

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH

HELD ON MONDAY 22nd April 2024

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

Cllr Cooper 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, & Debbie Driver

District: Apologies sent Cllr Sue White and Cllr Lisa Whiffen

Essex CC County Councillor Jane Fleming arrived at 8.10 p.m. at 24-5/007
Planning as attended MDC initially.

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Sayer Parish Clerk

Members of Public: 3

24-25/001 APOLOGIES - District Councillors White and Whiffen

24-25/002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) None received at this point in the meeting.

24-25/003 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

a) The minutes of the previous Meeting held on 18th March 2024 were approved subject to a small change on second page adding in the word "it" on Agenda item 23-24/124 Prop: Cllr Cooper and Seconded by Cllr Gilmore **AGREED**.

24-25/004 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - no update available.

24-24/005 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JANE FLEMING - members agreed to go

Essex Highways have launched a member led scheme where the members will be allocated six dates to be able to report problems in their areas. Each set of dates will have a deadline date to be in and then the work will be carried out by Highways or one of their contractors in a specific time frame.

3000 drains in the Maldon area have been cleaned there has been a noticeable improvement to the roads. The next LHP meeting is taking place on Wednesday 24th April and it is thought they will be trimming down as many projects as they can.

The Community Initiative Fund closing date for applications between £500 and £2000 is 13th May 2024. Clerk to check out website to see what the criteria is for applying for some cameras to place at two spots in the village where fly tipping is a regular occurrence. Cllr Brown to obtain some quotes.

24-25/006 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC -

No members of public present and therefore no issues were raised.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ian Flint and Mr. Martyn Gill from the Great War Aerodrome, who gave a very interesting presentation pertaining to the Museum and the amount of work

Signed by the Chairman.....

Dated 20th May 2024

Cllr Matthew Cooper

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that has been achieved over the years and in order to increase the visitors on a more regular basis, rather than just special event days, they wish to have help in publicising the Museum. The Parish Council will enhance their website page and put a link from the Parish Council website to the Museum website. A short Q&A session followed and the Chair thanked Mr. Flint and Mr. Gill for attending and giving such an interesting presentation.

24-25/007 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning applications to be reviewed and decided upon and updates from previous meeting. -
 - i) 24/00223/VAR - PP12884394
Variation of condition 2 on planning application 21/00252/FUL
(Construction of 3 No. detached dwelling houses and garages)
Stow Hall Farm Woodham Road, Stow Maries, Essex.
- b) Planning correspondence received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - i)List of planning applications wk 12-16 - noted
 - ii)List of planning decisions and appeals wk 12-16 -noted
 - iii)Planning Decisions - none to review.
- c) **Maldon District Council - LDC** - no news.
- d) **Bradwell B** - no news
- e) **Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome**
No further points were made following the presentation.

24-25/008 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

- a) Cllr Jane Fleming confirmed reporting the overgrown vegetation as one of the member led scheme problems i.e. vegetation causing problems for pedestrians from Honeypot Lane to Three Rivers. This should be actioned by the end of May.
- b) Pothole on Martin Lane entrance reported and reference given 2908139 **ongoing**
- c) Clerk reported that the flooding on the Lower Burnham Road that happens when severe rain occurs is already present on the ECC Highways system.

24-25/009 FINANCE

- a) Members reviewed and approved the payments for March 2024.
- b) Members reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation to 28th February 2024. Prop. Cllr Hopping Seconded: Cllr Gilmore.

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Apr-24	DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
001/24-25	22/04/2024	200046	EALC	Affiliation Fees for 24/25	£76.00	£0.00	£76.00
002/24-25	22/04/2024	200047	Zurich	Annual Insurance 1-6-24 to 31-5-25	£361.46	£0.00	£361.46
003/24-25	22/04/2024	200048	S. Sayer	Salary Month 1	£302.39	£0.00	£302.39
004/24-25	22/04/2024	200048	S Sayer	Expenses Month 1	£46.38	£0.00	£46.38
005/24-25	22/04/2024	200049	HMRC	Month 1 Tax	£10.60	£0.00	£10.60
					£796.83	£0.00	£796.83

24-25/010 WEBSITE - no update

24-25/011 INFORMATION EXCHANGE & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING - no items

24-25/012 KINGS PORTRAIT - Members noted the arrival of the free portrait of King Charles III and it was hung in They Smythe Hall and a picture taken with the members.

24-25/013 - DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.30 p.m. which will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

24-25/014 - All business having been transacted the Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 21.20 p.m & thanked everyone for attending.

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

Dated 20th May 2024