

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **MEETING** of **STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 06 AUGUST** at **7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Garrod Cllr Porth Cllr Collar Cllr Carter Cllr Choat

Members of the public

19/38	NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Mcleod-Jones not in attendance
19/39	DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR AUGUST MEETING None declared
19/40	APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AT STURMER VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 02 JULY2019 RESOLUTION - Minutes adopted as true record, Proposed Cllr Porth, Seconded Cllr Collar
19/41	<p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</p> <p><i>This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions and comment on items on the agenda or of import. Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes (03 minutes per person)</i></p> <p>WAR MEMORIAL – Resident who’s property the memorial sits in front is quite relaxed about it remaining where it is but if a more suitable, potentially safer congregating location could be found he would likewise be content but does not wish to assume ownership of the land thus made available but would prefer some form of garden of remembrance owned and maintained by the parish council.</p> <p>Cllr Garrod explained the current position regarding the proposed Village Green/Sturmer Common land swap, to hopefully allow for the re-siting of the Memorial; those negotiations are on-going.</p> <p>A memorial service is to be held at the War Memorial in November.</p>
19/42	RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT & NOTE CORRESPONDENCE District Councillors report can be read at APPENDIX A CPRE Logo change – New version circulated to members Confirmation to Remove Notice of Public Rights, period ended 26 July Annual repair visit report from A&J Lighting – Cllr Porth to inspect lamp outside Abbots Cottages as highlighted in report as being in “very poor condition” Received and circulated earlier in July the so called Bridges protocols Edition No 5 ECC VERGE CUTTING – 02 TO 09 SEPTEMBER Enquiry from a resident ref an area in front of their property, Churdles, and when were Highways going to start the work? Clerk confirmed with LHP funding agreed for

scheme selection and approval then funding will be sought during year 2020-2021 for the work to commence

Webpage has been created on the Essex Highways website to provide information relating to an option study and flood investigation assessments being carried out at [Sturmer Station Bridge](#) located on Water Lane in Sturmer.

A letter is also being sent to residents/businesses in the immediate vicinity to advise them of this scheme. Could you kindly share this information with parish council members and the community. The full link to the webpage is:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/highway-schemes/sturmer-station-bridge-b1061-water-lane-sturmer.aspx>

The Campaign Against Urban Sprawl in Essex has opposed the North Essex Garden Communities – Invitation for the council to join – Clerk to advise not at this point as cost to poll community would prove prohibitive.

Local Highways Panel (LHP) requested confirmation Sturmer has a Speedwatch group and intends to continue, having spoken to the organiser Clerk confirmed we do and they do indeed intend to continue with summer speed surveys arranged.

BDC supplied details of the NHS extended GP surgery hours initiative to book appointments evenings, sat and sun at specific locations, flyer previously distributed to members, one for the Noticeboard.

EssexInfo is closing down its service in March 2020, the council will lose its free online presence via that service; CLERK to ACTION.

Barclays Bank are changing the way they provide online banking services to make it even more secure and comply with new legislation via their newly launched - ubiquitous App – all those who bank with Barclays please download their App onto your tablet or mobile phone.

Braintree District Council (BDC) Rough sleepers initiative - estimate for the night of 30 July – Cllr Garrod reported none seen in the parish on that night

Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) requested to know what if anything the council are planning to celebrate 125 years of the Sector – Having marked the 100 years with a celebration council did not feel it necessary to repeat.

Health and Well Being Officer at EALC (Danielle Frost) would like to know what activities or projects occur in the parish which are connected with the health and well being agenda? Council confirmed – Carpet Bowls, Yoga, Pilates, Dancing, Nordic Walking (W.I. initiative).

EALC on behalf of The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) would like feedback on your experience during the May local elections, online survey to complete, link sent to members. – Members responded to the survey.

Police and Fire Commissioner announced a new scheme that has launched under the Safer Essex Roads Partnership Scheme, where people will work in conjunction with the

	Police as Safer Road Ambassadors, members and Speedwatch co-ordinator were circulated the details.
19/43	FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION – Approve payments, Proposed Cllr Choat, Seconded Cllr Collar – Appointed authoriser – Cllr Carter. Finance Statements at APPENDIX B Annual lighting inspection and repair report – APPENDIX C
19/44	AGREE APPLICATION/REVIEW/AWARD TIMING [MONTH(S)] FOR GRANT AWARD POLICY Council agreed for Applications to be received by 30 SEPTEMBER, for members to review applications during OCTOBER and award notifications to be made in NOVEMBER – CLERK to update details in Grant Award Policy to then circulate to members, advise current grant recipients and place on the council website; a member will ensure the details are placed in the village magazine
19/45	REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APEALS 19/01211/HH - 5 The Gables, Rowley Hill - Single storey rear extension NO OBJECTION – CLERK to ACTION
19/46	RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: a) Footpaths No report from Cllr Mcleod-Jones; Cllr Choat to assist with Footpaths and has submitted results of Footway condition survey to ECC. Cllr Porth confirmed bridge at Linnets Lane in good working order b) Flood Action Group Sturmer Flood Action Group update – APPENDIX D c) Play Area Cllr Porth cleared large amount of smashed and fragmented glass from around the area and in the grass. Received compliments from users for the superb condition the play area and Amenity work are maintained. d) Speedwatch LHP confirmed budget approved for 30mph Roundels to be painted on the road at either end of the village. Two Speedwatch surveys organised for August
19/47	RECEIVE UPDATE ON BYWAYS WORDING FOR AMENITY WALK AND WHETHER SIGNAGE IS REQUIRED Wording circulated to members for approval – APPENDIX E CLERK to seek quotation for two NO MOTORCYCLING signs to be placed on the Railway Walk
19/48	RECEIVE UPDATE ON WOODLANDS SITE AND PROPOSALS SURROUNDING LAND SWAP FOR AREA VG52 Offer by West Suffolk to purchase alternative piece of land rejected, under renegotiation
19/49	REVIEW QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR NEW PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT, CONFIRM A SELECTION Quote 1 – Child + Adult swing seat combo - £1,730 plus Installation costs + safety matting at £504 Quote 2 – Two adult seats - £1,227 + delivery + Installation, Safety matting at c. £500 Quote 3 - £2,742 includes all necessary Installation and safer working protection measures + Safety matting at c. £500 to £750. (Offer associated with Quote 3 for post installation safety inspection @ £400) Resolution not passed as to which supplier/option to select
19/50	RECEIVE UPDATE ON NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT FUND APPLICATION (10 WEEKS FROM 25/07)

	Application submitted – Grant request £3,078
19/51	ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA Reintroduce County Cllrs item – CLERK to ACTION Enquire of energy company for lighting related grant awards – CLERK to ACTION Cllr Collar to place in village magazine details on ID fraud and how to protect yourself
19/52	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER – CLOSE 8:35pm

Signed.....Date.....

APPENDIX A

District Councillor's Report 06th August 2019 to Sturmer Parish Council (Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward)

Steeple Bumpstead Surgery Update as at 05.08.19

I attended a further meeting in Steeple Bumpstead on 5th August. Although Provide still hold the contract, Uttlesford Health is running the surgery and all is going well. The CCG are still in discussion with interested parties and are awaiting a response from a detailed questionnaire. A further meeting is scheduled for early October. The Patient Participation Group will provide information to village newsletters.

First Neighbourhood Plan adopted

The first Neighbourhood Plan in the Braintree District was formally adopted at a Full Council meeting held on Monday 22nd July. The Bradwell with Pattiswick Neighbourhood Plan can now be used when considering planning applications within the parish of Bradwell with Pattiswick.

Corporate Customer Satisfaction Survey

Braintree District Council has published its annual Corporate Customer Satisfaction Survey results which shows satisfaction rates which are significantly higher than the national average. The results for 2018/19 show that 82 per cent of residents are satisfied with the Braintree District as a place to live, 80 per cent of residents are satisfied with the way Braintree District Council runs things, 61 per cent of residents feel that the council offers value for money. The results also show that 71 per cent of residents feel well informed about council services and 77 per cent of residents are satisfied with the way the council keeps the district clear of litter. The results show a 60 per cent satisfaction rate in sports and leisure.

Local Plan Update

A new rapid transit system forms part of Local Plan proposals for three new Garden Communities across North Essex. The council has published evidence they have compiled to answer the Inspector's questions on issues including land for employment, viability, and the environment. This will show that the plans are viable, sustainable and can provide a significant boost to the local economy, offering a wide variety of homes, including a minimum of 30% of homes set aside as affordable housing.



Central to the new evidence are plans for a ‘rapid transit’ network which would grow alongside North Essex reducing congestion, improving air quality and providing quick and easy access into and out of Colchester and Braintree linking in to other public transport hubs. North Essex Garden Communities Limited (NEGC Ltd) have been working with leading industry consultants and public transport operators to develop the scheme in such a way that the infrastructure is in place so that

it can provide the next generation of public transport for communities in North Essex such as trackless tram schemes. The system will include traffic priority measures (such as segregated routes) and is planned to run every 10 minutes to ensure journey time reliability and frequency of service. Ultimately, the network will develop over time into an east-west public transport corridor running across North Essex, from the Tendring Colchester Border Garden Community located close to the University of Essex, through Colchester town and connecting the Garden Community settlements westwards through to Stansted Airport.

Cllr. Diana Garrod
District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward

APPENDIX B

Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement AUGUST 2019										
Expenditure										
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	BACS	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
07-Aug	BDC	Uncontested Election	6791610	BACS	CURRENT	60.29	0.00	60.29	Admin	6
15-Aug	A&J Lighting	Annualised maintenance	33219	DD	CURRENT	27.00	4.50	22.50	Lighting	6
15-Aug	A&J Lighting	Annual repair	33177	DD	CURRENT	289.86	48.31	241.55	Lighting	6
07-Aug	Employee	Expenses	N/A	BACS	CURRENT	22.50	0.00	22.50	Clerk	4
29-Aug	Employee	Salary	PAYE	BACS	CURRENT	404.73	0.00	404.73	Clerk	4
TOTAL						£804.38	£52.81	£751.57		
Income										
DATE	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	REMITTANCE	Cq No	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
TOTAL						£0.00		£0.00		
Accounts		Balance								
Parish	40527300		£14,804.06	Signed _____		Date _____				
	<i>Proposed</i>		£13,999.68							
				Minute Item _____						

APPENDIX C

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE PLAN 2019-20
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ROAD NAME	FTG No	LOCATION	DATE	CLEAN	LAMP	CELL	FTG	FUSE	TREE	TYPE	OTHER
STURMER RD	9008	Outside No 1 Riverside Bungalows	22 July	X	X					35w sox	Elect ballast
ROWLEY HILL	9010	Outside No 2 Beisite Cottages	22 July	X	X					35w sox	
A1017	9001	Rowley Hill Outside Park Lodge	22 July	X						35w sox	
A1017	9002	Outside Wentworth House (pole 6)	22 July	X		X				35w sox	
A1017	9003	Outside Medina House (pole 3)	22 July	X						35w sox	
A1017	9004	Outside No 2 - Corner Of Kedington Rd	22 July	X						35w sox	
A1017	9005	Opposite Abbotts Farm	22 July	X						60w CPOT	
A1017	9006	Outside telephone kiosk	22 July	X						35w sox	
A1017	9007	Junction of Linnetts Lane	22 July	X	X					35w sox	
A1017	9009	Outside Abbotts Cottages	22 July	X						35w sox	*****

Both LED Speed signs have been cleaned

***** This light is in very poor condition

APPENDIX D

Sturmer Flood Action Group – update

Parish Councillors will have seen the website link and letter for residents on the replacement bridge in Water Lane. We have been told this may take 3 to 5 years.

SFAG are meeting the EA at the end of August to talk about natural flood management UPSTREAM of the bridge e.g ravine across the golf course and Lion Meadow. Landowners have been invited as well as one adjoining landowner.

Thanks

Linda Bevan
Secretary
Sturmer Flood Action Group