

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH

HELD ON MONDAY 25th July 2022

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 AND OTHER ATTENDEES

Chairman: Councillor M Cooper
Members: Councillors:- Neil Gilmore, David Hopping & Debbie Driver
District: Cllr Sue White.
Essex CC Cllr Jane Fleming
In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer – Parish Clerk/RFO
Members of Public: 0

22-23/033 APOLOGIES

Cllr Adam Brown.

22-23/034 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declarations of interest were made at this point in the meeting for any agenda items.

22-23/035 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 20-6-2022

- a) The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 20th June 2022 were reviewed and approved. Proposed: Cllr Cooper Seconded: Cllr Driver.

22-23/036 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- Free digital training skills - if you want to brush up on your IT skills
- Bernardo have given £100 to refugees from Ukraine but can only be spend in their shops.
- Travel Essex which is an app and put in a destination point and give you a route that you can do on foot.
- Approved some funding of about £20,000 for Legionella Testing, covers all the public toilets etc.
- Discussion took place regarding making something in the village a Community Asset that if it came up for sale, there would be a chance to take it over and manage it in order to keep it going.. Nothing in Stow Maries at the present time e.g. The Barge in Cold Norton, the Community Shop in Bradwell On sea.

22-23/037 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- July report from Cllr Fleming received day of meeting so Clerk to forward onto members.
- LHP meeting took place previous Friday. New highways liaison officer appointed. Various admin procedures needed to be tightened up and the next meeting is in September 2022. No news on the Speed Management

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Strategy review. There is also an officer specifically for feasibility and design.

- Clerk to write to Councillor Scott concerning when the Speed Management Strategy Review will be finished.
- A question regarding the MDC Planning Department was raised and Cllr Fleming stated that the Department are short staffed at the present time. Although Policy is well staffed and these individuals are very experienced.
- It was stated that if the Planning Review for call for sites is not moved forward before Christmas with an election due for May 2023 and the period of purdah, it is likely that nothing will happen until next September 2023 due to the change of District Council.
- It was stated that there is a national shortage of planning officers and Local Council auditors.

22-23/038 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

An opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise issues.

no members of the public present.

22-23/039 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications:- none at the time of writing.
- b) Planning correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - List of planning applications 25-29 noted
 - List of planning decisions and appeals 25-29 noted
- c) Planning Decisions:- None at the time of writing.
- d) **MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**
 - i) No update will be available until MDC have their meeting.
- e) **BRADWELL B**
 - i) Bradwell B no update available.
- f) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
 - i) No update available. Next meeting late August early September.
 - ii) No news will be available regarding signage in Crows Lane until after the next SMGWA Committee meeting.

22-23/040 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

- a) **Local Highways Panel –**
 - a) There is no update on this scheme – Proposal for measures to reduce the high approach speeds of traffic entering the village 30mph limit from a Westerly direction (Lower Woodham Road). The speed management review is still to be finalised and it was suggested to write directly to Cllr Lee Scott to ascertain when this project might be finalised in order to progress this scheme.

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- b) **Railway Way Bridge Repairs** and resurfacing– Church Lane – no update from Highways England – Clerk to chase.
- c) United Dengie Councils are planning to have a meeting to update everyone, in the meantime and update written by Mark Raffray that was read out at the DHGPC meeting held on 20th July had been circulated to members. Also Burnham on Crouch has formally joined.

22-23/041 FINANCE

- a) Members reviewed and approved the payments and receipts for July & August 2022 & Cllr Cooper and Cllr Gilmore signed the cheques and payment sheet. However, a question was raised by Cllr Hopping to mark on the bank statements what the item was for clarity.
- b) The bank reconciliation to 30th June 2022 was signed off to the bank statements. Proposed: Cllr Cooper and Seconded Cllr Hopping
- c) No news from Barclays about Mandate change.

July & August 22	Date	CHEQUE/BP/DD	Payee	Description	NET	VAT	TOTAL OF CHQ/DD/BP
017/22-23	25/07/2022	100620	Sarah Sayer	Salary Mth 4	£259.92	£0.00	£259.92
018/22-23	25/07/2022	100620	Sarah Sayer	Expenses Mth 4	£44.11	£0.00	£44.11
019/22-23	15/08/2022	100621	Sarah Sayer	Salary Mth 5	£259.92	£0.00	£259.92
020/22-23	15/08/2022	100621	Sarah Sayer	Expenses Mth 5	£33.33	£0.00	£33.33
					£597.28	£0.00	£597.28

22-23/042 LOCALITY FUND – BENCH FOR THE SMYTHE HALL

- a) Clerk has received notification that The Smythe Hall does not want a bench so the other option of having some hedging in front of the car wash was discussed further and clerk to chase information requested from Highways as to the ownership of the land. Application needs to be sent into Cllr Fleming asap. January 2023 is the deadline, but the sooner the better to get in an application. If land is owned by ECC Highways a licence will have to put in for. A further discussion took place about placing a bench at the top of the field on or bordering a resident's land. Cllr Hopping to look into possibility and Clerk to look into width restrictions on a PROW.

22-23/043 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

No items were raised under this heading.

22-23/044 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 19th September 2022 at 7.30 p.m. as no meeting is held during the course of August.

22-23/045 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.30 p.m.

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