

Present:

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd August 2016 Sturmer Village Hall 7:30pm.

Cllrs. David Porth (Chair), Barbara Collar (Vice-Chair), Alan Carter, Diana Garrod, Kate McCleod-Jones. Acting clerk Jo Porth.

Sturmer Parishioners, Les Scott, Ian Hirst.

Sturmer Parish Council

1. Apologies.

None, all councillors present.

Absent

District Councillor, Robert Bolton.

2. Minutes of meeting 28th June 2016.

Signed as correct.

3. Declaration of interest matter personal and prejudicial relating to agenda items.

Any matters to be declared before discussing agenda items.

4. Matters arising.

- (a) A.1017, Hill Lane, Water Lane, Coupals Road, Section 106 agreement for village lay-by.

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Cambridge city are currently consulting over changes to the A.1307 and the continuing road A.1017. This matter was discussed at the recent Haverhill Town Council Forum, next meeting of the forum will be 12th September 2016.

Vice-Chair contacted Jo Beavis, District Councillor for the Hedinghams, suggesting a joint consultation about the A.1017 between all the villages along the road.

Work on replacing and moving the electric cable at the Water Lane bridge will begin shortly. Lay-by Riverside Bungalows no date as yet for the start of work, believed to be in the third sector of the year.

A.1017/Hill Lane splay no mention in the latest information from the Braintree District Local Highways Panel. Had been listed previously for discussion in 2016/17 budget. Vice- Chair to contact Matt Valentine.

- (b) Footpaths, play area, and Sturmer Common.
Chair had written to Helen Burns stating conditions for using the common over the August Bank Holiday weekend and will liaise with her. Chair to contact Golf Club re: cutting of common.
Amenity walk has be cut to Pope Mill Bridge.
Incursion onto amenity walk from house in Crunch Croft resolved, 'bridge' has been removed, and fence replaced.
- BDC employee seen emptying bin at play area, stated it was done weekly, Cllr. Carter to investigate. Bin at play area requires replacing. Approval to purchase purpose-made bin given, Chair to review.
- (c) Flood Action Group update. Report on survey drainage Water Lane.
- Laser survey carried out reported that original plan would not alleviate flooding in Water Lane. Group to prepare a revised plan.
- Mud and water from Spinning Wheel site, the danger of silt filling gullies has been addressed by Radford Group, developers of the site.
- Electric Cable Water Lane bridge see item 4 (a).
- Cllr. Carter reported that a second tree was lying across Stour Brook and creating a dam.
- (d) Transparency Code
This matter will be address with the appointment of a Parish Clerk.
- (e) Solagen and other estimates for new signs and ongoing maintenance and Speedwatch.
Vice-Chair reported that a Solagen representatives together with two engineers will visit Sturmer shortly to explain a new system, TCX, a new information downloading system and to ascertain the status of batteries in flashing speed signs. Vice-Chair is waiting for dates of visit.
Speedwatch equipment used at Abington would not be suitable for

use at Sturmer.

- (f) Appointment of new Parish Clerk.
The acting clerk had placed the advertisement with E.A.L.C., Job Centre, Haverhill and informed existing clerks from Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.
Received today an application and extensive cv from Tracy Wigmore, clerk to Great Yeldham, Essex, Parish Council.
It was decided to email Tracy Wigmore offering an interview in the Pat Allison Suite, Sturmer Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th August 2016 at 7:30pm.

5. Finance

Cheques written since the last meeting

S. Pledger grass cutting play area £40

Sturmer Village Hall Charity hire March – June 2016 £46

Cheque written at meeting - S. Pledger grass cutting to Pope Mill bridge.
£100

Total income Business Bank Instant Account June & July interest £0.63p

Balances Treasurer's Account £9,790.30 not verified by bank statement

Business Bank Instant Account £7,658.58 verified by bank statements

Total payments £360.80

7. Planning

a) St. Francis, Bumpstead Road 16/00744/FUL replacement garage. **Comment made - Neutral**

b) Red Lion 16/01184/FUL retention of semi-permanent shelter. **Comment to be made - Neutral**

c) Challices Farmhouse 16/01213/LBC replacement windows. **Comment made - Neutral**

d) Old Rectory 16/001181/FUL double garage and store. **Comment made - Neutral**

f) Travelodge formerly Days Inn 16/01219/ADV internally illuminated signs. **Comment made- Neutral**

g) Draft Local Plan Braintree Vice-Chair had attended the Display at Braintree Town Hall.

8. Matters for information.

- 8.1. Chair reported Emma Black, Stour Valley and Dedham Vale Project, had contacted regarding scattered orchard project. Chair had recorded an interest in the project and is awaiting a date for site meeting.
- 8.2. Cllr Mcleod-Jones had received complaints of fly tipping in Hill Lane and had reported the matter to Braintree District Council.
- 8.3. Cllr Garrod spoke of the road accident to the top of Rowley Hill on the south side before the roundabout, one vehicle was involved and an electrical control box has been damaged and taped up.
- 8.4. Cllr Carter reported that the rubber matting of the play equipment had been cleaned.

9. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesday 20th September 2016 Tuesday, 1st November 2016 Tuesday, 13th December 2016 Sturmer Village Hall 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:05pm