

Stow Maries Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st July 2025 in The Smythe Hall, Church Lane, Stow Maries at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Neil Gilmore the Vice Chair welcomed all those present.

COUNCILLOR ATTENDEES & OTHER ATTENDEES

Councillors:- Neil Gilmore, David Hopping & Adam Brown

District: Not in attendance

Essex CC Jane Fleming

In attendance: Parish Clerk

25-6/047 APOLOGIES

District Cllrs Sue White & Lisa Whiffen. Parish Cllrs Matt Cooper & Debbie Driver.

25-6/048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) None made at this point in the meeting.

25-6/049 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –

a) The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 16th June 2025 were approved. Prop: Cllr David Hopping Seconded: Cllr Gilmore.

25-6/050 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

a) Cllr Lisa Whiffen sent this update - *Paul Dodson attended a Police Briefing on Neighbourhood policing this morning, where it was announced that Essex Police will be closing the front desk based in our offices from Friday 11 July and that this will be issued publicly today. They advised that front desks will also be closed from Friday 11 July in Braintree, Clacton, Basildon, Harlow and Saffron Walden, but Police stations will remain open with officers continuing to work from them, They will maintain front counters at Chelmsford, Colchester, Southend and Grays. Whilst this is very disappointing for our Community, we will continue to work with the Policing teams who will still operate from our building and monitor the impacts this decision may have on our reception area.*

25-6/051 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

a) County Councillor Jane Fleming had provided a report which was placed on the website and details from which were discussed during the meeting. The main discussion centred around the forthcoming changes regarding Unitary Councils and who and how many other councils Maldon District Council may be involved with. Concerns were raised concerning the planning and the less likelihood that local councillors will be on the planning committees and therefore local knowledge lost.

It was also mentioned that the A12 widening scheme had been scrapped which has scuppered a lot of local plans.

St Peters Hospital Outpatients will still be open for the next 5 years.

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

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Speeding was discussed and it enquires to be made regarding have the Trucam team down to try and deter speeders. It was also mentioned that maybe another safe viewing point could now be at the Prince of Wales Public House now it has changed hands.

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Fleming for her input into the meeting.

25-6/052 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

- a) No press and public were present.

25-6/053 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Planning Applications:-**
No applications to review.
- 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 listings were noted.
 - iii) No decision/appeals to review for Stow Maries
- c) **MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**
 - i) No update available.
- d) **BRADWELL B**
 - i) No update available.
- e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
 - i) No update available.

25-6/054 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

- i) No update regarding Halt Bridge, Church Lane.
- ii) Clerk had reported the hedge needed cutting back from Car wash to Stow Bullocks.
- iii) Clerk confirmed that the report of the electricity cable being low was in fact confirmed as a telecommunications wire which UK Power Networks have reported.

25-6/055 FINANCE

- a) Members approved the payments and receipts for July 2025.

25-6/056 WEBSITE

- a) There are no current updates at the present time.

25-6/057 STOW MARIES PARISH VILLAGE SIGN

- a) Clerk to speak to Cllr Cooper concerning getting a quote for the refurbishment of the village sign.

25-6/058 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

I.T Policy in line with SAPPP (Smaller Authorities' Proper Practices Panel)

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**Standing Orders and Financial Regs to be updated and approved in line with AGAR
(Annual Governance and Accountability Return)**

25-6/059 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

**25-6/060 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE
FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE MEETING at 8.40 p.m.**

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

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