

STOW MARIES MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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21th October 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to join the Meeting of **STOW MARIES PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Monday 27th October 2025** 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: To be announced

Vice Chairman: Cllr Neil Gilmore

Councillors: Cllrs:- David Hopping, Debbie Driver & Adam Brown

A G E N D A

25-6/077 APOLOGIES

25-6/078 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

25-6/079 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 22nd September 2025.

25-6/080 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

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

25-6/081 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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

25-6/082 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

25-6/083 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Applications:-

(i) Application No: 25/00891/FUL PP-14253050

Proposal: Structural reinforcement works to bridge including installation of steel arch to centre span and infilling of side spans with concrete.

Location: Land At Dismantled Railway Church Lane Stow Maries Essex

(ii) Application No: 25/00926/SOR

Proposal: Request for Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion for residential development for up to 1,770 dwellings.

Location: Land South West Of Hogwell Farm Hogwell Chase Stow Maries Essex.

b) 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.

c) MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

- i) Update if available.

d) BRADWELL B

- i) Update if available.

e) STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME

- i) Update if available.

25-6/084 FINANCE

- a) Members to approve the payments and receipts for October 2025.
- b) Bank reconciliation to end of September 2025 to be reviewed and approved.
- c) To review the precept/budget for 26/27 to be finalised at the November Parish Council meeting.

25-6/085 HIGHWAY & 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 Halt Bridge, Church Lane.
- b) Update regarding the possibility of putting a volunteer group together across several villages and if it is possible to obtaining training on the speed camera and either borrow or acquire one through funding. To discuss and decide a course of action going forward.
- c) Update if available and make any decisions regarding funding to replace the Lime tree that is dead.
- d) Update regarding letter sent to Three Rivers requesting that they ask their guests to be considerate when driving through Stow Maries.

25-6/086 - STOW MARIES PARISH VILLAGE SIGN

- a) **Update on contractor able to refurbish the Village Sign** and decide upon a course of

action.

25-6/087 - PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

- a) To review, discuss and agree the drafted IT Policy for the Parish Councillor
- b) To review & agree the Stow Maries Parish Council Scheme of Delegation dated 17/1/2022.

25-6/088 - CASUAL VACANCY

- a) The information about the casual vacancy that has arisen due to Matthew Cooper resigning has been sent to Maldon District Council and when a period of 14 days from the 13th October 2025 not including Saturday/Sunday/ Bank Holidays etc has passed and no election has been called the vacancy can be filled by co-option (14 days expires on 31st October 2025)
 - (i) Expression of interest letter has been received.

25-6/089 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

25-6/090 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 24th November 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

25-6/091 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE MEETING.