

STOW MARIES MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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18th February 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to join the Meeting of **STOW MARIES PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Monday 24th February 2025** commencing at 7.30 p.m. in The Smythe Hall, Church Lane, Stow Maries, when the following business is proposed to be transacted.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Sayer

Parish Clerk/RFO

Chairman: Cllr. Matthew Cooper

Vice Chairman: Cllr Neil Gilmore

Councillors: Cllrs:- David Hopping, Debbie Driver & Adam Brown

A G E N D A

24-5/125 APOLOGIES

24-5/126 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) To receive any declarations of interest for any agenda items.

24-5/127 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –

- a) To receive, review any amendments, approve and sign the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th January 2025.

24-5/128 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- a) To receive an update.

24-5/129 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) To receive an update in person and/or a report that has already be circulated to members prior to the meeting.

24-5/130 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

A presentation will take place from Alasdair Dore the Engineer responsible for the project to repair/refurbish the Halt Bridge in Church Lane. Afterwards there will be a question and answer session.

24-5/131 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Applications:-

To discuss and decide about making a response to the Chelmsford Council in regard to their review of the plan. Deadline date 18th March 2025. Following on from previous consultations in 2022 and 2024, they are consulting on the final draft Local Plan before it is submitted for examination by a government-appointed independent Planning Inspector.

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

- i) Planning application listings to be noted.
- ii) Planning decisions and appeals to be noted.
- iii) Planning Decisions:-
None at the time of writing.

c) MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

- i) Update if available.

d) BRADWELL B

- i) Update if available.

e) STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

- i) General update regarding the SMGWA if available.

24-5/132 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

To receive updates on outstanding highways issues *and* an opportunity for members to raise any new highways issues and make decisions accordingly.

- a)** Update of the cutting back of the vegetation that is causing problems for pedestrians from Honeypot Lane to Three Rivers.
- b)** Update whether any of the land that is maintained by the Parish Council is ECC land (as per recent list of confirmed ECC land) and should therefore be maintained by ECC (Essex County Council) and to make any decisions.
- c)** Members to discuss and decide whether any action needs to be taken in regards to the letter dated 7th February as a response needs to be made prior to 10th March 2025 to National Railways as after that they will be proceeding with the next steps in the planning process.

24-5/133 FINANCE

- a) Members to approve the payments and receipts for February 2025.
- b) Members to approve the bank reconciliation to end of January 2025.

24-5/134 WEBSITE

- a) Update and to make any decisions necessary.

24-5/135 BUS GRANT INITIATIVE

a) To receive an update regarding the status of applying for a grant aimed at increasing bus patronage and enhancing local services.

24-5/136 VE DAY 8TH MAY 2025 CELEBRATIONS

a) Update regarding whether any activities are being organised and to decide on a contribution.

24-5/137 'Greater Essex Mayoral County Combined Authority'

a) To discuss and decide whether to make a response to this consultation, the closing date is 18th April 2025. The link for information is:-
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/greater-essex-devolution/greater-essex-devolution-consultation>

24-5/138 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

24-5/139 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 17th March 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

24-5/140 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE MEETING.