Eng the Highways liaison officer. Cllr Cooper explained that the graph shows actual captures made. PC Roberts sent information from 2012 to 2020. Cllr Cooper stated that can calculate the number of captures per minutes as we know what times were booked.

- d) **TruCam** – no hours will be booked whilst Covid lock down on.
- e) **Railway Bridge Repairs– Church Lane** – No further news -
- f) Update regarding shoddy workmanship of the Woodham Road, the resurfacing has been done. A large white number 18 painted by the gully outside Cllr Gilmore house. Clerk to ascertain what work this is indicating if any.
- g) **Railway Bridge Road Surface – Church Lane** – **again** no news.
- h) Fly-tipping - bad one in Church Lane has been cleared up. Please report to MDC if you see this happen or notice that it has happened.

20/100 FINANCE

- a) Members received the payments for December 2020 and January 2021 and were agreed by all the members. AGREED Chair to authorise payments at Barclays to complete payments.
- b) The bank reconciliation as at the end of 31st December 2020 was reviewed and AGREED.
- c) Members noted that the precept has been requested and acknowledged in the amount of £6500.

20/101 STOW MARIES PARISH COUNCIL – UPDATE OF STANDING ORDERS

- a) The updated standing orders were agreed Prop: Cllr Hollington and Sec: Cllr Gilmore.

20/102 NEW WEBSITE AND INDIVIDUAL PARISH COUNCILLOR EMAIL ADDRESSES

- a) The website can be progressed now and Clerk to send new email address to Cllr Gilmore. Chair commented that it has taken a lot of time and clerk hoping to finalise in the next couple of months.

20/103 CORRESPONDENCE

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

20/104 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Still short a Parish councillor – Clerk to advertise.

20/105 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – the next meeting is on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.30 p.m. and will be virtually via Zoom.**20/106 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING. THE MEETING FINISHED AT 21.23 P.M.**