

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – VIDEO CONFERENCING MINUTES
STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **MEETING** of **STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held via **VIDEO-CONFERENCE CALL** on **MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2020** at **11:30AM**

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

0 Members of the public

20/101 NOTE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None offered

20/102 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR DECEMBER EGM

None declared

20/103 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

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)

No members of the public present

20/104 AGREE RESPONSE FOR WEST SUFFOLK LOCAL PLAN

West Suffolk Local Plan when initially issued contained some outline maps, originally the site under discussion on this agenda was excluded from the Local Plan, however, the revised plans show this site now included. A notice produced and issued by Cllr Garrod outlined these plans, noted the consultation on the West Suffolk Local Plan closes on 22/12/2020.

20/105 DISCUSS CATESBY ESTATE'S PROMOTION OF POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DECIDE IF ANY ACTION IS REQUIRED

Cllr Carter – objects to volume of houses on the promoted site when added to the existing permissions granted, lack of available work-space for additional commercial development; additional flood risk to Sturmer.

Cllr Collar – Objects to the volume of houses and surrounding density of existing and granted development permissions, lack of infrastructure,

Cllr Choat – Objects to the sites proposed proximity to the Sturmer boundary, raised the question as to which county would benefit from the council tax revenue due to county boundary? Potential for Essex County Council to reconsider developments.

Cllr Porth – Objects, potential to require another by-pass due to this proposal straddling the existing by-pass.

Green wedge designation was not sustainable according to BDC, suggested PC seek designating green-field site or green wedge surrounding the parish.

Cllr Garrod – read prepared statement, see APPENDIX A – The paragraph below explains how to comment/object to the West Suffolk Local Plan proposals:-

Responses to the West Suffolk Local Plan proposals to be sent to the following email address plus the text shown for the Subject.

Planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk – West Suffolk local plan response WS097(land south of Haverhill)

Include your Name and Address in the opening text of your email plus the fact you wish for this site to be removed from the Local Plan, followed by the reason for your objection(s).

Cllr Choat queried location of Burial Mound, Schedule Monument (Bowl Barrow), its protection and its proximity to the local plan development boundary which is across the by-pass.

Cllr Collar indicated this is yet another example of a speculative developer's proposal.

Unanimous agreement to object to the potential development.

20/106	AGREE ACTION FOR HILL LANE FLOODING AND DAMAGE Recent extensive flooding, highways drains not flowing/draining. Issue reported to Highways. Observation drains seemingly higher than water level thus surface water not draining. ACTION - Cllr Carter and Cllr Choat to visit the site and photograph the location/problem.
20/107	PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION TO PREPARE FOR BUDGET DECISIONS IN JANUARY Proposal to maintain Precept at 9.5%, to be finally approved at the January meeting.
20/108	AGREE REQUEST FOR ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TO UPGRADE THEIR LAMPS TO LED Essex County Council updating all street-lights across the county, Cllr Garrod urged ECC to ensure Sturmer is a priority for this upgrade. Lamp asset listing/locations to be submitted to ECC for confirmation, Cllr Porth to provide that listing for the CLERK to ACTION
20/109	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 January 2021 – CLOSE – 12:23pm

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