



- 5.6. Report Vehicle Activated Signs  
Cllr.. Porth advised application is still with the Highways Dept for two additional signs. Dependent on received a 7 day speedcheck – now done – average speed 35.4 mph. Discussed with Matt Valentine of Highways who thought two signs would be “overkill”. Will not be done in this financial round.

Action deferred until next financial year.

## 6. Open Spaces

- 6.1. Report re: letter to police regarding drugs and activity at Pocket Park.  
Cllr.. Carter has spoken with Paul Cooper of Haverhill Police who was on circuit, he has advised will “keep an eye out” and that he will contact Braintree Police. Paul also suggested contacting the neighbourhood police officer for Sturmer.

**Action: Cllr. Garrod to investigate who the neighbourhood police officer for Sturmer is and advise accordingly.**

- 6.2. Report re: letter to Environment Agency re: gate Pocket Park  
Cllr. Carter advised a reply has been received from Sean Nersworthy of the Environment Agency. Agreed to leave gate open and put cone in front.
- 6.3. For information: fruit tree pruning course 28/01/2017  
Cllr.. Carter no longer able to attend – no Councillors will now attend.
- 6.4. Report re: hedge opposite Red Lion  
Cllr.. Porth and Cllr. Carter reported that they had investigated on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Rear of hedge needs to be levelled off in 2016/17 as covers sign. Bottom hedge requires pruning – start has been made, will revisit December 2016.
- 6.5. Report clearance tree/shrub growth amenity walk, clearance growth Village Sign  
Cllr.. Porth and Cllr. Carter reported they had removed a dead Elm tree as was overhanging and dangerous. Also cut back Mrs Draper’s Blackthorn tree and the gardener of another resident had cut away some brambles.  
With regard to the Village Sign Cllr.. Carter circulated a plan which included painting the concrete plinth of the sign *forest green* and planting some climbing plants. His suggestions received unanimous approval from the council.
- 6.6. Information – Scattered Orchard Project, trees to be delivered to Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project 23 January 2017 then delivered to Cllr. Carter.

## 7. Report:- Sturmer Local Flood Action Group Update

Report from Linda Bevan received.

## 8. Planning

- 8.1. **16/01479/FUL** DESCRIPTION : Erection of steel frame polytunnel with translucent PVC fabricated cover LOCATION : Sturmer Nurseries Church Walk Sturmer Essex CB9 7XD  
**Approved.** Letter circulated email 04/11/2016
- 8.2. **16/01897/FUL** | Erection of two storey side extension | 4 Rowley Court Sturmer Essex CB9 7XY  
Accommodation for disabled daughter. Application circulated email 28/11/2016  
Comments by 7 December 2016.  
**Report: discussed at meeting of 7 December 2016 – comments were submitted**
- 8.3. **APP/Z1510/W/16/3157939** Report response: Appeal by Gladman Developments Ltd, land west of Finchingfield Road Steeple Bumpstead re: SUDS
- 8.4. Land at Crunch Croft re: Pegasus Group meeting with Sturmer Parish Council. email circulated 05/12/2016  
**Action: Cllr.. Garrod has spoken with Pegasus who may wish to make a presentation**

## 9. Finance

- 9.1. Statement of Accounts 01/11/2016 to 13/12/2016

Treasurers Account	00112616	Balance in hand	£6,334.75
Business Bank Instant Account	07172886	Balance in hand	£7,659.85

### 9.2 Payments approved:-

EALC	Book: Local Councils Explained £30 + £5 p&p	chq 748	£35.00
EALC	Book: Good Councillor Guide	chq 748	£ 3.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath: donation	chq 749	£30.00
Haverhill Golf Club	Maintenance of Common	chq 750	£360.00

### Additional Payment approved:-

Agreed at meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December cost of new computer equipment for Clerk £676.68 reimbursed to Cllr.. Garrod – chq 751.

### 9.3. Received:-

Eastern Power Networks re: AWA Gauging Station	£ 3.45
To hold for Sturmer Local Flood Group	£350.00

- 9.4. Report: received bank mandate re Cllr. Carter

- 9.5. To approve Cllr. Naylor to be placed on bank mandate

**Report: Acting Clerk advised awaiting receipt of mandate from Lloyds Bank to be completed. Clerk to include request for update in Agenda for January Meeting.**

- 9.6. Received letter from Lloyds Bank requesting completion of bank mandate forms re:  
Cllr. Porth      Cllr. Collar  
Cllr. Peggy Mcghee died May 1998  
Cllr. Roger Chinery resigned 01/09/1997  
Cllr. George Turner did not stand for election May 1999.

- 9.7. To discuss budget 2017/18 re: precept 2017/18  
Discussion regarding reasons behind increase in budget due to new clerk's salary.  
**Vote: 5 in favour of approving budget**  
**Cllr. Porth abstained from the vote**  
**Precept to be discussed further.**
10. **Correspondence**  
As circulated + Suffolk Accident Rescue Fund appeal donation.  
Solagen Christmas Card
11. **Transparency Code**
- 11.1. Discuss implementation.  
**Action: Cllr. Garrod to arrange meeting with Essex.net. re. website for the clerk, herself and Cllr. Naylor.**
- Asset Register: Cllr. Garrod requested details of Assets including Amenity Walk and the Common. Cllr. Porth was reluctant to reveal information about the common due to fear of travellers setting up on the site. He advised he has various old maps including village sewers, Land Registry Forms and historical documentation passed from former Chairman.
- Action: Agreed Cllr. Porth to collate documentation and supply for Council to view and discuss at January meeting.**
- 11.2. Discuss application second round of funding.  
**Action: To be added to Agenda at January meeting.**
12. **Network Meeting Parish Councils**
- 12.1. **Report : Cllr. Porth, Cllr. Carter and Cllr. Naylor made a report to Council.**
13. **Suffolk County Council – Minerals and Waste Local plan**  
**Report: Cllr. Porth provided a report (attached hereto)**
14. **Haverhill Local Forum 05/12/2016**  
Report: Topic A1307.  
Cllr. Carter, Cllr. Porth and Cllr. Naylor attended a proposal from Paul Donno regarding a new dual carriageway. Nothing is imminent and research is being undertaken.
15. **Wi-Fi connection**  
Agreed no Wi-Fi connection will be sought for the Village Hall.
16. **Society of Local Council Clerks**  
**Discuss:** proposal to purchase a subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) at an annual subscription cost of £67 plus £5 joining fee.  
**Agreed by unanimous vote**

**17. Public Open Forum**

One parishioner attended who thanked the Council for their clearing of the gullies.

**18. To note requests for future agenda items from members.**

**19. Future Meetings.**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2017

28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

*D Garrod.*

*24<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

**The meeting closed at 9:17 pm**