

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 15th July 2024

in The Smythe Hall, Church Lane, Stow Maries at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Matt Cooper welcomed all those present.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES AND OTHER ATTENDEES

Councillors:- Matt Cooper, Neil Gilmore, David Hopping & Debbie Driver

District: Cllr Lisa Whiffen

Essex CC County Councillor Jane Fleming

In attendance: Parish Clerk not in attendance - notes taken by Cllr Driver

Members of Public: 0

24-5/054 APOLOGIES

Cllr Adam Brown and Mrs Sarah Sayer Parish Clerk

24-5/055 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) No declarations of interest were made at this point in the meeting.

24-5/056 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

a) The minutes of the meeting of 17th June 2024 were not approved as a paragraph relating to the end of year figure decreasing year on year needed to be added and then minutes will be presented at the September meeting for approval.

24-5/057 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

a) Cllr Whiffen attended and was speaking on behalf of Cllr Sue White who was unable to attend and the report is as follows:-

24-5/058 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

a) County Cllr Fleming stated that all is quiet after the General Election. The new Councillors would like devolution with better transport links including bus franchising which may be needed to improve transport links.

Medical services were also discussed and Cllr Fleming had a meeting with Sir John Whittingdale concerning this and he is working hard behind the scenes. The question was raised about new planning laws that the Government might introduce and Cllr Fleming stated that a review of the local plan has been discussed and agreed in the last few years, but a new plan may need to be recalculated.

Hackmans Lane has re-opened and all the work has stopped on the water main and "dragon teeth" have not been installed in Cock Clarks after too many complaints about the road closure.

24-5/059 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC -An opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise issues.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

24-5/060 PLANNING MATTERS

a) No planning applications to review.

b) **Planning correspondence** received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail was noted.

- List of planning applications noted

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- List of planning decisions and appeals noted
- Planning Decisions:- none at the time of writing
 - c) **MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**
 - i) Only information as per County Cllr Fleming's report.
 - d) **BRADWELL B**
 - i) No update available.
 - e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
 - i) No update available.

24-5/061 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

- a) No update of the cutting back of the vegetation that is causing problems for pedestrians from Honeypot Lane to Three Rivers.
- b) The funding was refused by the Community Initiative Fund for CCTV apparatus to try and put off fly tipping in certain areas of the Village as it did not fit their strict criteria.
- c) The rather dangerous overhanging branch which could cause a nasty accident for higher vehicles, tractors in particular at this busy time of the season needs to be chased.

Vegetation needs cutting back that is obscuring a footpath Clerk to contact Land owner to ask them to do this.

24-5/062 FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments for the Clerk's Salary for July and August 2024. Any other financial information to be reviewed at the September 2024 meeting.

July & Aug 2024	DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
016/24-25	15/07/2024	200054	S. Sayer	Salary Month 4	£306.79		£306.79
017/24-25	15/07/2024	200054	S. Sayer	Expenses Month 4	£43.88		£43.88
018/24-25	15/07/2024	200055	S. Sayer	Month 4 Tax	£6.20		£6.20
019/24-25	15/07/2024	200054	S. Sayer	Salary Month 5	£302.39		£302.39
020/24-25	15/07/2024	200054	S. Sayer	Expenses Month 5	£43.88		£43.88
021/24-25	15/07/2024	200055	S. Sayer	Month 5 Tax	£10.60		£10.60
					£713.74		£713.74

24-5/063 WEBSITE

- a) No update available.

24-5/064 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The water hydrant theft was discussed and Cllr Fleming said there was an incident of low water pressure and when it was checked out, it was reported as hydrant damage locally.

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It has been reported that people are parking by the nature reserve, blocking access to the bridle path for the horse riders. It was suggested that may be some signage or a fence post could be installed to prevent this happening.

There are rotten posts by the Prince of Wales Public House, clarification is required as to who is responsible for replacing them and regarding the boundary. Clerk to ascertain.

There is a meeting of the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils on 17th July at 7 pm in St Lawrence Hall. Members checking their diaries to see who can attend, if not apologies will be sent.

24-5/065 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

**24-5/066 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR
THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE
MEETING.**

Signed by the Chairman.....
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