

STOW MARIES MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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17th February 2026

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to join the Meeting of **STOW MARIES PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Monday 23rd February 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

A G E N D A

25-6/126 APOLOGIES

25-6/127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

25-6/128 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 19th January 2026.

25-6/129 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

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

25-6/130 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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

25-6/131 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

Presentation: Mr. Stuart Cooper to speak to the members and public present, regarding the Hogwell development. Q&A session to follow.

25-6/132 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Applications:- None at the time of writing.
- b) A request has been received from North Fambridge Parish Council requesting support to object to Application No: 25/01119/OUTM PP-14574871
Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved other than access for the erection of up to 198 dwellings, provision for non-residential uses comprising of uses within use class E, F1 or F2, with associated open space, allotments and infrastructure. Location: Land West Of Hurndall Avenue North Fambridge Essex.
Members to discuss and decide upon a course of action.
- c) Update relating to Crowd Funding to engage a Planning Consultant - Cllr Brown
- d) Update - To discuss and decide what further actions to be taken in regard to the feedback from the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Council meeting on 17th February 2026, concerning setting up a SharePoint site and suggesting that the Parish Councils are unified against large developments in the Dengie Peninsular.
- 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.
- e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
 - i) Update from Cllr Gilmore following on from the meeting on Wednesday 28th January between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

25-6/133 FINANCE

- a) Members to approve the payments and receipts for February 2026.
- b) Clerks Back Pay to review and approve and note issue of P.45. to conclude employment on 28th February 2026.
- c) To approve the request for Councillor Training for Cllr Petts at a cost of £260.00.

25-6/134 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 implementing an effective speed control system across several adjoining villages. To discuss and decide a course of action going forward. Cllr Petts

25-6/135 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- a) An application has been entered requesting additional bus services for the No. 99. Outcome of application is not yet available. Cllr Driver.

25-6/136- STOW MARIES PARISH VILLAGE SIGN

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

25-6/137 - CLERK/RFO's HAND OVER

- a) Update situation and to make any decisions required.

25-6/138 - STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- a) The standing orders are in need of updating and members are to discuss and decide as part of the update whether to reduce the number of meetings per year from ten to six bearing in mind that this decision can not be revisited for a further six months.
- b) The Financial Regulations are in need of an update prior to the end of March 2026.

25-6/139 - BIODIVERSITY POLICY

- a) To discuss the draft policy and the Cllr to be responsible for this project and to make any decisions required.

25-6/140 WEBSITE

- a) Update and to make any decisions necessary.

25-6/141 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- i) Council Email Addresses and Website in general
- ii) Appointment of new internal auditor
- iii) Change to Standing orders/ Financial Regulations
- iv) Calendar of Parish Council meetings for 26/27
- v) Banking Arrangements

25-6/142 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Currently Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

25-6/143 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING AND THE TIME OF CLOSURE IS RECORDED