

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING** of **STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 22nd MAY 2018** at **7:30 PM**

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

MINUTES

18/19	ELECTION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS 18/19.1 Chairman Cllr Garrod duly elected – Proposed Cllr Mcleod-Jones, Seconded Cllr Taylor 18/19.2 Vice Chairman Cllr Taylor duly elected – Proposed Cllr Garrod, Seconded Cllr Porth
18/20	COMMITTEE - COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES 18/20.1 Footpaths – Cllr Mcleod-Jones 18/20.2 Flood Action Group – Cllr Carter 18/20.3 Play Area – Cllr Porth 18/20.4 Speedwatch – Cllr Taylor 18/20.5 Village Hall – Cllr Collar
18/21	DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE Cllrs Garrod and Taylor duly completed and signed the Acceptance of Office record
18/22	REGISTRATION OF INTEREST & RETURN OF EXPENSES FORMS No updates due to be placed on the Register, No expenses to be claimed
18/23	DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR MAY MEETING None declared
18/24	NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None to be recorded
18/25	APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AT STURMER VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018 RESOLUTION - Minutes adopted – Proposed Cllr Taylor, Seconded Cllr Mcleod-Jones
18/26	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 members of the public present
18/27	CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE Barclays account now open with first business transactions to take place this month; the full transfer from Lloyds to be completed over two months with a proposed completion in August. STOUR VALLEY FUN DAY EVENT 01 JUNE– Event details previously circulated to members. All other matters to be covered under Agenda items.

18/28	<p>FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION – Approve payments, Proposed Cllr Collar, Seconded Cllr Taylor – Appointed authoriser – Cllr Carter.</p> <p>Finance Statement at APPENDIX A</p> <p>Cllrs approved Clerk to make payments during June.</p>
18/29	<p>COMMENCE REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT - TEMPLATE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED</p> <p>Document remains under review, Cllr Porth commented on size of document and observed much of its content was not relevant to this parish council. Item to remain on Agenda.</p>
18/30	<p>REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS – UPDATE DETERMINED APPLICATIONS</p> <p>No new Applications to review.</p> <p>DETERMINED – 18/00439/VAR – Plot 6 Wheel Chase, Shed - APPROVED</p>
18/31	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON S106 FUNDS AS A RESULT OF WILSEY DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Cllr Collar writing to Cllr Butland seeking support for an objection to the decision by St Edmundsbury Borough Council ref S106 funding.</p>
18/32	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON DAMAGED LAMP (A1017) AND LUMINOUS BOLLARD</p> <p>Luminous bollard remains damaged, Cllr Collar pursuing St Edmundsbury Borough Council for a resolution.</p>
18/33	<p>RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:</p> <p>a) Footpaths Cllr Mcleod-Jones confirmed receipt of an anonymous complaint ref the condition of Footpath 21 which continues to await inspection by Highways, similarly FP5, FP12 and FP13 await inspection.</p> <p>b) Flood Action Group Cllr Carter confirmed an overflow of sewage into the Brook near Water Lane over the early May Bank Holiday is resolved and observed a drain at Abbots Barn is seemingly blocked.</p> <p>c) Play Area Cllr Porth reported the grass has been cut, awaiting Rospa Play Safety report.</p> <p>d) Speedwatch Cllr Taylor reported five speeding vehicles registered during a recent survey, entering the village from the direction of Haverhill</p>
18/34	<p>RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</p> <p>See APPENDIX B</p>
18/35	<p>DISCUSS AND AGREE COURSE OF ACTION FOR DAMAGED PLAY AREA SIGN</p> <p>Rotted section of legs removed, sign repositioned, secured to fence and into the ground; original concrete fixing broken up and holes back filled.</p> <p>Cllr Garrod wished it recorded her grateful thanks for the efforts of Cllr Porth and Cllr Carter.</p>
18/36	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDING SOURCES</p>

	<p>Cllr Taylor reported Tesco funding application requires confirmation of funding target and cost, as a result Cllrs Taylor, Carter and Porth agreed to meet at the Play Area to measure and assess suitable play equipment target.</p> <p>Cllr Garrod confirmed her District Councillor's Community Grant of £1500 for 2018-19 is now open for applications from four qualifying parish councils, some £375 is available; two suitable projects in Sturmer have been identified, funding application to follow.</p>
18/37	<p>ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA</p> <p>SALT BOXES – Hill Lane and Crunch Croft, one remains empty and the other two thirds empty.</p> <p>DATA AUDIT REGISTER</p>
18/38	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10 JULY – CLOSE – 8:40pm

Signed.....*D Garrod*.....Date.....*10/07/2018*.....

APPENDIX A

Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement 22 May 2018										
Receipts & Payments Cashbook Accounting										
Expenditure										
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE	BACS	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
22/05/2018	Mr Pledger	Grass Cutting	07-May-18	BACS	00112616	180.00	0.00	180.00	Parish	6
22/05/2018	Employee	Expenses	Mileage	BACS	00112616	32.40	0.00	32.40	Parish	4
22/05/2018	Employee	Salary	N/A	BACS	00112616	379.25	0.00	379.25	Parish	4
TOTAL						£591.65	£0.00	£591.65		
Income										
DATE	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	REMITTANCE	Cq No	ACCOUNT	GROSS	VAT	NET	Ccentre	Box
27/04/2018	BDC	Precept		BGC	00112616	4,018.00	0.00	4,018.00	Parish	3
TOTAL						£4,018.00		£4,018.00		
Accounts		Balance								
Parish	00112616	£16,003.80		Signed _____			Date _____			
				Minute Item _____						

District Councillor Report to Sturmer Parish Council – 22nd May 2018

Intended Road Closures for Fibre Optic Cable Installation

Essex Streetworks Team have informed me of the forthcoming intended road closures. These are scheduled between the hours of 0800 – 18.00 during the dates shown below. The closures are required for the safety of the public and workforce while Gigaclear Limited undertakes Fibre Optic Cable Installation.

Coupals Road, Sturmer due to commence on 30th July 2018 for 21 days.

Hill Lane, Sturmer Road, due to commence on 9th July 2018 for 12 days.

Water Lane, Sturmer, due to commence on 16th July 2018 for 12 days.

Moat Road, Birdbrook due to commence on 4th June 2018 for 14 days.

Station Road, Birdbrook, due to commence on 2nd July 2018 for 14 days.

Birdbrook Road, Birdbrook, due to commence on 9th July 2018 for 10 days.

More homes and businesses in the Braintree District to benefit from superfast broadband

A huge boost in superfast broadband coverage has been secured for homes and businesses across the Braintree District, bringing more jobs, investment and economic benefits to the district.

At a Cabinet meeting today (Monday 14th May), it was agreed that Braintree District Council will invest £356,000 into the Superfast Essex Phase 4 rollout, run by Essex County Council, to enable an additional 1,668 premises to receive superfast broadband by end of 2020.

The £356,000 funding from Braintree District Council will be match-funded by The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) grant, resulting in an impact investment as well as increase download speeds to more than 30Mbps, more than double the current speeds available.

The funding will support the district to reach 99% superfast broadband coverage by end of 2020, which is above the county's average coverage.

Superfast Essex has already invested £1.05 million in the Braintree District under its Phase 1, 2 and 3 programmes. Braintree District Council has previously invested £250,000 under Phase 2, which is currently in deployment. To check your superfast broadband availability, visit the Superfast Essex website at www.superfastessex.org/maps. The superfast broadband funding will be presented to Full Council on Monday 4th June 2018 for final approval.

Taxi drivers to have CCTV installed in cabs, thanks to partnership funding

Braintree District Council has secured funding from the Braintree District Community Safety Partnership, which has enabled taxi drivers to have new cameras in their vehicles to deter crime and provide reassurance to customers when using the service. Three taxi drivers have taken up the opportunity to have CCTV cameras inside their vehicles for the first time in a bid to improve the safety of drivers and passengers.

More funding is available to provide other taxi drivers who would like CCTV installed in their vehicle. Contact Braintree District Council: 01376 552525.

Across the border – A1307 Corridor, Transport Options Update

HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL HAVERHILL AREA FORUM is now re-scheduled for Monday 16th July at 7.00pm, Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4JS, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, will be setting out his vision for transport along the A1307 corridor. Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership, Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, Rail Haverhill and Cambridge Connect have been invited to attend.

Counterfeit Cosmetics and 'Magic' Magnetic Bracelets containing 8% Nickel

A small team of highly specialised Trading Standards officers work in partnership with UK Border Force at Stansted airport, monitoring products coming into the UK have recently identified 650 pieces of counterfeit

Huda cosmetics. These Italian-made cosmetics can retail on the high street for up to £53, but Chinese-made counterfeits can cost unscrupulous importers approximately just 28p each.

Legitimate cosmetics have to undergo stringent safety tests to prove they can be safely applied to the skin. Intercepting fake cosmetics is a priority for Trading Standards, as counterfeit products will not have undergone any testing and are frequently made in poor and unhygienic conditions that can put consumers at serious risk. The goods have now been seized and the matter is under investigation by the importer's local Trading Standards team.

These Officers also recently sampled from a consignment of magnetic bracelets being imported through Stansted airport. Online listings for 'Magic' Magnetic Bracelets claimed to relieve pain from arthritis, rheumatism, tendonitis and tennis elbow, among others. Aside from the illegal medical claims, further chemical analysis revealed an excess of the restricted metal nickel, which is a powerful skin sensitiser, and as such is regulated by the EU's REACH chemical controls.

The magnetic bracelet was sold by a business located in China and ordered through Amazon. As a result of cooperation between Essex County Council and Hertfordshire County Council (who liaise with Amazon), the product and all other magnetic variants were removed from sale until the safety of new stock can be evidenced.

Cllr. Diana Garrod

District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward