

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a **PLANNING MEETING OF STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **04 APRIL 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

COUNCILLOR	IN ATTENDANCE
Cllr Diana Garrod (Chairman)	YES
Cllr Alan Carter	YES
Cllr Terrie Jones	YES
Cllr David Porth	YES
Cllr Paul Smith	NO
VACANCY	
Cnty Cllr Peter Schwier	NO

CLERK – Ian Brown

0 Member(s) of the public

23/001	NOTE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE No apologies given
23/002	INVITE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING Cllr Diana Garrod declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 23/004 – Ref. 23/00695/FUL
23/003	APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07 MARCH 2023 Deferred to next meeting in May
23/004	REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APEALS Ref. 23/00695/FUL Creation of new private access for pedestrians and vehicles. - Land To The Rear Of Rowley Cottages, Rowley Hill, Sturmer Comment date 25 April 2023 CLERK to submit objection comments to BDC Planning – APPENDIX A Ref. 23/00510/HH Conversion of existing integral garage to habitable accommodation. - 6 Wheel Chase, Sturmer, Essex Comment date 06 April 2023 CLERK to submit objection comments to BDC Planning – APPENDIX B
23/005	ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA None at this point in time
23/006	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBC 2023 - ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSE – 7:16pm

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

APPENDIX A

Date: 17/05/2023

Planning Dept
Braintree District Council

Dear Sirs,

Ref. 23/00695/FUL

Creation of new private access for pedestrians and vehicles. - Land To The Rear Of Rowley Cottages, Rowley Hill, Sturmer

Having considered this application the council has many concerns and OBJECTS to the granting of permission.

The council questions the need for a dropped kerb at this location, for what purpose that has thus far for decades not been necessary.

There are visibility obstructions when exiting the site and turning eastwards towards Haverhill which cannot be improved as the applicant does not own the land that would need to be altered to improve that visibility.

Likewise the visibility westwards is obstructed by the village sign.

The applicant has not approached the parish council for access across its land to carry out any works on the land in question.

The council contest the mitigation comment, “that it is not possible for vehicles to accelerate to the maximum permissible speed limit in the distance between the site of the proposed drop kerb and the roundabout and thus any approaching vehicle would have time to slow / stop if a vehicle was exiting the site of the dropped kerb”.

Essentially it is too dangerous for vehicles to be exiting at the site of the proposed dropped kerb.

And finally as far as the council is aware there has been no consultation with the Forestry Commission, the District Council is probably aware of the changes to the Forestry Act 1967, which changes came into force in January 2023 and would be relevant to any permission that “enables” works on the associated site.

Whilst possibly not relevant to this application it is worth noting that the associated site does contain a Badger set, plus flora and fauna such as Muntjac deer, Hornets, Owls, Glowworms and Orchids.

Yours faithfully,

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APPENDIX B

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Dear Sirs,

Ref. 23/00510/HH
Conversion of existing integral garage to habitable accommodation. - 6 Wheel Chase,
Sturmer, Essex

Having considered this application the council has only one concern and that is the permanent loss of this area of on site parking space.

Yours faithfully,
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