



# Stow Maries Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 20th September 2021

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

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

### COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES AND OTHER ATTENDEES

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| <b>Chairman:</b>          | Councillor M Cooper                                                       |
| <b>Members:</b>           | Councillors:- N Gilmore, Simon Hollington, David Hopping & Debbie Driver. |
| <b>District:</b>          | Cllr Sue White & Cllr Jane Fleming                                        |
| <b>Essex CC</b>           | CCllr Jane Fleming                                                        |
| <b>In attendance:</b>     | Mrs Sarah Sayer – Parish Clerk/RFO                                        |
| <b>Members of Public:</b> | 1                                                                         |

### 21-22/064 APOLOGIES

No apologies.

### 21-22/065 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 21-22/066 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 19-7-2021

- The minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 19th July 2021 were agreed.  
Prop: Cllr Cooper and Seconded: Cllr Gilmore.

### 21-22/067 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- It was reported that the various planning committees will stay.
- There is a consultation taking place relating to the LDP
- 7th October 2021 a Ladies Cycle race around the Dengie.

### 21-22/068 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Discussion took place relating to the outline planning for the Countryside development north of South Woodham Ferrers and how the changes will affect the through traffic.
  - It was advised that contacting the Chelmsford City Council Planning Department, in particular Patricia Hughes may help the project to rethink the current scheme for the road infrastructure.
  - Library consultation taking place
  - Army and Navy roundabout consultation that finishes on 3/10/2021 there are two options. The consultation focuses on two junction options – a hamburger roundabout (a roundabout with a road through the centre of it) and separate T-junctions, as well as the proposed expansion of Sandon Park and Ride, a new Park and Ride in Widford and significant walking and cycling improvements. CCllr Jane Fleming recommended that comments are made as it affects everyone.
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- Chelmsford North East Bypass Project that will again affect the Maldon area.
- Funding regarding signage to be discussed later in the meeting.

## **21-22/069 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.

## **21-22/070 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Planning Applications:-  
21/00841/HOUSE – PP-10127743  
Single storey rear extensions and first floor turret to rear. Garage conversion. Two front dormers. Replacement front porch and changes to fenestration. All Saints, Woodham Road, Stow Maries CM3 6SA.  
Members discussed application but had no comments to make. There were no comments from neighbouring properties.
- b) Planning correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
- i) List of planning applications 29-36 - noted
  - ii) List of planning decisions and appeals 29-36 - noted
  - iii) Planning Decisions - it was stated that Lawndale was refused by MDC in line with the Parish recommendations. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to MDC Planning enforcement as this application was refused but concerns were raised about the amount of building taking place on the site and the turning access for the rest of the road.

Garage was proposed at Stow Hall, none of the members had any objections but comments were not sent in by the Parish Council as it was during the Summer close.

The back log of placing consultees comments on the MDC website is now perceived to be up to date.

## **c) CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL PLANNING DOCUMENTS CONSULTATION**

Clerk to keep item on the Agenda, however no comments were made in regard to the consultation document regarding Housing Strategy for Chelmsford for the period 2022 to 2027.

## **d) BRADWELL B**

- i) The next Bradwell B forum is taking place on 2nd November 2021 from 6 pm to 8 p.m. as another consultation is in the pipeline. Cllr Hollington to attend if able to do so. Clerk to ascertain if a back up name can be added to the list in case Cllr Hollington can not attend.

**e) STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**

- i) No response yet from MDC regarding whether Cllr White can be reinstated on the liaison committee.

There was a consultative meeting and a question was raised about the closing of the PROW during SMGWA events. It was stated that one of the PROW goes across the runway and it was understood that for health and safety this one is closed but it was stated that the others don't really need to be closed.

The footpath closure signs are never where the footpath is closed from it is frustrating for people to walk part way along the path and then discover that the rest of the path is closed.

**21-22/071 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) Item regarding repairing the verges in Honeypot and Church Lanes to be taken off the agenda. Discussion took place regarding putting down hoggings to fill the side of the road. Wellinditch Bridge infill work has taken place as promised.

Highways devolution scheme was discussed and Clerk to enquire for Stow Maries Village so that certain defects can be repaired by local contractors.

**b) Local Highways Panel – Update on meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

- i) Clerk chased Charlotte O'Connell at Highways, but no reply received.
- 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) - **Update** - Speed Management review being undertaken at the moment and therefore this is in abeyance until the speed strategy policy document is finalised.
  - 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) - **Update** - This has been ruled out by the LHP this scheme is not recommended by safety engineering specialists due to the lack of evidence of a problem within the area not covered by the double white line system. The removal of the existing double white lines, even for a short stretch could cause a change in the potential change in collision patterns.
  - Horizontal Deflection (Chicane) was ruled out by the ECC Highways Engineer due to the width of the road.

- c) No news regarding resurfacing of Railway Way Bridge in Church Lane.
- d) SWF Road Infrastructure – A letter has been sent to all Dengie Parish Councils and several Parishes have signed in support of the letter.
- e) Clerk stated that some of the TruCam monitoring has taken place and the initial results are T427 (junction Woodham Road and Church Lane) 27 captures and T200 (Stow Road outside POW) 33 captures. This covered from 7th September to 17th September so 5 hours in total. This clearly shows that there is a speeding problem. Information to be sent to CCllr Jane Fleming. Chair to analyse recent data and then a summary to be sent to CCllr Fleming.

**21-22/072 FINANCE**

- a) Members approved the payments and receipts for August & September 2021, **AGREED.**
- b) The Chair signed off the bank reconciliation to the bank statements to the 31st August 2021. **AGREED**  
Clerk to arrange new mandate and add Cllr Cooper, Cllr Driver, Cllr Hooper to be able to authorise payments on the bank accounts.

**21-22/073 NEW WEBSITE**

- a) Members noted that the new village website was now live and agreed to the cost of the software at £360.00 per year or £36.00 per month Accessibe required to ensure that the new website was accessible in line with legal requirements.

**21-22/074 MOAT HOUSING/NEW BUSINESS/PARKING PROBLEMS**

- a) No news from enforcement.

**21-22/075 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Welcome back Fund - possible new signage for Vineyard Trail  
Clerk to write to express interest in the fund and state that will be in touch in due course and in the meantime it would be a good idea to put notices on the notice board and discussion any options that have been received.  
CCllr Jane Fleming to send Clerk Parish update.

Cllr HOLLINGTON sent his apologies for the 11th October 2021.

- 21-22/076 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.30 p.m.  
changed from 18th October due to Clerk's holiday.

- 21-22/077 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.45 p.m.**