



Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 21st June 2021

in Smythe Hall, Church Lane at 7.30 p.m.

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

COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND OTHER ATTENDEES

Chairman: Councillor M Cooper
Members: Councillors:- N Gilmore, S Hollington & David Hopping
District: Cllr Jane Fleming
Essex CC County Cllr Jane Fleming
In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer – Parish Clerk/RFO
Members of Public: 2

21-22/035 APOLOGIES

Cllr Sue White & Cllr Driver.

21-22/036 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.
- b) All members noted it is their responsibility to check their Register of Interests.

21-22/037 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 17/5/2021

- a) The minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2021 were agreed.
Prop: Cllr Cooper and Seconded: Cllr Hollington.

21-22/038 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- Broadband information sent through £1500 for a household and £3000 for a business.
- Covid – 19 Delta variant has reached Maldon and Chelmsford but vaccines now being given to the under 30's
- Mental Health awareness
- Statement of community involvement 2021 consultation being launched
- Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils no news on
- Problem on MDC planning website where there has been a back-log of putting on the comments. However, it was stated that the officer reviewing the planning application would see all the comments made so their report is fully informed. The point was made that the system is supposed to be fully transparent.

21-22/039 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Fleming stated with Essex 1/3 of new councillors are new and spending time on training so committees are starting again this week
A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Fleming who left the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

21-22/040 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**An opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise issues.**

No comments from members of the public.

21-22/041 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications:-
21/00409/FUL – PP-09715986
Proposal: Erection of a 2 wide bay cart lodge with log store, a single storey pitches roof building and storage building.
Location: Lawndale, Church Lane, Stow Maries, Essex.
Cllr Hopping gave information regarding to the claim and had co-ordinated comments regarding the application.
It was decided after further discussion that the Clerk to send in a planning response objecting to planning permission due to the bulk and scale of the development (D1b), not in keeping with the surrounding environment (D2/3.2), unsympathetic choice of materials (D1a) and also that Point 11 on the planning form application is ambiguous and states initially that it is not within 20m of a water course, but then states that surface water will be disposed of to an existing water course. **AGREED.**
- b) Planning correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
- i) List of planning applications 20-24 noted
 - ii) List of planning decisions and appeals 20-24 noted
 - iii) Planning Decisions:- none at the time of writing.
 - iv) Evelyn cottages – not further clarification regarding prior consent was available.
- c) **CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL PLANNING DOCUMENTS CONSULTATION**
- i) No news.
- d) **BRADWELL B**
- i) Update – no news to report at the current time. Bradwell Forum meeting on 22nd June 6-8 p.m. Cllr Hollington going to try and make it.
- e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
- I) No update.
 - II) A resident stated that a letter had been received months after he had sent in a letter querying various problems that had been experienced, but it did not cover the questions raised in his letter to them last September. Resident going to resend information sent previously with another letter querying over-flights.
Another resident also stated that the SMGWA are not respecting the no fly area over their property and denying that it is happening although the resident has a picture. Messages sent in are just disregarded.

A resident stated that the only organisation that may have authority over them is the CAA.

21-22/042 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

Members received updates on outstanding highways issues *and* an opportunity for members to raise any new highways issues and make decisions accordingly.

a) No update from Highways regarding their promise to repair the damaged grass verges in Honeypot Lane and Church Lane, during the Wellinditch Bridge repair and on the new closure re infill. However members were in receipt of the diversion map sent by Julie Martyn for the closure of Wellinditch Bridge during the first two weeks of August to do the in-fill.

b) Local Highways Panel – Next meeting to be held on 11th September 2021.

i) Both scheme proposals for Stow Maries are currently listed within the Schemes Awaiting Funding list as ‘In validation’. This means that the engineering team are currently looking into the issues raised, and once the LHP Liaison Officer has received the conclusion of this report. This is usually a process which can take up to 3 months to complete, however they will try and get this treated as a matter of urgency. Clerk to email LHP Liaison officer regarding the Chicane project which Cllr Fleming believed there was a problem with.

Chair requested copy of the LHP minutes – clerk to send as soon as available.

- Scheme request entered to LHP – Proposal for measures to reduce the high approach speeds of traffic entering the village 30mph limit from a Westerly direction (Lower Woodham Road)
- Scheme request entered to LHP – Proposal to review the extent of the “no overtaking” zone in Woodham Road currently extending from the junction with the B1012 Lower Burnham Road junction at Saltcoats Hill as far as the 30mph boundary gateway in Stow Maries (estimated approx. 1 mile)
- Information relating to Horizontal Deflection (Chicane) has been sent to ECC Highways Engineer to review and revert back.

A discussion took place regarding the double white lines on the road and that it would be better if they were taken all the way into the village.

c) No news regarding Railway Way Bridge Repairs .

d) SWF Road Infrastructure – now news.

e) Clerk stated there were no available slots so will send off the timetable to MDC to book for two weeks in September once the summer holidays have finished for Trucam monitoring.

f) Members noted Howe Green Road closure on 28/6/2021.

It was raised about the hedge at the church needs cutting and will be done as soon as someone is available to do so. Clerk to let PCC Secretary know.

Also various signs need repairing – resident to send photos to Clerk to report.

21-22/043 FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments and receipts for June 2021, AGREED.
 - b) The Chair signed off the bank reconciliation to the bank statements to the end of May 2021. AGREED
 - c) Members noted the internal auditors report – AGREED
 - d) The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR part 2) for the year ending 31st March 2021 and sign off including the Exemption Certificate.
 - e) The Asset Register for 2021 was AGREED
 - f) The Financial and Management Risk document for 2021. AGREED
- All above items were Proposed by: Cllr Cooper and Seconded by Cllr Hollington.

21-22/045 NEW WEBSITE

- a) Clerk stated that some photos were being added for the Village part of the website and it was hoped that the website would be up and running by the next meeting.

21-22/046 MOAT HOUSING/NEW BUSINESS/PARKING PROBLEMS

Business parking of large vehicles, no further forward.

21-22/047 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**21-22/048 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 19th July 2021 at 7.30 p.m.**

Cllr Hollington sends his apologies for next meeting.

21-22/049 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE MEETING AT 8.15 p.m.