

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH

HELD ON MONDAY 27th November 2023

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

Cllr Gilmore 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, Adam Brown & Debbie Driver.
District: Apologies sent
Essex CC Cllr Jane Fleming
In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer
Members of Public:

23-4/071 APOLOGIES

a) Cllr Sue White and Cllr Lisa Whiffen

23-4/072 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) None received at this point in the meeting.

23-4/073 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

a) The minutes of the previous Meeting held on 11th September 2023 were approved. Prop: Cllr Cooper and Seconded by Cllr Brown **AGREED.**

23-4/074 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No report given as no District Councillor present

23-4/075 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR - a written report with updates had been sent earlier that day and was forwarded to members and will be put on the Parish Council Website for information.

Members were informed that the pothole scheme was back and Cllr Fleming had already sent in 3 particularly bad ones in Stow Maries.

There is a Highway users survey with 5th December deadline.

Vote thanks given to Cllr Fleming for her attendance and input.

23-4/076 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC -

The Rural Engagement Team gave a talk detailing what the team does and the area it covers which is from Harwich to Harlow, so a big area. They support local community teams and as 72% of Essex is rural. They listed some of their main jobs

- Unauthorised Encampments
- Wildlife and Heritage
- Hare Coursing
- Rural Road Safety
- Large Scale Waste/fly tipping
- Theft of dogs

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There is one Inspector, 2 Sergeants - 10 in team plus four special constables who do between 8-25 hours per week.

A discussion took place regarding speed enforcement which is separate to TRUCAM. An email was given so that contact can be made regarding problems being experienced on the Woodham Road.

If a crime is in progress - call 999, if not in progress then call 101.

They also handle noise pollution if using to cause anti-social behaviour.

The Chair gave a vote of thanks to the Rural Engagement Team for attending.

Members of the public raised concerns in regard to the planning application 23/00977/OUT PP-12513030. Mainly regarding the removal of hedgerow for visibility. During the building, the heavy plant damage that would occur on the lane. Also access should not be on the lane and the planning is outside the Village envelope.

The Treasurer of PCC of St Mary & St. Margaret's raised the fact that some help was required to keep the illuminated cross lit as funds had dwindled due to the church being closed due to the awaited roof repair.

23-4/077 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications to be discussed and decided upon:-

- i) 23/00776/FUL PP-12350878
Proposal: Change of use of land to private equestrian use and the erection of 4 stables, hay store, wash down bay, tack/feed room and machinery barn. Location: Land At Old Wheatsheaf The Street Stow Maries. **Due to cancellation of the October Parish Council meeting, this application was also dealt with through delegated powers and was supported.**
- ii) 23/00857/FUL PP-12404760
Proposal: Demolition of 2 dwelling houses (Use Class C3) and erection of 5 no. commercial units (Class B8 (storage and distribution) and Class E (offices and veterinary clinic)), new internal road layout and car parking provision. Location: Land At Great Hayes Business Park Lower Burnham Road Stow Maries. **This item was dealt with by the PC through delegated powers and members raised no objections to the application but made the comment regarding ensuring that the access remains where it currently is and is not moved closer to the bend where the demolition of the house will take place as this would cause danger as far as the traffic flows are concerned.**
- iii) 23/00977/OUT PP-12513030
Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access for the erection of two residential dwellings

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Location: Land Adjacent The Owls Woodham Road Stow Maries Essex
During the public session - several members of the public raised concerns regarding this application and therefore it was decided that further checks needed to be made and a decision would be made once these were completed.

- b) Planning correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail was noted.
- List of planning applications wk 35-46 to be noted
 - List of planning decisions and appeals wk 35-46 to be noted
 - Planning Decisions:- none at the time of writing.

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

- i) No update.

d) **BRADWELL B**

- i) No update

e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**

- i) There was no update to report.
ii) Members happy to invite a member of SMGWA Committee to next meeting.

f) **NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION ON DRAFT TRAVELLING
SHOW-PERSON SITES PLANNING ADVICE NOTE**

Members discussed and would formulate a response.

23-4/078 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) Clerk to email the Rural Engagement Team with a request to monitor the speeding during Monday to Friday and regarding the overtaking on the wrong side of the Island on Woodham Road.

23-4/079 FINANCE

- a) Members reviewed and approved the payments for October/November and December 2023. The Bank reconciliation was not available and Clerk to furnish members with an up to date reconciliation as soon as possible.
- b) Members reviewed the budget for 2024/25 and no increase was implemented.
- c) Members supported payment to the Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance in the amount of £100.
- d) Members agreed to contribute to the upkeep of the Church Yard as in previous years and due to increase in costs increased to £200.00
- e) Members authorised payment to the Clerk for the outlay of the Remembrance Poppy Wreath - £20.00 and donation of £20.00 for 2023 - total of £40.00.

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- f) Members reviewed and approved the back dated (1/4/23) pay increase for the Clerk.

Nov & Dec 23	Date	CHEQUE/BP/DD	Payee	Description	NET	VAT	TOTAL OF CHQ/DD/BP
033/23-24	27/11/2023	100660	S. Sayer	Month 8 Sal	£426.21		£426.21
034/23-24	27/11/2023	100660	S. Sayer	Month 8 Exp	£97.92		£97.92
035/23-24	27/11/2023	200029	HMRC	Month 8 Tax	£41.40		£41.40
036/23-24	27/11/2023	100660	S. Sayer	Month 9 Sal	£302.39		£302.39
037/23-24	27/11/2023	100660	S. Sayer	Month 9 Exp	£31.05		£31.05
038/23-24	27/11/2023	200031	HMRC	Month 9 Tax	£10.60		£10.60
039/23-24	27/11/2023	100658	D Wallace	Annual Grass Cutting	£1,500.00		£1,500.00
040/23-24	27/11/2023	200030	S Sayer	Phone exps 2 months @ £5 per month	£10.00		£10.00
					£2,419.57		£2,419.57

23-4/080 WEBSITE

- a) No update available.

23-4/081 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

23-4/082 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 15th January 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

23-4/083 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE ACTING CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND CLOSED THE MEETING at 8.37 p.m.

Signed by the Chairman.....
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