

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **MEETING** of **STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 03 DECEMBER 2019** at **7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Garrod Cllr Porth Cllr Collar Cllr Carter

Members of the public

19/86	NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apology noted from Cllr Choat Noted Cllr Mcleod-Jones has tendered her resignation
19/87	DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR DECEMBER MEETING None reported
19/88	APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AT STURMER VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2019 RESOLUTION - Minutes adopted as true record, Proposed Cllr Porth, Seconded Cllr Carter
19/89	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> A vote of thanks was raised in recognition of the effort invested by the council members
19/90	DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS REPORT(S) Full report APPENDIX A
19/91	RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT & NOTE CORRESPONDENCE various email correspondence forwarded to members PENSION REGULATOR – Updated entry on HMRC system for another year WE DO SIGNS Invoice – Parochial Church Council not PC OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN – Update due 20 January – one item submitted for inclusion BDC – Details circulated on initiative to combat loneliness and engender community cohesion
19/92	FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION – Approve payments, Proposed Cllr Collar, Seconded Cllr Porth – Appointed authoriser – Cllr Carter. Finance Statement at APPENDIX B 19/92(i) AUTHORISE CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENTS DURING DECEMBER RESOLUTION – Approve authorisation, Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Porth 19/92(ii) AGREE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR YEAR 2020-2021 Budget proposed at £9,332 19/92(iii) CONFIRM PRECEPT REQUEST FOR YEAR 2020-2021 RESOLUTION – Approve Precept request at £9,332, Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Porth
19/93	AGREE REVISED GRANT AWARD POLICY WORDING TO HELP INVITE FULL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE RESOLUTION – Approve revision, Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Porth
19/94	REVIEW FUNDING OPTIONS (CLLR COLLAR) AND CONFIRM ACTION, IF ANY, REFERENCE LAMP 9009 RENEWAL AT ABBOTS COTTAGE Defer to January (LED option £299, Reconditioned existing £199, both plus £65 installation)

19/95	REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APEALS None requiring statutory comment
19/96	RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: a) Footpaths – No report b) Flood Action Group – Full report APPENDIX C ; building works noted adjacent to local reservoir, suggested West Suffolk be prompted to monitor works and possible impact on water body c) Play Area – Awaiting toddler swing installation, suggested meeting with Trustees of Sturmer Eleemosynary Charity to discuss funding for DDA swing installation d) Speedwatch – No report
19/97	OPEN DISCUSSION REFERENCE VE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020 Council agreed to not organise a specific event
19/98	AGREE PARTICIPATION IN 2020 DISTRICT WIDE LITTER PICK, APPOINT CO-ORDINATOR Suggested members seek input from other groups in the parish
19/99	APPOINT TREE SURGEON, WORKS AT PARK & AMENITY WALK, QUOTES CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS RESOLUTION – Approve appointment of Contractor quoting £600 with request to quote for additional works to remove/grind tree stump, Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Porth CLERK to ACTION
19/100	AGREE ACTION RE OVER-HANGING HEDGE AT WOODLANDS COTTAGE ENCROACHING ON THE HIGHWAY Previously reported to Highways, CLERK to write to householder
19/101	AGREE ACTION RE DAMAGED “STURMER” SIGN IN WATER LANE Cllr Porth advised reported to Highways under Reference 2641153
19/102	AGREE ACTION RE INACTIVE 30MPH & SLOW DOWN VAS SIGN ON ROWLEY HILL Now working, suggested overhanging vegetation may be partially, intermittently blocking sunlight to the solar panel charging the batteries
19/103	RECEIVE UPDATE ON WOODLANDS SITE AND PROPOSALS SURROUNDING LAND SWAP FOR AREA VG52 No update, CLERK to contact West Suffolk for input
19/104	CONFIRM DATES FOR PC MEETINGS FOR JANUARY TO APRIL 2020 See APPENDIX D
19/105	CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM HOME START & DEDHAM VALE AONB/STOUR VALLEY PROJECT Agreed no funding awards would be forthcoming at this time
19/106	ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA Casual vacancy as a result of Cllr Mcleod-Jones resignation
19/107	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE CONFIRMED - 21 January 2020 – CLOSE – 9:20pm

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

APPENDIX A

District Councillor's Report 3rd December 2019 to Sturmer Parish Council

Free Digital Training

Learn social media marketing, advertising and CV writing! BDC has a Google Digital Garage Event coming up on Tuesday 17th December 10-2 at Colchester Institute Braintree Campus. Register now free here; <http://bit.ly/2qoCrrY>

Live Well in Essex

Fed up with your own company? Why not attend [@MeetUpMondays](#) (Wednesdays actually) at the Bells Inn in [#CastleHedingham](#) tomorrow lunchtime over a cuppa. Kylie or Penny will be there to welcome you!

More [#MeetupMondays](#) [#Essex](#) <http://bit.ly/2lnpX1k> [#unitedinkind](#) [@BraintreeDC](#)

North Essex Parking Partnership

NEPP Parking [@nepp_parking](#)

Christmas shopping taking longer than expected? Extend your stay using the [#free](#) MiPermit app and it will work out the best value tariff for your whole stay. [#mipermit](#) [@BraintreeDC](#) [@HarlowCouncil](#) [@UttlesfordDC](#) [@yourcolchester](#) <https://www.parkingpartnership.org>

There will be another famous Christmas Street Market in Braintree this Saturday 7th December, with all of your favourite stalls, including roast dinner yorkshire wraps, pizza, bath bombs, gifts & more!

Recycle Wrapping Paper

Remember, not all wrapping paper is recyclable! Find out which Christmas packaging items can and can't be recycled in BDC's handy video, and try to stick with the recyclable options when doing your shopping. <https://bit.ly/2S71p7G> [#christmasrecycling](#) [#recycling](#) [#recycle](#)

The general rules are: If you can hear it scrunch, it can be recycled. If it's glittery, it can't be recycled. Ribbons and bows can't be recycled.

Clare's Law – The Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme

Clare's Law allows the police to disclose information on request about a partner's previous history of domestic violence or violent acts. <http://bit.ly/2oJ0Nf5> [#16DaysOfAction](#) [#signthepledge](#)

An estimated 160,000 children in England are currently living in households where domestic abuse is taking place. [#16DaysOfAction](#) [#signthepledge](#) https://youtu.be/FbuW91_z7HE

Sleeping Rough – Street Link

With the cold weather at the moment, be sure to report anyone you see sleeping rough via [@Tell_StreetLink](#) so a member of BDC's outreach team can help them. www.streetlink.org.uk

Cllr. Diana Garrod

District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward

APPENDIX B

Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement NOVEMBER 2019										
Expenditure										
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	BACS	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
08-Nov-19	ICO	Subscription	ZA278582	DD	CURRENT	35.00	0.00	35.00	Admin	6
15-Nov-19	Haven Power	Electricity	1445/1447	DD	CURRENT	48.04	2.29	45.72	Electricity	6
15-Nov-19	A&J Lighting	Annualised maintenance	33495	DD	CURRENT	27.00	4.50	22.50	Lighting	6
28-Nov-19	Employee	Salary	PAYE	SO	CURRENT	404.73		404.73	Clerk	4
TOTAL						£514.77	£6.79	£507.95		
Income										
DATE	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	REMITTANCE	Cq No	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
05-Nov-19	UKPN	Wayleave	W000001	Cq	Current	3.45		3.45	Income	3
TOTAL						£3.45		£3.45		
Accounts		Balance								
Parish	40527300	£18,159.80		Signed _____		Date _____				
				Minute Item _____						

APPENDIX C

Sturmer Flood Action Group

Here is the update for the meeting next week.

Highways Gullies were cleared on the A1017 and in Water Lane on 5 and 6 November and marked green and blue this year.

We commented on a consultation on surface water drainage asking for more publicity for the role of the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority and saying that the asset register for drainage will not be useful if SUDs are not installed in accordance with planning permissions as is now being reported.

We received a reply from West Suffolk concerning the reputation of Redrow for not installing SUDs and have been assured this will be monitored by Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk. Sadly, as usual they tell us to contact Essex if we experience any problems with the Great Wilsey development (by Redrow and in their area).

Linda Bevan
Sturmer Flood Action Group

APPENDIX D

Full Council Meeting Dates 2020

21 January 10 March 30 April (Annual Parish Assembly) 12 May (Annual Council Meeting -AGM)

07 July 01 September 20 October 01 December