

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING** of **STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019 at 7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Garrod Cllr Porth Cllr Collar Cllr Carter Cllr Taylor Cllr Mcleod Jones

18/110	NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None
18/111	DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR DECEMBER MEETING Cllr Carter – Item 18/98 - Finance
18/112	APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AT STURMER VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 04 DECEMBER 2018 RESOLUTION Minutes adopted as true record Proposed Cllr Collar, Seconded Cllr Mcleod-Jones
18/113	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> None present
18/114	RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT & NOTE CORRESPONDENCE CORRESPONDENCE – BHIB, preparing for Winter guidance flyer. LLOYDS BANK – Account confirmed closed, balance transferred to Barclays account. EON – Deemed rates increasing 21 January – CLERK to enquire whether the parish can join the County price/billing agreement and what rates other parishes are paying. BDC OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY CALLS PROCEDURE – Request to update the parish emergency plan to contain the District procedure – CLERK to ACTION. ELECTION BRIEFING – Recommendation from Election Manager to hold Annual Parish Assembly outside Purdah period if practicable. Remaining matters to be covered by Agenda items
18/115	FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION – Approve payments, Proposed Cllr Porth, Seconded Cllr Collar – Appointed authoriser – Cllr Carter. December and January Finance Statement at APPENDIX A
18/116	CONFIRM PRECEPT REQUEST AND SIGN 2019-2020 PRECEPT REQUEST FORM Duly signed by Chairman and Clerk – CLERK to ACTION
18/117	REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS 17/02234/OUT – Planning Inspectorate Ref. APP/Z1510/W/18/3211429 - The Old Orchard Paddock Rowley Hill Sturmer Essex Description of Development: Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved, bar access, for 16 dwellings. Cllrs to submit personal comments
18/118	RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: a) Footpaths FPs 4&5 – Fingerposts still missing, weed killer applied during wet period not clearly identified footpath route 18/118(i) UPDATE ON MISSING FP SIGN NEAR PEAR TREE LANE Awaiting inspection by Highways

	<p>Cllr Mcleod-Jones to meet with Cllr Garrod to discuss these matters.</p> <p>b) Flood Action Group Gulley cleansing and emptying completed, action should help alleviate potential flooding risk; full report at APPENDIX D</p> <p>c) Play Area Area at gateway entrance levelled; guard surrounding Memorial Tree missing</p> <p>d) Speedwatch Currently dormant pending recommencement in a month or two</p>
18/119	<p>RECEIVE DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS Dist Cllr Garrod report at APPENDIX B</p>
18/120	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION(S) No response to date from Tesco</p> <p>18/120(i) CONSIDER REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM DEDHAM VALE AONB RESOLUTION – Reject request for funding – Proposed Cllr Porth, Seconded Cllr Carter; unanimous agreement. CLERK to advise organisation</p>
18/121	<p>CONSIDER SITES FOR ADDITIONAL TREES Recommended 2 x Trees be placed adjacent to the flume on the railway walk and at least two Trees be sited along Bridleway No 21. Cllr Porth is to liaise with the project provider</p>
18/122	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON MISSING LAMP AT ABBOTTS COURT -REF 20356815 Damaged as a result of road traffic accident, electrics sealed and made safe; ECC property, pending replacement</p>
18/123	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT WOODLANDS SITE Response from the Open Spaces Society Case Officer suggests the possibility of one course of action that may help regularise the situation; council to request from Dukesmead written confirm of their proposals – CLERK to ACTION</p>
18/124	<p>CONSIDER ENTRIES FOR OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN 2019 Three proposals put forward for inclusion in the Plan (See APPENDIX C) – CLERK to ACTION</p>
18/125	<p>APPOINT WAR MEMORIAL WORKING GROUP AND RECEIVE UPDATE ON POTENTIAL RBL MEMORIAL FUNDING Appointments – Cllr Collar and Cllr Mcleod-Jones; Cllr Collar to apply to the War Memorial Trust for grant funding</p>
18/126	<p>ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA None at present</p>
18/127	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS – 05 MARCH / 09 APRIL (ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY) / 14 MAY (ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING) / 02 JULY / 06 AUGUST / 17 SEPTEMBER / 29 OCTOBER / 03 DECEMBER 2019 – CLOSE – 08:53pm</p>

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APPENDIX A

Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement December 2018

Expenditure

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	BACS	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
03-Dec-18	A&J Lighting	9001 Rowley Hill repair	32302	DD	40527300	101.40	16.90	84.50	Parish	6
05-Dec-18	Sturmer Village Hall	Hire	98	FPO	40527300	36.00	0.00	36.00	Parish	6
15-Dec-18	A&J Lighting	Monthly Maintenance	32376	DD	40527300	27.00	4.50	22.50	Parish	6
28-Dec-18	Employee	Salary	PAYE	FPO	40527300	341.00	0.00	341.00	Parish	4
05-Dec-18	Employee	Expenses	N/A	FPO	40527300	16.20	0.00	16.20	Parish	4
05-Dec-18	B Collar	Wreath	RBL	FPO	40527300	35.00	0.00	35.00	Parish	6
05/12/2018	OSS	Subscription	N/A	FPO	40527300	45.00	0.00	45.00	Parish	6

TOTAL £601.60 £21.40 £580.20

Income

DATE	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	REMITTANCE	Cq No	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
06-Dec-19	UKPN	Wayleave	100003	098484	40527300	3.45	0.00	3.45	Parish	3

TOTAL £3.45 £3.45

Accounts	Balance
Parish 40527300	£15,363.39

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Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement January 2019

Expenditure

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	BACS	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
15-Jan-19	A&J Lighting	Monthly Maintenance	32463	DD	40527300	27.00	4.50	22.50	Parish	6
22-Jan-19	Sturmer Village Hall	Hire	2	FPO	40527300	34.00	0.00	34.00	Parish	6
22-Jan-19	Haverhill Golf Club	Grass cutting	N/A	FPO	40527300	320.00	0.00	320.00	Parish	6
28-Jan-19	Employee	Salary	PAYE	FPO	40527300	341.00	0.00	341.00	Parish	4
28-Jan-19	Employee	Expenses	N/A	FPO	40527300	16.20	0.00	16.20	Parish	4
22-Jan-19	Farmpart Centres	Chainsaw chain	1318	FPO	40527300	17.99	3.00	14.99	Parish	6

TOTAL £756.19 £7.50 £748.69

Income

DATE	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	REMITTANCE	Cq No	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box

TOTAL £0.00 £0.00

Accounts	Balance
Parish 40527300	£15,304.84

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APPENDIX B

District Councillor's Report 22nd January 2019 to Sturmer Parish Council (Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward)

Please be aware of a Council Tax scam request ing bank details over the phone

A resident in the Braintree District has been contacted by telephone on 3rd January 2019 from someone claiming to be working with Braintree District Council. They requested bank details so they could refund an over payment of council tax.

THIS IS A SCAM and no-one from Braintree District Council would be telephoning customers in this manner. The Council would send a letter to the customer with a refund claim form.

We have also been alerted about another SCAM where people have been receiving calls from someone claiming to be from HMRC - again asking for bank details. Organisations should never ask you for your bank details over the phone so please be diligent and always ask them to send a letter.

Please share this message with residents.

Special Briefing with Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC)

I would like to notify the Parish Council that I will be attending a special briefing on 28th January with the PFCC and if there are any issues anyone would like me to raise, particularly on community safety, please contact me to discuss further.

Concerted effort by Essex council leaders to highlight housing issues

At the end of 2018, a letter signed by every Essex council leader highlighting concerns about families being re-housed from London into the county was sent to senior politicians in the capital. Agreed by the Essex Leaders and Chief Executives Group, the letter raises 11 issues which have been highlighted by housing officers across the county. Issues include a lack of communication between London authorities and Essex councils informing them of people being moved into the area, families being placed in inadequate housing, and the impact on local services.

It also warns of cases where families have been moved far away from support networks such as friends, family and jobs, meaning their situation can actually worsen.

The Essex Leaders and Chief Executives Group includes all 12 di strict and borough councils, Essex County Council, Southend and Thurrock unitary authorities and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. The letter, which has been sent to the Mayor of London and the leaders and directly elected mayors of each of the London Boroughs, also details some positive steps to resolve the concerns raised and also invites politicians on both sides of the county divide to work together to lobby government on related national issues.

Neil Stock OBE, Leader of Tendring District Council and chairman of the Essex Leaders and Chief Executives Group, said the actions of some of the London Boroughs had been despicable.

He said: "We understand why people want to come to Essex, which is a fantastic place in which to live, work and visit, and we don't want to stop people moving to the county. However, this needs to be in the right way and because people want to move here, not because they are being forced to or financially encouraged to by their London council as way of removing a problem.

"So far efforts by individual Essex councils to draw this to the attention of London Boroughs and the Mayor of London have largely been ignored, which is why as a group of leaders we have taken the decision to send this letter.

"We now hope that those in power in London sit up and take notice, and work constructively with us to resolve these issues."

Cllr Graham Butland, Leader of Braintree District Council, said: "We know the impact on Essex has been significant and together we support this move to highlight issues affecting the county. We've only had a small number of families placed in the Braintree District by London councils officially however we do know that London councils do not always make us aware even though they have a

requirement to do so.”

Council completes on new business and innovation park site

Braintree District Council has announced it has now completed the purchase of a 65 acre site in Great Notley which will be the location for a brand new business and innovation park called Horizon 120. The council’s vision for the park is to create a business community attractive to a number of sectors including professional services, research, digital and development sectors and advanced manufacturing. The site is of particular interest to companies working with Stansted Airport.

The project team continues to take calls from a whole host of prestigious names eager to be part of the new business and innovation park, which has the potential to create up to 2,000 jobs.

Cllr Tom Cunningham, Cabinet Member for Economic Development at Braintree District Council, said: “Horizon 120 will be the place to do business in the East of England. We are in a great strategic location. We’re close to Stansted Airport, close to the ports, close to Cambridge and London. We are already delighted by the level of interest in the site which has exceeded even the highest of our expectations.

“It’s attracting inward investment, businesses that need to expand can come to Braintree and they will be a great source of highly skilled jobs for our district’s residents. It’s important for us that residents who call the district their home do not have to commute outside the area for good jobs.

“Our vision for Horizon 120 is of a real business community where employees can have a drink, drop children off at childcare and enjoy a lunchtime run in the beautiful Great Notley Country Park. Horizon 120 will mean that residents have better access to skilled jobs in a great setting close to home.”

Businesses interested in being part of Horizon 120 can email Horizon120@braintree.gov.uk

Council Tax

At the Council meeting 10th December 2018 there were no changes proposed in respect of the local Council Tax support scheme, although it was proposed that the Council Tax Collection Fund surplus of £888,833 be distributed across the County. BDC would receive £113,625 of this surplus in 2019/20, with £21,040 of this amount to be allocated between the Town and Parish Councils. In relation to Council Tax, BDC retained approximately 9% of the £87 million collected and in anticipation of the referendum limit being confirmed by the Government at the current level, it was proposed that Council Tax be increased for 2019/20 by £5.22 from £174.51 to £179.33, 10p per week. It was likely that due to the lack of funding, increases in the level of Council Tax provided in the Finance Profile for 2019/20 to 2022/23 for planning purposes would be:

- 2019/20 – 2.99% providing a Band D level of £179.73;
- 2020/21 – 1.95% providing a Band D level of £183.24;
- 2021/22 – 1.96% providing a Band D level of £186.84;
- 2022/23 – 1.97% providing a Band D level of £190.53.

Proposed Development of New Healthcare Facilities in Sible Hedingham

Members were advised that Cabinet had approved the project to build a healthcare facility on Section 106 land on the Premdor Site in Sible Hedingham. It was relayed that improved healthcare provision in one of the District’s key villages was necessary to replace the outdated provided by the two existing premises that served Sible Hedingham and Castle Hedingham. Braintree District Council had already delivered a healthcare facility at Church Lane in Braintree and also intended to deliver a Live Well Hub as part of the proposed Manor Street Regeneration Site.

Voter ID – Braintree Pilot

Members received a report on the Council’s decision to be a pilot area for Voter ID at the forthcoming elections in May 2019. Braintree District Council had been selected as one of the 11 pilot authorities at a national level. It was stressed that the key focus of the Council is the design of a scheme that achieves the correct balance between engendering confidence in the new electoral process whilst not discouraging

those entitled to vote. BDC is currently working closely with the Cabinet Office and further information will be provided in the coming months.

Cllr. Diana Garrod

District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward

Entries for Braintree District Council Open Spaces 2019

STURMER

- 1) Piece of land :-
Sturmer Village War Memorial.
Address:-
The Street, Sturmer. Adjacent Malting Cottages.
Improvement required:-
Re-surfacing pedestrian access around memorial to alleviate trip hazard.
Public Benefit:-
Safety.
Ownership of land:-
Land attached to 1 / 2 Malting Cottages.
- 2) Piece of land:-
Former allotment gardens.
Address:-
Land to west of Crunch Croft, Sturmer.
Improvement required:-
To provide allotment gardens for villagers if requested.
Public benefit:-
Provide public health, local food production, community rural hub.
Ownership:-
Unknown.
- 3) Piece of land:-
Land to the rear of the Red Lion car park.
Address:-
Red Lion, The Street Sturmer.
Improvement required:-
Clearance, ditching, general cultivation.
Public benefit:-
Communal seating area, wildlife garden and amenity land with access to public and amenity footpaths.
Ownership:-
Greene King plc

APPENDIX D

Sturmer Flood Action Group report – January 2019

We saw the gully CLEANER in operation on the A1017 on 7 January (the gully SWEEPER had preceded it on a similar route about a week before). A thorough inspection and clean of the gullies outside Rivendell and Pinewoods took place. The PC will know that this vital as these gullies take flood water from the highway (from the pub direction and from the Abbots Farm direction and from Hill Lane) into a culvert which runs under the garden of The Old School House and issues into the Brook between Rivendell and Pinewoods.

We heard that an urban design officer had visited Sturmer and the surrounding areas so I checked with my contact at West Suffolk and he confirms that the west part of the Great Wilsey site is being sold to a housing developer. Before work can start a thorough investigation of flooding issues is being undertaken. I have been given a contact for the appropriate department at Suffolk and invited him to a meeting of SFAG.

We have sent comments on the appeal for 16 houses at The Old Orchard Paddock, Rowley, Hill, Sturmer, Essex - APP/Z1510/W/18/3211429.

Thank you.

Linda Bevan
Secretary
Sturmer Flood Action Group