

STOW MARIES MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to join the Meeting of **STOW MARIES PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Monday 19th January 2026** 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 David Hopping

Vice Chairman: Cllr Neil Gilmore

Councillors: Cllrs:- Debbie Driver, Adam Brown & Jerry Petts

Mr Jerry Petts to sign the Acceptance of Office form before joining the members for the meeting.

A G E N D A

25-6/109 Cllr Hopping to sign the Acceptance of Office form in his new role as Chairman of the Parish Council.

25-6/110 APOLOGIES

25-6/111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

25-6/112 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 24th November 2025.

25-6/113 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- a) Report has been received and circulated to members.

25-6/114 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) Report has been received and placed on the website.

25-6/115 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

25-6/116 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications:-
 - i) **25/01093/FUL PP-13624930**
Erection of Ground Maintenance barn and wokshop with associated yard, vehicle parking, storage of meterials and landscaping
Land South of Ferguslie Honeypot Lane Stow Maries, Essex.
- b) To discuss and decide upon a course of action relating to the quote received by Cllr Brown for engaging a planning consultant and to receive feed back from other Parish Councils regarding crowd funding. - Cllr Brown
- c) To discuss and decide upon a course of action relating to the Chair's suggestion that a SharePoint site be established so that all the Dengie Parishes can upload and access pertinent data. - Cllr Hopping
- d) To discuss and decide upon a course of action relating to making a presentation at the meeting of the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils suggesting sticking together with a unified fight against the large developments - Cllr Hopping
- e) **Planning correspondence** received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - i) Planning application listings to be noted already circulated by email.
 - ii) Planning decisions and appeals to be noted already circulated by email.
 - iii) No planning decisions and appeals to be reviewed at the time of writing.
- f) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
 - i) Next meeting to take place on Wednesday 28th January between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Cllr Neil Gilmore attending.

25-6/117 FINANCE

- a) Members to approve the payments and receipts for December 2025& January 2026.
- b) Members to approve the bank reconciliation to the end of December 2025.
- c) Clerks Back Pay to review and approve.
- d) To note that the re-enrolment for the Pensions Regulator has been carried out for another 3 years.
- e) To discuss and decide on a donation to the Essex and Hertford Air Ambulance. Usually send £50.00.

25-6/118 HIGHWAYS & 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) Members to receive an update and to discuss and decide whether any action needs to be taken in regards to Halt Bridge, Church Lane.
- b) Update regarding the possibility of putting a volunteer group together across several villages and if it is possible to obtain training on the speed camera and either borrow or acquire one through funding. To discuss and decide a course of action going forward.

25-6/119 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- a) Cllr Driver to give an update on the local bus services/consultations currently being conducted and whether applying for a pot of money for a bus service to improve accessibility for Stow Marie Residents. Members to make any decisions that are required.

25-6/120- STOW MARIES PARISH VILLAGE SIGN

- a) **Update on quote to refurbish the Village Sign** and decide upon a course of action.

25-6/121 - CLERK/RFO'S RESIGNATION

- a) Update on application process and possible use of locum service if process proves to be too long.

25-26/122 - WEBSITE

- a) Clerk has been approached to sort out adding new administrators to the website as various people have given up their positions on committees. Update and to decide on any actions required. (email information has been circulated)
- b) To discuss and decide whether to book a monthly or quarterly spot for an hours maintenance at the cost of £30.00 per hour or continue on the ad hoc basis at £40.00 per hour.

25-6/123 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

25-6/124 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 16th February 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

25-6/125 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING.