

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 16th September 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:- Neil Gilmore, David Hopping, Debbie Driver & Adam Brown

District:

Essex CC

In attendance: Parish Clerk

Members of Public: 1 (arrived at 7.40 p.m.)

24-5/067 APOLOGIES

Cllr Matt Cooper due to work commitments, County Cllr Jane Fleming and District Cllr Lisa Whiffen & District Cllr Sue White.

24-5/068 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

24-5/069 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- a) The minutes of the meeting of 15th July 2024 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman Cllr Neil Gilmore as a true and accurate record.
b) The minutes of the meeting held on 17th June, had been altered and members agreed their approval.

24-5/070 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- a) Cllr Whiffen was unable to attend due to other commitments.

24-5/071 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) County Cllr Fleming was unable to attend but had circulated a update which was circulated to all the members of the Parish Council.

24-5/072 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 at the time of the Agenda item.

24-5/073 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) i) The Owls Planning application when to NW Planning on 11/9/24, the parish council did not make any further comments as these had already been sent in. The application was refused on the grounds that it was outside the village development area and due to problems with access/parking.
ii) 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
 - List of planning decisions and appeals noted
 - Planning Decisions:- none at the time of writing.

Signed by the Chairman.....
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c) MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

i) No further update

d) BRADWELL B

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e) STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

i) Cllr Gilmore had attended the last meeting and stated that the numbers visiting were down by about 50% on last year. An event in July had to be cancelled due to lack of sale of tickets. The Living History Event had a good turn out but was still 50% less than projected.

f) i) NPPF 2024 Reform - Members discussed this and had not really had time to read the 27 page document in detail as it had only recently been received. The deadline for comments to the survey have to be in by 24th September.

ii) Stow Maries Parish Council discussed the usefulness of a Neighbourhood Plan and it was decided not to go ahead as much of it has to adhere to the District Plan, the cost does not justify this project and it was decided to utilise the District Plan.

g) Parish Council Members were quite happy with the Statement of Licencing Policy.

24-5/074 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

a) Clerk had received confirmation from ECC Highways that the length of hedge that needed vegetation cutting back was in fact owned by them and not the local landowner. Clerk suggested that a request is sent to ECC Highways asking of all the areas in Stow Maries that were the responsibility of ECC Highways to cut to put on file for future reference in order that assuming the landowners responsibility is not repeated.

b) The rather dangerous overhanging branch which could cause a nasty accident for higher vehicles, tractors in particular, not sure if this has been cut back .

Cllr Gilmore mentioned at this point about getting the village sign repainted. Clerk to contact an artist that has done this type of work.

Cllr Gilmore also reminded the Clerk concerning the posts by the Notice Board and whether or not this was ECC Highways responsibility as well. Clerk to look into.

24-5/075 FINANCE

a) Members approved the payments and receipts for September 2024

b) Members approved the bank reconciliation to the end of August 2024

c) Clerk reviewed the recent Community Initiative Fund (C.I.F) to see if it could be used for the CCTV project, but it does not. Details were passed onto They Smythe Hall Committee to see if they could use it for any projects they may have in mind.

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Sep-24	DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
022/24-25	16/09/2024	200056	S. Sayer	Salary Month 6	£302.39	£0.00	£302.39
023/24-25	16/09/2024	200056	S. Sayer	Expenses Month 6	£49.53	£0.00	£49.53
024/24-25	16/09/2024	100005	S. Sayer	Month 6 Tax	£10.60	£0.00	£10.60
025/24-45	16/09/2024	100006	Sue Lees	AGAR input	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
					£382.52	£0.00	£382.52

24-5/076 MALDON DISTRICT - STREET COLLECTIONS CONSULTATION.

Deadline for comments 14/10/24. A discussion took place about the new purple bags. No complaints had been received from residents about the changed day of collection.

24-5/077 WEBSITE

- a) No update available.

24-5/078 INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FREE TREE PACKS

- a) Members decided that there was no where appropriate at the present time.

24-5/079 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

No items were raised at this point in the meeting.

24-5/080 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 21st October 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

24-5/081 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR
THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE
MEETING at 8.35 p.m.

Signed by the Chairman.....
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