

## STURMER PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the **COUNCIL MEETING OF STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 09<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018** at **7:30 PM**

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

### MINUTES

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| <b>17/140</b> | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br>Cllr Naylor  |
| <b>17/141</b> | <b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR JANUARY MEETING</b><br>Cllr Collar – Item 17/146  |
| <b>17/142</b> | <b>APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING AT STURMER VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 05 DECEMBER 2017</b><br>Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Mcleod-Jones   |
|               | <b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b><br>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)   |
| <b>17/143</b> | <b>CLERK'S REPORT &amp; CORRESPONDENCE</b><br>Cllrs reminded of etiquette when attending a parish council meeting.<br>CPRE – confirmed the council will be informed of issues affecting Essex and Suffolk.<br>STOUR RIVER FESTIVAL – confirmed receipt of the offer from the Village Hall committee to provide non financial support where practicable for the event(s).<br>LHP – no response to date, awaiting confirmation of speed survey results.<br>BANKING – Cllrs asked to confirm with Clerk they now have online access reinstated.<br>HEDGE STRIMMER – Purchased from Screwfix, is being stored at Cllr Carter's home, it is listed on the Asset Register. |
| <b>17/144</b> | <b>FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER</b><br>APPENDIX A – Proposed Cllr Carter, Seconded Cllr Collar, Cllr Carter to Authorise   |
| <b>17/145</b> | <b>SIGN PRECEPT REQUEST FORM FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DISTRICT COUNCIL</b><br>Duly signed by Chairman and Clerk – Clerk to pursue additional funding from the Transparency Fund   |
| <b>17/146</b> | <b>CONSIDER OUTSTANDING GRANT TO STURMER VILLAGE HALL</b><br>Unanimous decision to make a Grant of £825 for 2017-18 and £850 for 2018-19 to help cover their Insurance costs   |
| <b>17/147</b> | <b>REVIEW PROPOSED 4 YEAR PLAN</b><br>Chairman thanked Cllr Carter for his work on the Plan.<br>Cllr Porth to manage Grant applications in conjunction with the Clerk  |

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| <b>17/148</b> | <b>AGREE RESERVES POLICY</b><br>Deferred to a later date   |
| <b>17/149</b> | <b>RECEIVE UPDATE ON S106 FUNDS AS A RESULT OF WILSEY DEVELOPMENT</b><br>Cllr Collar to pursue Planning at Braintree District Council and St Edmundsbury Council   |
| <b>17/150</b> | <b>RECEIVE FOOTPATHS OFFICER REPORT</b><br>Footway at Churdles now widened   |
| <b>17/151</b> | <b>RECEIVE UPDATE FROM STURMER FLOOD ACTION GROUP REPRESENTATIVE</b><br>APPENDIX B   |
| <b>17/152</b> | <b>RECEIVE PLAY AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT</b><br>APPENDIX C   |
| <b>17/153</b> | <b>REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b><br>17/02234/OUT – The Old Orchard Paddock, Rowley Hill, Sturmer – Development of 16 dwellings. Parish Council to confirm its OBJECTION citing the following – 1) Access, 2) Insufficient affordable / starter housing, 3) Sturmer’s lack of roadway lighting, 4) Failed the call for sites in the Local Plan and 5) Wheelchase development still not fully sold.<br><br>Members and residents urged to make individual comments on this application. |
| <b>17/154</b> | <b>REPORT ON WASTE FROM LOG CABINS AT CRUNCH CROFT</b><br>Environment Agency visited site, are concerned with Ammonia levels and are monitoring the situation  |
| <b>17/155</b> | <b>RECEIVE UPDATE ON DAMAGED LAMP (A1017) AND LUMINOUS BOLLARD</b><br>Cllr Collar confirmed that Suffolk County Council have this in hand, no date confirmed for repair  |
| <b>17/156</b> | <b>RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</b><br>APPENDIX D   |
| <b>17/157</b> | <b>ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT AGENDA</b><br>Preparation for Play Area safety review by RoSPA<br>Consider site of Bus shelter opposite existing shelter<br>Overgrown hedge at The Old Forge – CLERK to write to householder   |
| <b>17/158</b> | <b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 MARCH – CLOSE – 9pm</b>   |

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

## APPENDIX A

| Sturmer Parish Council Finance Statement 09 JANUARY 2018 |             |             |                         |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------|----------|------------------|--------------|------------------|---------|-----|
| Receipts & Payments Cashbook Accounting                  |             |             |                         |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |
| Expenditure  |             |             |                         |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |
| DATE   | PAYEE       | DESCRIPTION | INVOICE                 | BACS  | ACCOUNT  | GROSS            | VAT          | NET              | Ccentre | Box |
| 29-Jan-18  | Employee    | Salary      | PAYE                    | BACS  | 00112616 | 379.25           | 0.00         | 379.25           | Parish  | 4   |
| 29-Jan-18  | Employee    | Expenses    | Mileage                 | BACS  | 00112616 | 16.20            | 0.00         | 16.20            | Parish  | 4   |
| 09-Jan-18  | S V Hall    | Hire        | 71                      | BACS  | 00112616 | 24.00            | 0.00         | 24.00            | Parish  | 6   |
| 09-Jan-18  | Sturmer PCC | Grant       | N/A                     | BACS  | 00112616 | 150.00           | 0.00         | 150.00           | Parish  | 6   |
| 09-Jan-18  | S V Hall    | Grant       | N/A                     | BACS  | 00112616 | 825.00           | 0.00         | 825.00           | Parish  | 6   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |             |             |                         |       |          | <b>£1,394.45</b> | <b>£0.00</b> | <b>£1,394.45</b> |         |     |
| Income   |             |             |                         |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |
| DATE   | PAYER       | DESCRIPTION | REMITTANCE              | Cq No | ACCOUNT  | GROSS            | VAT          | NET              | Ccentre | Box |
|  |             |             |                         |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |             |             |                         |       |          | <b>£0.00</b>     |              | <b>£0.00</b>     |         |     |
| Accounts   | Balance     |             |                         |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |
| Parish   | 00112616    | £15,567.50  | Signed _____ Date _____ |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |
|  |             |             | Minute Item _____       |       |          |                  |              |                  |         |     |

## APPENDIX B

Here is the update from SFAG for the JANUARY Parish Council meeting:

Water Lane:

In December Highways installed three new gullies with kerbs In Water Lane. These should be helpful in the future for draining the road and when gullies are cleared as they will be less likely to be covered with vegetation. They replaced the broken pipe opposite Tinmor and did the investigation to see if flood water could be piped along the track (having previously jetted the large culvert under the Highway).

As you know, this did not look hopeful on the day but we have not received the official result yet.

The Parish Council will recall £350 was given to SFAG by the Sturmer Fayre Group and this is being held for the investigation by the Council. As this has been done as part of the Highways works we hope the Parish Council will ring fence this for future flood alleviation work.

Unfortunately, as we expected when it rained and snowed over Christmas mud flooded from the field next to Dearsley Barn where we believe Mr Wilsher has laid a hard standing of rubble under the mud as part of his recent operations of bringing hardcore on to the site, breaking it up with a crusher and selling it on.

This has been reported to Highways and Braintree District Council and Highways have agreed to send an inspector to look at the problem. They have reported the development to their Development Control section and BDC.

Old Orchard Paddock (at back of Wheel Chase former Spinning Wheel site):

We have sent comments on the planning application for houses on the site. We are pleased Radford Homes has provided a report on sustainable drainage and maintenance of these assets. However, we think it unlikely Radford Homes would carry out the maintenance outlined e.g. inspections every three months. They still have not cleared the blockage they left in the gully under the Highway by the Red Lion when carrying out drainage work for Wheel Chase as they promised to in July so this does not give us much confidence in them. They have also left a dangerous lip at the kerb where they reinstated the footway after these drainage works. This has been reported to Highways on line.

## **APPENDIX C**

Dear everyone,

Inspection carried out on Sunday 7 January 2018.

Lay-by  
No litter!!

All safety signs in place.

Small amount of litter in play area placed in bin.

Cheese slide clean and surrounding rubber matting free from moss and algae.

Springy as above.

Clatter bridge and log traverse ok. with adequate wood chips in place.

Shelter ok.

Picnic tables free from moss and algae.

Charles Dunham bench ok.

No apparent overhanging trees in a dangerous condition. All overhanging branches at least 2 metres above head height with the exceptional of the Peggy McGhee Sturmer Pippin and the remnant of the Willow tunnel.

Grass no growth.

Footpath through play area no trip hazards.

## **APPENDIX D**

### District Councillor Report – Sturmer Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Happy New Year to all at Sturmer Parish Council

#### The Fox and Hounds Public House, Steeple Bumpstead

The Fox and Hounds Public House, Chapel Street, Steeple Bumpstead was included on the Council's List of Assets of Community Value on 27 November 2017. The Council has received notice on behalf of the owner that they wish to sell the Property (a relevant disposal pursuant to s95(2) of the Localism Act 2011).

Notice of disposal will be published in the local area and community interest groups (as defined in Regulation 12 of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012) will need to notify the Council in writing by 19 February 2018 ("Interim Moratorium Period") if they wish to be treated as a potential bidder in relation to the Property.

If the Council does not receive any requests from community interest groups then the owner is entitled to sell the Property at the end of the six week Interim Moratorium Period and no further moratorium will apply until 8 July 2019 ("Protected Period").

If the Council does receive a request from a community interest group in the Interim Moratorium Period then the Owner will not be able to sell the Property until 8 July 2018 ("Full Moratorium Period") unless they sell to a community interest group. After the six month Full Moratorium Period the owner will be entitled to sell the Property to whomever they choose and at whatever price and no further moratorium will apply for the remainder of the Protected Period.

#### Dearsley Barn, Sturmer

I have received a number of concerns relating to recent activities at this site, a possible new entrance and mud on the highway. Mr Trevor Laurence from Braintree District Council is providing me with regular updates and would ask that residents contact me for information relating to planning. However, Highways at Essex County Council will be the authority for information relating to the possible new entrance and matters relating to the highway.

#### Stansted Airport

Emirates has announced that it will start daily services from London Stansted Airport to Dubai in June 2018.

#### Community Governance Review

Braintree District Council's Town and Parish Council Boundaries consultation and community governance review has received a good level of interest. The second round of consultation will open on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 where residents and organisations will be able to have their say on draft changes to the Town and Parish Council governance and boundaries in Bardfield Saling, Great Notley, Witham, Hatfield Peverel, Rivenhall, Halstead, Kelvedon, Feering, Coggeshall, Panfield, Braintree and Rayne.

This phase of public consultation runs until 28 February 2018. Residents are reminded that the review does not look at the efficiency or effectiveness of an individual Council or indeed the conduct of Councillors.

#### Councillor Community Grant

As part of the budget making process for 2018/19 it is likely that there will be a recommendation to continue with the Cllr Community Grants Scheme.

### A120

As you know, Essex County Council is undertaking a feasibility study on the A120 between Braintree and the A12. A non-statutory consultation was held earlier this year giving residents and different stakeholder groups the opportunity to have their say on a number of proposed route alignments. Since then, it was agreed by the County Council's Cabinet in November that further technical studies and analysis will be undertaken. As part of this work, Jacobs UK Ltd has been appointed to carry out noise monitoring surveys at a number of properties in the vicinity of the scheme, in order to assess the impact of the proposed routes.