

**STURMER PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the **PLANNING MEETING OF STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **23 MAY 2023 AT 7:30 PM**

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>
Cllr Diana Garrod (Chairman)	YES
Cllr Alan Carter	YES
Cllr Terrie Jones	YES
Cllr David Porth	YES
VACANCY	
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Cnty Cllr Peter Schwier	NO

23 Member(s) of the public

<b>23/025-P</b>	<b>NOTE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> None to approve
<b>23/026-P</b>	<b>INVITE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING</b> None to declare
<b>23/027-P</b>	<b>REVIEW &amp; COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS</b>  <b>Ref. 23/01083/FUL</b> <b>Erection of 6 No. dwellings and associated access. - Land Off, Hill Lane, Sturmer</b>  <b>Comment date for the PC – 12 June 2023</b> See Objection comment at <b>APPENDIX A</b>  The assembled members of the public shared their comments and views which unanimously objected to the planning proposal
<b>23/028-P</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBC 2023 – PC MEETING – 04 JULY 2023</b> Meeting closed at 8:04pm

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

## **APPENDIX A**

Parish Councillors discussed the following and wish to object to proposals contained in 23/01083/FUL for the following reasons:-

The application site is not listed in the Braintree District Council Local Plan.

The application site is located outside Sturmer village defined development boundary (village envelope) and lies within the countryside, which is also part of the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley 'project area' and is considered a 'valued landscape'.

The proposed access would be unacceptably detrimental to Hill Lane, which is a 'Protected Lane', is primarily a single track lane with insufficient passing places for traffic. The junction at Hill Lane/A1017 is 'precarious' and drivers need to be cautious when accessing and exiting Hill Lane due to the obstructed visibility. The loss of hedgerow along Hill Lane for vehicles would be detrimental to the valued countryside setting and existing wildlife habitats.

Sturmer Parish Council and individual residents have raised concerns with Essex County Council regularly in relation to Hill Lane for over 25 years. The existing drainage system is not able to cope with current water flow. Torrents of water flow down Hill Lane and pool on the A1017 causing traffic issues and queues in times of flash flooding or long periods of rainfall. It was the subject of a meeting with Essex County Council Highways in November 2022, and has yet to be resolved.

Water emanating from the proposed site causes flooding to the gardens of dwellings from the corner of Hill Lane (Churdles), along the A1017 to Maltings Cottages. Flood protection measures such as woody dams and mole drainage have been undertaken, but remains insufficient during excessive rainfall.