

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF STURMER PARISH COUNCIL held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 13th August 2024 AT 7:30PM**

COUNCILLOR	IN ATTENDANCE
Cllr David Porth - Chairman	YES
Cllr Terrie Jones	YES
Cllr Coral Fordham	YES
Cllr Sean Mercer	YES
Cllr Gareth Morley	YES
VACANCY	
Dist Cllr Diana Garrod	YES
Cnty Cllr Peter Schwier	NO

CLERK – Karen Simmons

AGENDA

24/050	NOTE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Late apologies from Peter Schwier as he was in a planning meeting.
24/051	WITH REFERENCE TO THIS AGENDA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS
	D Porth re item 24/056
24/052	APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY 30 July 2024
	agreed
24/053	RECEIVE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
	Cllr D Garrod BDC – funding available under Community Gardens Funding There is a new National Planning Framework. Clear focus on land for housing and new targets will be coming could be up to 35% increase. Discussions on green/grey belt still ongoing. Will be an increase in onshore wind farms and solar farms.
24/054	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION
	No members of the public in attendance
24/055	REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS
	Local plan review – an agreed wording of issues raised by the public at the recent Parish Surgery is attached. We are so grateful so many attended. VG52 – We are currently clearing some legal issues. Planning application 24/01665/HH – See comments on BDC planning website.
24/056	CO-OPTION PROCESS- took place
24/057	CANDIDATE Matthew Porth CO-OPTED
24/058	RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:
	a) Footpaths – Cllr S Mercer Some clearance work has been completed by Cllr Mercer. Bridlepath no 17 is still an issue. We have previously notified several government offices regarding issues with footpaths, fallen trees that are now blocking the river. Cllr Mercer will be contacting the relevant agencies again. FP21 has a diversion in place.

	<p>b) Flood Action Group – The log of works can be viewed by appointment at Rivendale 07503 662 926</p> <p>c) Play Area – Cllr G Morley. Weekly inspections are taking place. Estimates are being attained for the resurfacing of the area.</p> <p>d) Parish Maintenance – Quote for Hedgerow work opp Red Lion received and last estimate should be received in time for cutting back. See also our Environmental Policy on our website.</p> <p>e) War Memorial – Volunteer Carter has been clearing the area and will be painting in due course.</p> <p>f) Village Hall and Defib – Cllr T Jones. The shed has now been removed and a new base is prepared.</p> <p>g) Highways – Cllr Coral Fordham We are still trying to find those owners of the ditch areas by the side of the roads in Water Lane. Failure to clear owned ditches can receive a hefty fine so we would like to let the owners know before the County gets further involved.</p> <p>Jetting and drainage have been done and there is some improvement.</p> <p>Repairs to Tourism sign is planned for December.</p> <p>We are still waiting for Solargen to return with costings for speed signage repairs/improvements.</p> <p>Awaiting news from Design Team about a possible crossing.</p> <p>Recent flooding on road has been reported and the Water company are investigating.</p>
24/059	<p>FINANCIAL STATEMENT – AGREE ANY PAYMENTS Invoices signed and All agreed.</p> <p>AGREE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY TO AUTHORISE RAISED PAYMENTS BEFORE NEXT MEETING TO AVOID CHARGES/LATE BILLING. Agreed.</p>
24/060	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>Despite chasing we have only had two quotes. We will double check the coverage before choosing the cheapest. S106 – estimates for playground resurfacing</p>
24/061	<p>FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL SURGERY</p> <p>Delighted to see so many in attendance. Apart from the new building plans on display discussions were had about resurfacing, lighting, speeding and other individual concerns. Thankyou so much for engaging with this event.</p> <p>How to report road defects etc – we will be placing some help on our website so you can see how easy the process is. If you are unable to do this please write to the above address where we can help you through the process.</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday September 10th - at 7:30 pm</p>

Karen Simmons – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Dated **August 14th 2024.**