

## STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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To: All Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Sturmer Parish Council at Sturmer Village Hall, The Street, Sturmer at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 1 November 2016 for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed: G. E. Porth, Acting Parish Clerk, 26th October 2016

### AGENDA

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for members and having taken appropriate advice where necessary before the meeting.

#### 1. Apologies

#### 2. Declaration of Interest

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3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 September 2016.

#### 4. Highways

4.1. Report - Solagen replacement of 2 x double stick batteries to existing '30' speed signs on 5/10/16. batteries + call out + labour = £655.92.

4.2. Discuss - Introduction to the Highways Practice Note to local flooded roads. Re: email, Olive Porter 27 September. (e.mail circulated)

4.3. Report - 'Flood' signs to keep in village. (Cllr. Carter)

4.4. Discuss - '30' roundels for use on 'wheelie' bins. Possible purchase by parish council. (Cllr. Garrod) for information: (from Cllr. Collar) re: 'Smartwheelie' pack 100 x '30 please drive carefully' £70.

Mixed pack 40 x '30 please drive carefully' 30 x 'speed kills please slow down' 30 x 'polite notice slow down' pack 100= £70

4.5. Noted – Information from Essex County Council website - Grass verge cutting Cutting the grass of highway verges is undertaken to ensure the safety of road users and takes place during the late Spring and

Summer months. Essex Highways is only responsible for cutting the grass verges in rural areas normally twice a year.

Noted - last cut A1017 Sturmer24/10/16

- 4.6. Employment of person to cut roadside verges within village – Essex County Highways. (D. Porth)
- 4.7. Discuss - Community pay back scheme – clearance litter etc. (Cllr. Garrod)
- 4.8. Riverside bungalows – lay-by. (Cllr. Collar. No further information)
- 4.9. For information – reported blocked drain – Water Lane above ‘Tinmar’. (Cllr. Collar)

Note - 25/10/16 gully cleared by Highways

- 4.10. For information - Vehicle Activated Signs. Re:- Matthew Valentine they have not yet been placed before the Local Highways Panel. (Cllr. Collar)

## 5. Open Spaces

- 5.1. Discuss - Night disturbances at Pocket Park and consider possible resolutions, (Cllr. Carter)
- 5.2. Discuss - ‘Keep Clear’ notice on Pocket Park gate (Cllr. Carter)
- 5.3. For information -Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project re: Scattered Orchard Project, funding for one person for course on fruit tree pruning, 28 January 2017, Great Waldingfield village hall. e.mail 5/10/16 Emma Black Countryside Officer Stour Valley and Dedham Vale AONB

## 6. Planning

- 6.1. Discuss -DC/15/1766/OUT West Suffolk Standby Electricity Generator Facility Rowley Hill Haverhill Suffolk.
- 6.2. Discuss – 16/01665/OUT land west of Finchingfield Road Steeple Bumpstead resubmission, outline planning for 65 residential dwellings, and SUD’s comments re: flooding
- 6.3. Discuss – Appeal by Gladstone for 95 dwellings APP/Z1510/W/16/3157939 – land west of Finchingfield Road Steeple Bumpstead

## 7. Finance

- 7.1. Report - Annual Return/Audit PKF Littlejohn e.mailed copies x 3 circulated 29/9/16
- 7.2. Statement of accounts 20 September 2016 to 1 November 2016 (Acting Clerk/Acting RFO)
- 7.3. To approve outstanding invoices:-

Solagen 05/10/16	2 x batteries Call out charge Labour	655.92
S. Pledger 20/09/16	Grass/hedge cutting up to Pope Mill bridge	140.00
EALC 21/09/16	re:- D. Garrod Chairman’s Day 1	75.00
Sturmer Village Hall Charity 01/10/16	Hire hall Jun- Sept	44.00
EALC 24/10/16	re:- D. Garrod Chairman’s Day 2	75.00
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- 7.4. Discuss purchase of wreath for Remembrance Sunday
- 7.5 Discuss – Parish Precept 2017/18 – proposed budgets circulated at meeting 20 September 2016. 1) clerks salary at SCP15 2) clerks salary at SCP 25 (Cllrs. Carter and Porth)

## 8. Transparency Code

- 8.1. Update – photographs for website (Cll. Carter)

**9. Revised Register of Electors**

Application form - email 25/10/16 Thelma Loo BDC

**10. Proposed Parish Precept Referendum re: capping**

Note – Objections made to to Department for Communities and Local Government

**11. Group Meeting Parish Councils**

Helions Bumpstead, Wednesday 9 November 8:00pm

Decision – Cllrs. to attend.

**12. Result of election for District Councillor 20/10/16**

Cllr. Garrod to provide information regarding election of District Councillor 20/10/16

**13. Update Sturmer Flood Action Group**

Discuss - e.mail circulated 25/10/16

Discuss – holding of monies for Sturmer Local Flood Group – e.mail 26/10/16 Discuss – Water Lane Culver and track project – e.mail 26/10/16

**14. Appointment of Parish Clerk and R.F.O.**

14.1. Applicant – Tracey Wigmore e.mail 20/10/16 declined position.

14.2. Applicant – Patricia Hearn has been contacted re: consultation.

**15. Co-option. To consider co-option of candidate to fill vacant councillor position.**

Mrs. E. Naylor

Mrs. G. E. Porth

**16. Public Open Forum – 15 minutes**

Report from Sturmer Village Hall Charity re: internet connection to village hall (Mrs. G. E. Porth Secretary/Treasurer Sturmer Village Hall Charity)

**17. To note any requests for future agenda items from Members**

**18. Future Meetings**

Tuesday 13 December 2016, Sturmer Village Hall, 7:30pm.