

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **MEETING** of **STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2019** at **7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Garrod Cllr Porth Cllr Choat Cllr Carter

Members of the public

19/69	<b>NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apology noted from Cllr Collar
19/70	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR OCTOBER MEETING</b> None declared
19/71	<b>APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AT STURMER VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019 RESOLUTION</b> - Minutes adopted as true record, Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Porth
19/72	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b></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>Presentation made in support of the unstinting work and service provided by the Village Hall Committee and the venue in general, both proving invaluable for the benefit of the community</p>
19/73	<b>DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS REPORT(S)</b> District Councillors report can be read at <b>APPENDIX A</b>
19/74	<b>RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT &amp; NOTE CORRESPONDENCE</b> SUFFOLK VIEW magazine made available to members along with a hard copy of the Flood Action Group updated report, other matters covered by items on the Agenda
19/75	<b>FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION</b> – Approve payments, Proposed Cllr Choat, Seconded Cllr Carter – Appointed authoriser – Cllr Carter. Finance Statements at <b>APPENDIX B</b>
19/76	<b>REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS (MEMBERS DECLARING AN INTEREST TO LEAVE THE MEETING)</b> Non pecuniary interest declared by Cllrs Porth and Choat <b>RESOLUTION</b> – Approve grant award to Sturmer PCC in the sum of £250 for removal of Holly Tree – UNANIMOUS <b>RESOLUTION</b> – Approve grant award to Sturmer Village Hall in the sum of £950 for Insurance cost plus a contribution towards the cost of producing and circulating the Village News
19/77	<b>REVIEW FUNDING OPTIONS (CLLR COLLAR) AND CONFIRM ACTION, IF ANY, REFERENCE LAMP 9009 RENEWAL AT ABBOTS COTTAGE</b> Include in 2020-21 Budget considerations and defer for a later meeting, council to consider alternative funding options
19/78	<b>REVIEW &amp; COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS</b> None to consider
19/79	<b>RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:</b> <b>a) Footpaths</b> – Cllr Choat to liaise with Cllr Mcleod-Jones ref FP22; FP5 & FP12 ongoing, Highways investigating according to portal <b>b) Flood Action Group</b> – Update attached at <b>APPENDIX C</b>

	<p><b>c) Play Area</b> – Successful site meeting with supplier/contractor to identify suitable area for additional equipment requiring removal of two small trees, levelling ground and moving picnic table; additional funding to be sourced. Current proposed for purchase and installation of dual, mixed age, swing to proceed – CLERK to ACTION</p> <p><b>d) Speedwatch</b> – Council would like to convey their grateful thanks to Denise Upton for all her efforts in co-ordinating the group as she retires from that role. A new co-ordinator is to be appointed</p>
<b>19/80</b>	<p><b>CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</b> Suggested Village Hall be opened at 10:30am to serve refreshments prior to event at War Memorial for 11am</p>
<b>19/81</b>	<p><b>RECEIVE UPDATE ON WOODLANDS SITE AND PROPOSALS SURROUNDING LAND SWAP FOR AREA VG52</b> No further action or correspondence beyond council being advised of a new contact at West Suffolk Council – CLERK to make contact</p>
<b>19/82</b>	<p><b>CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT GRASS CUTTING &amp; MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR FOR 2019 RESOLUTION</b> – Agreed appointment of DH Maintenance – Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Porth</p>
<b>19/83</b>	<p><b>CONSIDER SITE MEETING INVITATION FROM ECC REF PROPOSED BRIDGE INSPECTION WORKS 2020</b> CLERK to confirm acceptance, provisionally mid 2020</p>
<b>19/84</b>	<p><b>ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA</b> Home Start funding request Budget/Precept 2020-2021</p>
<b>19/85</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 03 DECEMBER – CLOSE 20:44</b></p>

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

## APPENDIX A

### **District Councillor's Report 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 to Sturmer Parish Council (Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward)**

#### **New Entrepreneur Programme to Support Start-up Businesses**

The scheme offers a straight forward route for young entrepreneurs to set up their own business, with additional training and guidance support to make a success of their idea, and investment funding is available of up to £3000 to help get them started. It is open to those aged 16-30 and aims to encourage young people within the Braintree District to pursue their business venture, which is now available for ambitious individuals to apply. Those who are successful will be provided with one to one mentoring support and guidance along the way, networking opportunities, as well as free workshops with partners including BEST Growth Hub. The programme was developed as part of a wider drive to grow the Braintree district economy and help support those with a disadvantaged background or who may not have the means or experience to secure mainstream employment to grow their ventures in the district.

Applicants can apply now by submitting a 3 minute video detailing their business idea and it's potential. Visit [www.braintree.gov.uk/yep](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/yep) for full details and how to submit an application.

#### **I-Construct Innovation Hub**

A centre of excellence for construction innovation in Braintree has been given the green light and building work could start as early as December. The two-storey hub will be an exceptional example of a modern building as it will benefit from innovative construction techniques and modern materials. The hub - consisting of workshop and demonstration spaces, a technology lab, conference and networking facilities, a café and meeting areas - will become home to a team offering business support, grant schemes and advice to firms connected to the construction industry. It is anticipated to help create up to 130 new jobs and solve some of the challenges the industry faces. The project will be funded by the Council and by a grant from the European Regional Development Fund.

#### **Extra 135 Police Officers for Essex**

More local, visible and accessible policing as government announces extra 135 Officers for Essex. Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex and national finance lead for the Association of Police & Crime Commissioners, warmly welcomes the news today that there will be an extra 6,000 police officers recruited across the country – the first wave of the 20,000 recently promised by the Government. Essex Police has been recruiting heavily for the past 18 months, following two successive increases to the policing precept, which means that by April 1<sup>st</sup> next year there will be more than 3,200 police officers working to keep the people of Essex safe.

#### **Christmas Braintree**

Saturday 16th November is the date for a day full of Christmas festivities in Braintree Town Centre - including over 100 market stalls, live entertainment & three light switch-ons, two drinks bars, children's activities & more! Radio Essex will be hosting festive entertainment from 12pm with live music from local singers, dance groups, carol performances from local schools as well as fun activities for the kids up until the light switch on at 5.30pm in Market Place outside Tesco's. The popular street market will be making a return and it will be the BIGGEST AND BEST one yet with over 100 stalls spread out across the town including Sandpit Lane, New Street, Market Street and George Yard Shopping Centre. Visitors will be able to pick up lots of goodies from gifts, hampers, handmade jewellery to Christmas decorations and wreaths. And for when you have worked up an appetite and a thirst after all the excitement and shopping, there will be plenty of stalls selling gourmet food and drinks.

Cllr. Diana Garrod  
District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward  
**Funding Opportunities**

Essex Community Foundation hold over 100 different funds under one application form.

<https://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/>

For grant enquiries:

Call: 01245 356018

Email: [grants@essexcf.org.uk](mailto:grants@essexcf.org.uk)

Essex Community Foundation (ECF) is currently calling for applications to the High Sheriffs' Fund. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to voluntary organisations that address crime, community safety and anti-social behaviour. ECF will be holding a Phone-In Funding Surgery on Tuesday 5 November from 10am to 12 noon to speak with potential applicants. To take part, please call 01245 356018. There is no need to book a slot in advance.

<https://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply/high-sheriffs-fund/>

- **Tudor Trust**

<http://tudortrust.org.uk/what-we-do/about-our-grants/>

Tudor makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. We particularly want to help smaller, community-led organisations that work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations that support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities. We want to respond flexibly to your ideas and energy, and to fund effective organisations working to high standards.

Our ability to be flexible can mean that we are well-placed to support organisations which are in transition, whether they are entering a period of growth and development or are responding creatively to challenging circumstances.

Because we try to respond to the needs identified by organisations themselves, many of our grants take the form of core funding: funding which goes towards the core costs of running an organisation, including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs. Sometimes we may decide to offer unrestricted funding, through a grant which can be used entirely freely to further an organisation's charitable objectives.

We can also provide project grants, capital grants for buildings or equipment and grants to help strengthen your organisation. In some situations we may look at making a short-term loan if this is the most helpful solution and you can demonstrate how you can pay it back: if you are interested in loan funding please ring the Information Team on 020 7727 8522 for advice before making an application.

How much can you apply for?

There is no maximum or minimum grant, though in practice it is unusual for us to make a grant of less than £10,000. At the first stage of the application process we don't ask you to specify exactly how much you are looking for, though it is fine to do so if you wish: if your application progresses to the second stage we will discuss your funding requirements in more detail then.

- **Boshier-Hinton Foundation**

<http://www.boshierhintonfoundation.org.uk/index.php>

The Boshier-Hinton Foundation exists to improve quality of life for people with disabilities or learning difficulties, and their families, in any part of the country, by making donations to charitable institutions

providing facilities and advocacy for children and adults with special educational or other needs: or by making donations to other registered Charities: or by making donations to local community charities or other agencies in any part of the country whose objects are no wider than the charity's own, or to any charity for particular purposes which fall within the Foundation's objects.

Please note we do not make grants directly to individuals.

#### Objects of the Boshier-Hinton Foundation

1. To provide relief for children and adults with special educational or other needs, and their families, in any part of the country.
2. To make donations to institutions providing facilities and advocacy for children and adults with special educational or other needs.
3. To make donations to other registered Charitable Trusts.
4. To make donations to local community charities or other agencies in any part of the country whose objects are no wider than the charity's own, or to any charity for use for particular purposes, which fall within the charity's objects.

#### **Postcode Community Trust**

<http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/about-us>

#### Will fund

- Registered charity (requires a number from OSCR or Charity Commission)
- Constituted voluntary or community group
- Social enterprise
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Not-for-profit organisation
- Local club or other constituted community group

and provide funding from £500 to £20,000. Registered charities can apply for up to £20,000. If you do not have a registered charity number, you can apply for up to £2,000

#### Will fund projects that advance community development by

- Supporting marginalised groups to obtain skills and resources to effect change in their own communities
- Overcoming barriers to participation in creative and sustainable ways
- Increasing social cohesion through developing access to community facilities and activities

All projects must have a clear charitable purpose with visible results, and must be no longer than one year in duration.

- **Crowd Funding**

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/about/about-us/>

**APPENDIX B**

Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement OCTOBER 2019										
<b>Expenditure</b>										
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	BACS	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
15-Oct-19	A&J Lighting	Annualised maintenance	33397	DD	CURRENT	27.00	4.5	22.5	Lighting	6
16-Oct-19	Haven Power	Electricity	37961/37965	DD	CURRENT	94.62	4.51	90.11	Utility	6
23-Oct-19	We Do Signs	A4 ACM Signs	12487	BACS	CURRENT	30.00	5.00	25.00	Grass	6
23-Oct-19	DH Maintenance	Parish maintenance	1935/1937	BACS	CURRENT	142.50		142.50	Grass	6
23-Oct-19	Sturmer Village Hall	Hall Hire	22/25	BACS	CURRENT	60.00		60.00	Hire	6
28-Oct-19	Employee	Salary	PAYE	SO	CURRENT	404.73		404.73	Clerk	4
23-Oct-19	Employee	Expenses	N/A	BACS	CURRENT	16.20		16.20	Clerk	4
14-Oct-19	HMRC	Q2 Contributions	PAYE	BACS	CURRENT	65.67		65.67	Clerk	4
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>£840.72</b>	<b>£14.01</b>	<b>£826.71</b>		
<b>Income</b>										
DATE	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	REMITTANCE	Cq No	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£0.00</b>		
<b>Accounts</b>		<b>Balance</b>								
Parish	40527300		£19,257.76	Signed _____		Date _____				
				Minute Item _____						

**APPENDIX C**

Here is the update for next week: - 22 October 2019

The paper copy of the SFAG log was sent to the Clerk for inclusion in the PC envelope. The email version had been sent earlier.

ECC are considering putting woody debris dams in Sturmer. Some concerns were raised and these have been addressed with an experienced flood campaigner. He has over 10 years experience of these in his own area and knowledge of others. They have been successful and the problem of silting is overcome in the design of the dams.

Hope this helps.

Linda Bevan  
SFAG