

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held **TUESDAY 10th June 2025 AT 7:30PM**

COUNCILLOR	IN ATTENDANCE
Cllr David Porth	YES
Cllr Terrie Jones	YES
Cllr Sean Mercer	APOLOGIES SENT
Cllr Gareth Morley	YES
Dist Cllr Diana Garrod	YES
Cnty Cllr Peter Schwier	APOLOGIES SENT

AGENDA

25/013	RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN, VOTE AND APPOINT CHAIRMAN FOR YEAR 25-26 CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE VOTE AND APPOINT VICE CHAIR.
	Councillor Gareth Morley was voted in as the new Chairman for this year.
25/014	CONFIRM REPRESENTATIONS FOR 2025-26 FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mercer FLOOD ACTION GROUP – reports received by email to clerk PLAY AREA – Cllr Morley PARISH MAINTENANCE – Cllr Porth and Volunteer Carter WAR MEMORIAL – Volunteer Carter VILLAGE HALL & DEFIBRILLATOR – Cllr Jones HIGHWAYS – All Cllrs – Reporting to Clerk to record AMENITY WALK – to be included as Maintenance.
25/015	NOTE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE See above
25/016	INVITE ANY DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING none
25/017	APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST MAY 2025 Approved
25/018	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.
25/019	RECEIVE COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS Cllr D Garrod sent in report which can be seen on our website under District Council Reports RE CHANGES TO BINS 2026 – PLEASE NOTE THAT ESSEX SELLS COMPOST BINS AT A DISCOUNT TO RESIDENTS.
25/020	RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounts not yet returned from Auditor – will be back by 26th June.• Re Motorcycles on Amenity Walk – It is in everyone's interest to report these incidents to the police and send response to the Clerk for monitoring. Checks to be done on signage.• Re trees in the river. These need to be pulled out ASAP by owner.
25/021	FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER – RECEIVE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT, NOTE CONTENT – CONFIRM ASSET REGISTER REVIEW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – RECEIVE AND APPROVE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – RECEIVE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTING STATEMENT – APPROVE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NOTIFICATION – APPROVE CLERK TO MAKE PAYMENTS
	NO AUDIT RETURNED – TO BE ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA.
25/022	REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS 25/01003/FUL Formation of an agricultural vehicular access. Feedback sent. 25/01243/LBC – feedback to be agreed at next meeting
25/023	VILLAGE HALL GRANT It was agreed to donate the sums of £850 toward Village Hall Insurance and £150 toward the Village Magazine.
25/024	CPO membership to Open Spaces Society for the legal support they can give us WITH CPO Membership cost agreed and follow up on CPO to take place.
25/025	RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: a) Footpaths – Work has been done to clear overhanging branches. b) Flood Action Group – Report at the end of this document. c) Play Area – Repairs to start shortly. Funding for resurfacing through S106 monies approved. d) Parish Maintenance – Grass has been cut. e) War Memorial – Before November 11 th the Yew trees surrounding the memorial will need cutting back. f) Village Hall – local events are not being very well supported. [f](i) – Defibrillator function – currently there are still issues with this and although able to use it still hasn't made it onto the ambulance register. g) Highways – THANKYOU -Water Lane looks great! Some signs were reported as being repaired but these do not match our records. Further investigation to take place. Hill lane to be reported as severe damage to drainage seen after cutting involving damage to concrete surrounds. Major Flooding issue could arise.
25/026	ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA Revision of Byelaws related to vehicular access. Update on Pope Mill Bridge.
25/027	LETTER TO BE SENT REGARDING HAY TRANSPORTING ISSUES. Agreed to send letter in support of covering hay bails.
25/028	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS TO BE DECIDED

KAREN SIMMONS Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Dated **11 JUNE 2025**

REPORT FROM SFAG

Formation of agricultural access in Water Lane and barn: We have sent objections

Call for sites for Braintree District Local Plan: We have sent comments to Officers and will circulate these to some members of the Local Plan Panel before their meeting in June

Netting of straw lorries:

We have sent an email asking Cllr Cunningham to lobby central government for lorries carrying straw and hay to be netted because debris from these blocks gullies and causes flooding

Sturmer Station Bridge Update:

The scheme was presented to the Highways and Transportation tracker and Highways are investigating alternative funding options to determine next steps.