



# STONDON MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Stondon Massey Village Hall, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 which commenced at 7.30pm.**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Brent Smith

**Present:** Cllr. Sach, Cllr. Bonnett, Cllr. Mann, Cllr. Loding.

**Officers:** Stephanie Robinson, Clerk/RFO

**Members of the public:** Cllr. Jakobsson.

**Meeting started at 19.30.**

### **21/22.093 Apologies for absence.**

None. Cllr. Cornett has not attended a meeting for 6 months so now ceases to be a member of the parish council.

### **21/22.094 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.**

None present

### **21/22.095 To receive members declaration of interest in respect of items on the agenda.**

None

### **21/22.096 Minutes**

Members considered and approved the minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 which were signed by the Chairman **All agreed.**

### **21/22.097 County & Borough Councillors report**

Cllr. Jakobsson – the borough is debating a proposed partnership with Rochford council. Both councils can reduce back office costs by sharing them. Both councils remain sovereign. Purely mechanics – economies of scale. Salary bill is most expensive thing of all. No change to services delivered. Extraordinary meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Double taxation, Blackmore parish council have been meeting with the borough with regards to this and it will be discussed further at the BBPCA meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr. Wagland– County have been debating the budget. Vast bulk goes on 17000 people who have extreme and complex needs. Most goes on adult social care and children.

Locality fund is coming back. Not sure there will be another pothole initiative. Highway maintenance budget is 11 million.



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## 21/22.098 Clerks report

Cloud Next – all email and website now hosted by Cloudnext. All old emails successfully transferred over.

Ordered 2 more lone tommys – delivered them to Cllr. Sach

Ordered kiosk and delivered that to Cllr. Sach

Sorted out electricity supplier and got contract signed.

Organised meter installation for 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Attended –transport briefing. High level overview – no opportunity to discuss individual parish level stuff. Will attend future ones where this might be possible.

Attended -Essex superfast – make the connection. Cllr. Wagland explained that the purpose is solely to provide state aid via BT/gigaclear. They are not allowed to compete where there is any commercial interest. The problem is often in gaining wayleaves.

Newsletter – the editor apologised for not sending the magazine for proof reading before publication – she wasn't aware of the request until it was too late. She is happy to send it over in future but would hope that the turnaround was no more than a few days.

The current advert costs are £30 for a colour advert on the cover, £25 for a full page inside and £12.50 for a half page. These costs have been in place for a while. Does the PC want to consider increasing the cost of advertising? The consensus is that no we don't want to scare people off.

At the moment, all contributions are coming via the editor or from people who have contributed in the past. Could the PC give me suggestions or contact people to consider contributing. I'd also be grateful if councillors know of anyone who might like to advertise. The council suggested putting some flyers in and through the door to advertise. Cllr. Jakobsson suggested the editor look at last copy of the now defunct Blackmore newsletters for ideas and advertisers.

Distribution is quite efficient but relies on a very few volunteers. Can we at least look at the area and perhaps make the distribution rounds a bit clearer? Is there anyone we could ask to join the list of distributors? Cllr. Smith has said he will walk around and count up and redistribute

Emailed Lesley re road signs collection – got email from Cllr. Lee Scott saying they would be collected.

Kevin Spencer is hoping to start tree work shortly. Then Ricky Oliver will be able to see what needs to be done and prepare a quote.

## 21/22.099 Finance

• Members approved cheques/payments made since the November meeting	
UKPN -	£1,676.40
S. Robinson (Dec wages and expenses incl Tommys £375 and kiosk £389.99)	£1,378.90
HMRC	£138.80
Essex Pension fund (dec)	£214.77
IDC (hedge cutting)	£840.00
IDC (DEC)	£350.00
Creative Art (newsletter printing)	£598.80
David Felon (2 dec shopping trips)	£160.00



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- Members approved cheques/payments on payment list for this meeting.

S. Robinson (Jan wages and expenses)	£778.76
HMRC	£138.80
Essex Pension fund (dec)	£214.77
IDC (jan grass cutting)	£350.00
EON (phonebox April-Nov)	£28.71
- Members approved the accounts/bank reconciliation for January 2022.  
Cashbook balance £30,253

**All agreed.**

## 21/22.100 Playground

Members reviewed the findings of the latest playground inspection report.

Little change. Work will happen in spring. Cllr. Bonnet will take weedkiller down and apply where necessary.

**All agreed.**

## 21/22.101 Planning

Members to ratify planning decisions made under delegated decisions.

21/01899/HHA - Hillside Ongar Road Stondon Massey Brentwood Essex CM15 0EE : Conversion and enlargement of existing garage to form habitable (self contained) accommodation

**Stondon Massey Parish Council do not object to this application as long as the change of use is within the current guidelines but would point out that there is likely to be two major building projects ongoing at the same time just four houses apart on the Ongar Road and this application has a bus stop immediately outside the property. We would also point out that both locations are within 50 metres of a road junction.**

**We would expect BBC to ensure that all contractor's parking does not obstruct either the footpath or the bus stop at any time.**

Members reviewed the list of previous planning decisions as provided by the Clerk.

**All agreed.**

## 21/22.102 Jubilee/Village day

Members discussed further plans for the jubilee and/or village day in 2022. It was decided Cllr. Smith would approach village groups to see if anyone would organise it. Maybe a walk might be organised similar to the Christmas one.

## 21/22.103 Items for next agenda.

Phonebox

Planting tree for jubilee

Work at pond

Christmas lights

**Meeting ended 20.53pm**

**Members to note the next meeting is on Tuesday 15th February at 19.30.**