

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the MEETING of STURMER PARISH COUNCIL held at STURMER VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 02 JULY 2019 at 7:30 PM

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

Members of the public

19/20	NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apology received from Cllr Mcleod-Jones
19/21	DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR JULY MEETING None declared
19/22	APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AT STURMER VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019 RESOLUTION - Minutes adopted as true record, Proposed Cllr Collar, Seconded Cllr Porth
19/23	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION <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> No matters raised
19/24	RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT & NOTE CORRESPONDENCE ECC REUSE - campaign launched, encouraging the recycling of goods that are not ready for discarding via free online websites such as Freecycle and Freecycle, there are others OPEN SPACES SOCIETY – Invitation to their AGM in London, 11 July UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX – Letter to the Chairman RCCE – Oyster magazine circulated to members BDC CORPORATE STRATEGY – Public survey launched inviting comments/suggestions to help shape their priorities for the period 2020-2024, more details and access to survey via the BDC website EALC BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY INVITATION – An annual event whereby you can nominate an existing or retired Chairman or Mayor for selection to join the Garden Party event, details from the Clerk or via the Essex Association of Local Councils EALC STRATEGIC PLAN – Request for input to assist the shaping of their Strategic Plan ANONYMOUS LETTER – Council received an anonymous letter regarding the parlous condition of FP21 and the fact that numerous requests from 2018 requesting Highways attend to the footpath with some urgency have seemingly been ignored – The council is aware of this matter and is seeking urgent action to reinstate the path. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Appendix B
19/25	FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION – Approve payments, Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Collar – Appointed authoriser – Cllr Carter. Finance Statements at APPENDIX A
19/26	AGREE ADOPTION OF GRANT AWARD POLICY AND APPLICATION PROCESS RESOLUTION – Approve adoption, Proposed Cllr Porth, Seconded Cllr Collar – Actual timetable for receipt of Applications, month of Consideration and month of Award to be agreed Current Grant recipients to be notified of the process, notice to be placed in parish newsletter

19/27	<p>REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS</p> <p>19/00962/HHP Proposed single storey rear extension and roof dormer - revised scheme to approval - The Spinney, Hill Lane, Sturmer - Annexe At, 8 Abbotts Cottages, The Street – Extension to form a 3 bedroom dwelling.</p> <p>NO OBJECTION – CLERK to ACTION</p>
19/28	<p>RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:</p> <p>a) Footpaths An anonymous letter addressed to members highlighted serious concerns over the condition of FP21, this matter has been pursued by the council and will continue to seek reinstatement of the footpath</p> <p>19/28 a) [i] RESPOND TO HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE TO IDENTIFY FOOTPATHS IN URGENT NEED OF ATTENTION Cllrs Carter, Porth and *Choat to review footways to identify locations for submission</p> <p>b) Flood Action Group SFAG commented on the change of land to garden at Jacksons Barns - 19/00586/FUL - saying we had no objection as it would not affect flooding but that we hoped it would not set a precedent for residential use on the adjoining field which would need SUDs if this did occur.</p> <p>We also sent comments on an EA consultation on flooding strategy.</p> <p>c) Play Area 19/28 c) [ii] AGREE REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE ROSPA PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT Consideration given to solutions to remedy the adverse surface conditions caused by leaf fall and wet conditions, Cllr Porth to seek pricing options</p> <p>d) Speedwatch No report</p>
19/29	<p>AGREE RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO JOIN SALT PARTNERSHIP SCHEME FOR 2019-20 Due to lack of suitable storage council will not join the scheme for 2019-20, recognised salt storage boxes at Hill Lane and Crunch Croft need filling – CLERK to ENQUIRE</p>
19/30	<p>APPROVE BYWAYS WORDING FOR AMENTIY WALK AND WHETHER SIGNAGE IS REQUIRED Wording suggestions to be circulated to members, final choice to be displayed on the website</p>
19/31	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON WOODLANDS SITE AND PROPOSALS SURROUNDING LAND SWAP FOR AREA VG52 No further correspondence received to date, Cllr Garrod to follow up</p>
19/32	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLLR COLLAR & CLLR MCLEOD-JONES ON GRANT FUNDING FOR WAR MEMORIAL Cllr Collar confirmed awaiting confirmation of the future of the War Memorial, including its siting</p>
19/33	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CLERK ON THE RESPONSE TO THE VACANCY CO-OPTION NOTICE *This item brought forward to 19/24 enabling the candidate to present their reasons for joining the council, allow members to consider applicant and invite Mr Choat to complete the formalities and immediately join the council</p>
19/34	<p>AGREE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE “GROUNDWORKS” PLAY AREA GRANT AWARD FUNDING Suggested S106 monies be added to the existing grant funds to make up the shortfall to allow the purchase to proceed, Cllr Porth to update pricing for swing unit and safety matting</p>
19/35	<p>AGREE WHETHER TO PURSUE PART OR FULL TRANSITION TO LED STREET LIGHTING VIA GRANT FUNDING AONB part grant funding is available, council agreed to seek additional funding from such as the Lottery</p>
19/36	<p>ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA</p>

	Nothing to report
19/37	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 6th AUGUST – CLOSE – 8:52pm

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

APPENDIX A

Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement JUNE / JULY 2019										
Expenditure										
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	BACS	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
03-Jun	Haven Power	Electricity	7960/7961	DD	40527300	46.58	2.22	44.36	Parish	6
17-Jun	A&J Lighting	Annualised maintenance	33054	DD	40527300	27.00	4.50	22.50	Parish	6
26-Jun	Haven Power	Electricity	2837/2840	DD	40527300	48.04	2.29	45.75	Parish	6
28-Jun	Employee	Salary	PAYE	SO	40527300	404.73	0.00	404.73	Parish	4
03-Jul-19	SA Pledger	Grass Cutting	31-May-19	BACS	40527300	130.00	0.00	130.00	Parish	6
03-Jul-19	Employee	Expenses	N/A	BACS	40527300	16.20	0.00	16.20	Parish	4
29-Jul-19	Employee	Salary	PAYE	SO	40527300	404.73	0.00	404.73	Parish	4
20-May-19	Playsafety Ltd	Safety inspection	41763	BACS	40527300	82.20	13.70	68.50	Parish	6
TOTAL						£1,159.48	£22.71	£1,136.77		
Income										
DATE	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	REMITTANCE	Cq No	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
15-May-19	HMRC	VAT	BGC	BGC	40527300	119.05	0.00	119.05	Parish	3
28-May-19	BDC	Street Cleaning	N/A	BGC	40527300	74.77	0.00	74.77	Parish	3
TOTAL						£193.82		£193.82		
Accounts		Balance								
Parish	40527300	£15,428.57		Signed _____ Date _____						
	Proposed	£14,877.64								
				Minute Item _____						

APPENDIX B

District Councillor's Report 02nd July 2019 to Sturmer Parish Council (Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward)

Steeple Bumpstead Surgery Update as at 01.07.19

I attended a meeting in Steeple Bumpstead on 10th June. The GP surgery in Steeple Bumpstead is a relatively small practice and is struggling to provide consistent General Practice services, due mainly to staffing issues. This has resulted in a poor rating by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Provide (who run the service) and West Essex CCG (who commission the service) are taking action to redress the situation. It has to be stressed that patient safety has not been compromised and is being closely monitored.

I attended a further meeting on 1st July. Whilst Provide still hold the contract, Uttlesford Health started at the surgery on 17th June and all is going well. The CCG are currently in discussion with interested parties, which sounds quite positive but it is very early days. A further meeting is scheduled for early August.

Fly-Tipping

Braintree District Council was successful in taking legal action against Sarah Dunbar, age 33 from Witham for the failure in duty of care of her waste, paying an unknown person to take waste from her property.



This waste was then found fly tipped in a lay-by between Coggeshall and Feering. Ms Dunbar was given adequate time to provide details of this person, but failed to do so. This case was heard in the Colchester Magistrates Court on Thursday 6th June 2019. Ms Dunbar pleaded not guilty to the offence, however after obtaining legal advice, changed her plea to guilty. Ms Dunbar was fined, had to pay a victim surcharge and pay costs to Braintree District Council - a total of £758.

UK's first 'Electric Forecourt' coming to Braintree

GRIDSERVE Sustainable Energy Limited, has announced that it plans to create the UK's first solar-powered electric vehicle charging forecourt next to the Horizon 120, Business & Innovation Park.

Braintree Electric Forecourt® will be 1 of more than 100 sites across the UK which will deliver convenient, ultra-fast and low cost charging for all types of electric vehicles. The forecourt will have dedicated zones for private and fleet vehicles, such as taxis, buses, vans and lorries, and will offer sub 30-minute charging times. It will also feature a range of facilities including a coffee shop, convenience store and airport style lounge with high speed internet, which will also serve as an education centre and hub to explore a broad range of EV solutions.

This forecourt will be located adjacent to Horizon 120 and will complement the other modern-day amenities planned - such as best in class fibre-optic connectivity, Wi-Fi hotspots and state-of-the-art, environmentally-friendly and flexible accommodation.