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Stow Maries Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to a Full Council Meeting to be held in the Smythe Hall, Church Lane, Stow Maries, Essex, CM3 6SL on Monday 23rd March 2026 commencing at 7.30 pm.

The press and the public are cordially invited to join the meeting

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16th March 2026

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair to declare the meeting open.

2. Recording of the Meeting

To receive notification from any person or persons present of intent to record the meeting.

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive and agree apologies for absence.

4. Declarations of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests and registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda, have regard to the Code of Conduct for Members and seek appropriate advice before the meeting.

5. Public Question Time

The Chair will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed.

6. Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2026 (minutes attached)).

7. Reports from County and District Councillors

To receive the Reports from County and District Councillors (County Councillor report attached).

8. Frequency of Meetings

To consider the proposal that Parish Council meetings be held every two months and to agree the action to be taken (note attached).

9. Bank Account

To consider the proposal that the Clerk be instructed to open an online bank account and to agree the action to be taken.

10. Finance

- a) To approve payments for the month (schedule attached).
- b) To appoint an Internal Auditor for the 2025/2026 Financial Year (report attached).
- c) To review the 2026/2027 budget and to agree the action to be taken (Draft budget attached).

11. Highway Speed Control;

To receive a written report from Councillor Petts and to agree the action to be taken (circulated previously).

12. Love your Bus

To receive a report from Councillor Driver re “Love your Bus”.

13. Grass Cutting/Biodiversity

To receive a written report from Councillor Gilmore and to agree the action to be taken (report attached).

14. Website/e-mail addresses

- a) To receive a copy of n email from the Website provider and to agree the action to be taken (email attached)
- b) To consider the proposal that all Councillors are allocated a gov.uk email address and to agree the action to be taken

15. Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome

To receive a report from Councillor Gilmore

16. Crowd Funding

To receive a report from Councillor Brown.

17. Risk Management

To approve the Council's Risk Management Policy (copy attached).

18. Planning

- a) To consider planning application 26/00136/RES PP-14728177 and to agree the action to be taken (copy attached)
- b) To consider the Public Notice issued by Essex County Council and to agree the action to be taken (copy attached).

- c) To receive a report from Councillor Driver in respect of the major development proposal in Stow Maries.

19. Clerk Report

- a) Sharepoint.
- b) Documentation.
- c) Halt Bridge, Church Lane.
- d) Development in North Fambridge.
- e) Pre-determination
- f) Communication with Parishioners.

20. Exchange of Information

Councillors to exchange information