

STOW MARIES ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2022 @ 8.30 p.m.
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Attendees:- Cllr Cooper, Cllr Gilmore, Cllr Hopping & Cllr Driver .

Members of Public: 1

In attendance: Sarah Sayer - Parish Clerk/RFO

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Cllr Cooper welcomed & thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr White and Cllr Fleming attended the Annual Parish Council meeting and gave their reports in that.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 17-5-2021

The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT - Cllr Fleming gave an update during the course of the Annual Parish Council meeting and her annual report is attached.

5. MALDON DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT - Cllr White gave an update during the course of the Annual Parish Council meeting in that the Conservatives are in full control of the District Council and they are looking into improving the planning department responses to members and parishes.

6 STOW MARIES PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIR'S REPORT

We have held eight meetings and engaged around a number of quite important topics:

- The first was with the Local Highways Panel and while I don't think it got us anywhere it was worth a try.
- The second major area was for Bradwell B, for which we played a major role in mobilising a number of other parish councils through the United Dengie Councils group to submit a joint response.
- This group has also been mobilised to respond to the planning application for the development to the north of South Woodham, for which I think we put forward a strong response. It has also been used in the same way to respond to the Local Development Plan Review process, for which we gathered the village and also did our best to make sure the village's views were represented in the process.

- Supporting the establishment of the group should be considered as one of our major achievements, with thanks to Simon and Sarah for their work in that. I think we should, if we can, try to foster that group for future use. I think that will be difficult for us without Simon on the Parish Council and Mark Raffray from Fambridge is coming to see us/me shortly to discuss this.
- To be frank, I worry that we as a group don't have much time to really engage on the issues that matter. Although we have a new councillor joining I doubt that they will have much time either. I'm open to ideas on what that means for the future in terms of what we focus on or how we look at things.

Lastly, I think this meeting marks a year since David and Debbie joined the PC and I would like to thank them and Neil for his much longer service. Thanks also to Sarah - we would be lost without her significant effort.

7. **THE SMYTHE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FUND RAISING GROUP REPORT** – A report was sent in by Mr. Peter Taylor for the Fund Raising Group and the New Village Website. Unfortunately due to lack of sufficient notice by the Clerk the Smythe Hall Management Committee were unable to put in a report.
8. **THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY & ST. MARGARET** - please see attached report.
9. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ANY MATTERS RAISED THAT REQUIRE A DECISION OR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND TO PUT ON THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA.** - Nothing further was raised and the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed.....

Date: 15-5-2023