

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 21st October 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 & Adam Brown

District:

Essex CC Cllr Jane Fleming

In attendance: Parish Clerk

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

24-5/082 APOLOGIES

District Cllr Lisa Whiffen & District Cllr Sue White.

24-5/083 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

24-5/084 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

a) The minutes of the meeting of 16th September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr Matt Cooper as a true and accurate record.

24-5/085 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

a) No report was available.

24-5/086 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

a) County Cllr Fleming had previously sent a report which has been published on the website and circulated to members of Stow Maries Parish Council. The following was highlighted at the meeting from that report:-

- COMMUNITY 360 – COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROVIDER IN THE MALDON DISTRICT Community 360 are the Community Transport provider which ECC financially supports in the Maldon District. Community360 have shared with ECC that they have/will be:
 - a venue to park a full-time minibus from 1st November
 - printed leaflets to inform the residents of the Maldon District of their service
 - two drivers ready to serve passengers
 - been promoting for volunteers to help Community 360
 - asking Broomfield Hospital whether they can support Community 360 in any way
 - taking delivery shortly of two new lease buses which will allow for more residents to join the scheme in future.

Cllr Cooper requested that Cllr Fleming look into the community bus route starting or passing through Stow Maries.

- John Whittingdale to set up a meeting with the bus users group, on how the hourly service and infrastructure can be improved any further i.e. a bus service dedicated to Dengie and a service from North Fambridge to Hatfield

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Peverel. The No. 45 currently runs from Burnham On Crouch through Southminster and Tillingham and pick up people at North Fambridge to South Woodham Ferrers but sits in SWF for 40 minutes. Dengie Bus User Group together with CCllr Stamp and CCllr Fleming are hoping to get some answers from John Whittingdale.

- The ECC budget is under a lot of pressure by the adult and child social care requirements.
- The member led highways scheme is working well and things are getting done.
- Cllr Gilmore raised the subject of putting bus timetables on the website. Clerk to look into this.
- During the course of the conversation relating to transport the dangerous entrance of Honey Pot Lane onto the Lower Burnham Road was raised, especially in the light of the recent nasty accident at this point. Clerk to research history of casualties/fatalities on this stretch of the road and members decided that a letter to County Councillor Fleming suggesting that a request is put in asking for double white lines in the middle of the road to stop people over-taking on the whole stretch of the Lower Burnham Road and this would reduce a lot of the accidents that happen.

Chairman gave a vote of thanks to County Councillor Jane Fleming for attending the meeting.

24-5/087 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.

24-5/088 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications:-

- a) i) No planning applications at the time of writing.;
- b) **Planning correspondence** received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - i) Planning application listings were noted
 - ii) Planning decisions and appeals were noted
 - iii) Planning Decisions:- none at the time of writing.
 - iv) Members decided not to make a response to the Boreham Neighbourhood Plan as nothing directly affected Stow Maries.
- c) **MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**
 - i) No information at this time.
- d) **BRADWELL B**
 - i) No information at this time.
- e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
 - i) Members noted that a Press release dated 20th

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September has been circulated concerning their decision to remain open.

24-5/089 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

- a) The vegetation has not as yet been cut back from Honeypot Lane to the Three Rivers Golf Club, but there is a job request in the ECC Highways system.
- b) Clerk has written to ECC requesting information on any other land in Stow Maries that is maintained by ECC Highways in order to place a comprehensive list on record for future reference.
- c) Clerk requested information on the cost of the Trucam Patrols which are now £45.00 per hour. It was discussed and agreed that this would be looked at when discussing and deciding upon next year's budget 2025/6.
- d) It was mentioned that there was a meeting on 23rd October regarding obtaining a 20mph limit in your village. No one was available to attend and the likelihood of being allowed was considered to be nil.
Reminder from Councillor Gilmore regarding the village sign requiring a repaint. Clerk to see if she can contact local artist known to carry out this kind of work. It was mentioned to County Councillor Jane Fleming the need for the sign on the Stow Maries Road, to be repaired/replaced as it currently says "reduce your xpeex" instead of reduce your speed. Cllr Fleming to add to her list of repairs she will report under her remit as Stow Maries County Councillor.

24-5/090 FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments and receipts for the October meeting.
- b) Members approved the bank reconciliation to the end of September 2024.
- c) Members noted that the Clerk had purchased the wreath and compensation in the amount of £40.00 was reimbursed via the Clerk's expenses, £19.99 for the wreath and a donation of £20.01 as agreed in the budget for 24/25.
- d) Members agreed to make a donation to the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Service in the amount of £50.00 as agreed in the budget for 24/25

Oct-24	DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
026/24-25	21/10/2024	100665	S. Sayer	Salary Month 7	£302.39		£302.39
027/24-25	21/10/2024	100665	S Sayer	Expenses Month 7	£86.83		£86.83
027/24-25	21/10/2024	100666	S Sayer	Month 7 Tax	£10.60		£10.60
					£399.82		£399.82

24-5/091 WEBSITE

- a) No update available.

24-25/092 COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES FUND

- a) Members agreed that an application through this fund should be attempted again following the guidelines and advice given.

24-5/093 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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No items were raised at this point in the meeting.

24-5/094 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

**24-5/095 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR
THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE
MEETING at 8.35 p.m.**

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

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