**STURMER PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of COUNCIL **MEETING OF STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held at **STURMER VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY** **30th July** **2024 AT 7:30PM** .

In Attendance:

Cllr D Porth

Cllr C Fordham

Cllr G Morley

Cllr S Mercer

Cllr T Jones

Clerk K Simmons

5 members of the public.

**AGENDA**

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| 24/036 | NOTE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE |
|  | Greatest of thanks to Alan Carter who has “retired” from the Council. He has now signed up to be our first Sturmer Volunteer. |
| 24/037 | **WITH REFERENCE TO THIS AGENDA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS** |
|  | None declared |
| 24/038 | **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY 24 June 2024** |
|  | Approved and signed |
| 24/039 | **RECEIVE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS** |
|  | Cllr Garrod presented her August report and not the July one that was previously attached to this agenda. The new report updated is attached. |
| 24/040 | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION***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)* |
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| 24/041 | **REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS**24/01422/HH - Jacksons Barn comments by 5th August – No Comment24/01546/AGR – Erection of Storage Barn no comments required. – Comment submittedPLEASE NOTE THAT THE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW ARRIVED AFTER THIS AGENDA WAS PLACED AND THEREFORE NO DECISIONS ARE ALLOWED. HOWEVER, THE NEXT MEETING IN AUGUST WILL BE APPROPRIATELY TIMED TO ALLOW COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS. MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SURGERY. |
|  | **DUE TO TIMING ISSUES WITH BDC, THE COOPTION WILL NOW BE TAKEN AT THE NEW AUGUST MEETING.** |
| 24/042 | **CO-OPTION PROCESS-****RECEIVE REPRESENTATION FROM THOSE STANDING FOR CO-OPTION AND WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL****MEMBERS TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY THE REPRESENTATION FROM THE CANDIDATES** |
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| 24/043 | **CANDIDATES DULY CO-OPTED TO COMPLETE AND SIGN ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE DECLARATION** **– CO-OPTED CLLRS TO RECEIVE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORM TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT INDEPENDENTLY TO BDC** **– ALL CLLRS TO BE INVITED TO REVIEW THEIR REGISTER OF INTEREST AND ADVISE BDC ACCORDINGLY OF ANY AMENDMENTS****NOT ACTIONED** |
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| 24/044 | **RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:****a) Footpaths – Notably Footpath 3- Clerk to check with authorities regarding progress. Cllr Mercer will be handling any queries regarding footpaths from now on.****FP18 is impassable****FP17 is quite dangerous** **Clerk to follow up with Highways – suggested access given.****b) Flood Action Group – Mr Alan Carter presented the attached report****c) Play Area – Cllr G Morley is now overseeing this.****d) Parish Maintenance – Hedgerow reminders****Please can all residents ensure their hedgerows are cut back to their boundaries.** **Quote for Hedgerow work opp Red Lion received and more information is required.****e) War Memorial – Mr Alan Carter (Volunteer) will maintain this as before.****f) Village Hall and Defib – Cllr T Jones. Shed is to be replaced. Also Santas Grotto is planned for this winter with special adjustments for neuro diverse children.****g) Highways – Cllr Coral Fordham****Again, hedgerows are still causing issues for residents. They are also a hazard for vehicles.** **The Culvert is now back on the Essex maintenance schedule.** **Jetting of all drains and gulleys is being done but not all. We keep pressing. Residents can use what three words to report items to highways. Further info is going on our website.****Water Lane is much safer, and Flowline have started works.****A meeting with local highways emphasised the need for everyone to report items.****They also have a budget to reduce casualties and improve road safety. We have said we need a crossing and this is now with their design team.****A speed survey was done interestingly by a crossing where traffic slows down so the average speeds were lower but not all within the speed limit. The community police were very helpful and came for just one hour issuing 2 speeding tickets and 4 cautions and we thank them and look forward to them coming again. IF YOU SEE SPEEDING THERE IS A SERVICE CALLED EXTRA EYES WHERE YOU CAN REPORT EVENTS.** |
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| 24/045 | **PARISH COUNCIL “SURGERY” TO INCLUDE PLANNING INFORMATION AND REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL BETWEEN 5.30 AND 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST.** |
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| 24/046 | **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – PAYMENTS AGREED****AGREED SIGNATORY AUTHORITY TO AUTHORISE RAISED PAYMENTS BEFORE NEXT MEETING TO AVOID CHARGES/LATE BILLING**  |
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| 24/047 | **RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE VG52 LAND SALE PROPOSALS****AGAIN THIS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO SEE AT THE SURGERY**  |
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| 24/048 | **CLERKS REPORT**A big thankyou regarding my settling in period and the support given.Letter was delivered to previous Clerk Ian Brown, who sends thanks.Reminder of S106 money to be spent – suggestions from public welcome although there are specific remits.Signatories and bank details are slow but being completed. |
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| 24/049 | **AOB**EALC courses available for councillors – refreshers and new councillors.Pop up shop funding available – information available to any member of the public should they wish to find out more. |
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|  | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday August 13th - at 7:30 pm** |
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**Karen Simmons – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Dated 2nd August 2024.*.***