

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH

HELD ON MONDAY 19th February 2024

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: Cllr Matthew Cooper

Members: Councillors:- Neil Gilmore, David Hopping & Debbie Driver

District: Cllr Sue White and Cllr Lisa Whiffen

Essex CC Apologies sent

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer

Members of Public: 0

23-4/097 APOLOGIES

- a) Cllr Jane Fleming & Cllr Adam Brown

23-4/098 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) None received at this point in the meeting.

23-4/099 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- a) The minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15th January 2024 were approved. Prop: Cllr Cooper and Seconded by Cllr Gilmore **AGREED**.

23-4/100 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

It was mentioned that the area planning committees are still in danger of being stopped.

St Peters Hospital has partly closed up at the current time, the cafe is closed, the stroke unit is closed. It is anticipated that it will cost £13 million for the maintenance each year.

Plans for a health hub opposite Morrisons. MDC has secured funding for £400,000 for various health projects. Prizes for exercising etc.

Question was raised regarding the system for the pink recycling bags as some people have heard that it does not go to recycling but goes direct to landfill. Clerk to clarify with Waste Dept. at MDC.

Tourism is thriving.

LDP - slow progress is being made.

23-4/101 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report given in person as apologies had been sent.

23-4/102 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC -

No members of public present and therefore no issues were raised.

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23-4/103 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning applications to be reviewed and decided upon and updates from previous meeting.

i) **2200314/OUTM PP-11430366**

Outline Planning application with all matters reserved except for access, for a phased mixed use development including: Up to 500 dwellings (Class C3) including affordable housing; Up to 1,000sqm commercial space (Use Class E); Early years facility (Use Class E(f)); Education provision (Use Class F1(a)); A 16ha District Park; A 3.3ha Local Park; Allotments Access enhancements and associated development.

Land South of Fambridge Road, Burnham Road, and East West of Station Road Althorne, Essex. **Members discussed this application and decided to send the previous response made at the Parish Council meeting on 17th October 2023.**

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

- List of planning applications wk 3-6 – noted.
- List of planning decisions and appeals wk 3-6 – noted.
- Planning Decisions:- none at the time of writing.

c) **MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

- i) Update if available progress is slow

d) **BRADWELL B**

- i) No news

e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**

- i) No news.

- ii) **Member of the SMGWA Committee** to attend the April meeting to make a 30 minute presentation with a 15 minute Q&A session.

23-4/104 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) It was reported that there is a nasty pothole on the way to Woodham Ferrers near Martin Lane. Clerk to report
Cllr Gilmore to send Clerk photo of flooding near Morris Farm on the Lower Burham Road, the flooding on Stow Road has improved as the drain cleaners have cleaned and stated they would come back to unblock the gully which should stop the problem from happening. Clerk to contact ECC to see when this will be happening.

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23-4/105 FINANCE

- a) Members reviewed and approved the payments for February 2024.
- b) The Bank reconciliation was agreed to 31st January 2024. **APPROVED Prop: Cllr David Hopping and Sec: Cllr Matt Cooper.**

Feb-24	Date	CHEQUE/BP/DD	Payee	Description	NET	VAT	TOTAL OF CHQ/DD/BP
049/23-24	19/02/2024	200038	The Smythe Hall Management Committee	Annual Hall Rental for PC Meetings Jan-Dec 2022	£154.40	£0.00	£154.40
50/23-24	19/02/2024	200039	Sue Lees Consultancy	First Annual Maintenance Inv 6253 (Jan-Jul)	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
51/23-24	19/02/2024	200039	Sue Lees Consultancy	Set up diary of PC for next 12 months	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
52/23-24	19/02/2024	200040	S. Sayer	Month 11 Sal	£302.39	£0.00	£302.39
53/23-24	19/02/2024	200040	S. Sayer	Month 11 Exp	£54.08	£0.00	£54.08
54/23-24	19/02/2024	200041	HMRC	Month 11 Tax	£10.60	£0.00	£10.60
					£601.47	£0.00	£601.47

23-4/106 STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND FINANCIAL & MANAGEMNT ASSESSMENT REVIEW

- a) Standing Orders
 - b) Financial Regulations
 - c) Financial & Management Assessment
- All reviewed and Agreed by all members - Prop: Cllr N Gilmore Sec: Cllr Matt Cooper**

23-24/107 WEBSITE

- a) The Parish Council diary of meetings has been updated and the financial information loaded onto the website.

23-4/108 DENGIE HUNDRED GROUP OF PARISH COUNCILS

- a) Members were unavailable for these dates..
- b) Members agreed to pay the annual membership fee of £40.00 to cover the admin costs of the group.
- c) Members were happy to pay for the Smythe Hall to host a meeting if required. However, it was stated that it would probably have to be in the summer months to accommodate the parking.

23-24/109 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SERVICES AT LOCAL COMMUNITY HOSPITALS. (Started on 25th January and ends on 21st March)

Members discussed this and decide it would be better if each member sent in their own personal representation. The information is on the website for the public to be able to gain access to the survey and response themselves.

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- 23-24/110 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**
- 23-4/111 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 18th March 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.**
Cllr Cooper gave his apologies for the March meeting.
- 23-4/112 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE ACTING CHAIR THANKS
EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND CLOSED THE MEETING at 8.35 p.m.**

Signed by the Chairman.....
Cllr Matthew Cooper

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