



STONDON MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Stondon Massey Village Hall, Tuesday 15th March 2022 which commenced at 7.32pm.

In the Chair: Cllr. Brent Smith

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

Officers: Stephanie Robinson, Clerk/RFO

Members of the public: Cllr. Jakobsson

21/22.119 Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Bridge was chairing a planning meeting and Cllr. Bonnet for personal reasons. Both apologies were accepted. **All agreed.**

21/22.120 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None.

21/22.121 To receive members declaration of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

Cllr Sach declared a potential interest in the work at the pond as any contractor engaged might hire machinery from his business to do the work. **Noted.**

21/22.122 Minutes

Members considered and approved the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Tuesday 19th February 2022. **All agreed.**

21/22.123 County & Borough Councillors report

Cllr. Jakobsson –Things at the borough council are very busy. Election in May so purdah is about to start. Full council tomorrow night – looking at boundary commission report. Talking about how many councillors each ward should have and whether boundaries should be moved. Commission believe each one should have 3 councillors and should have the same number of households in each ward. Presently 37 councillors in the borough. Council would like 39, commission would like 35 or 33. Corporate review taking place, but that relates to officers rather than councillors. Full council next Wednesday- LDP Inspector has now said 90 houses in Blackmore rather than 70. If council reject the LCP the chances are central government will overrule. The argument is that this area does not have the infrastructure for any more houses. **Noted.**



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21/22.124 Clerks report

Playground – broadmead leisure have now completed all the repairs. I have sent off a booking form for Cllr. Loding to attend the routine playground inspection training and exam in September.
Playing field – I have contacted IDC to ask them to cut the grass at the playing field as it has grown very long.
Pond – meeting on Saturday last to discuss details and now awaiting Greenleaf proposal and quotes. I will look into funding for this project. Clerk will order life buoy and deep water sign.
VAT – I have sent in a VAT reclaim of £1780.
Will contact auditor re year end.
Received the defib signs – Library one is bespoke but should be with us soon/
Defib light – replaced batteries.
Put in the claim for the funding for the electricity installation on the green. £1250.

Noted.

21/22.125 To elect a Vice Chairman

Members elected Cllr. Mann as Vice Chairman.

All agreed.

21/22.126 Finance

- Members approved cheques/payments made since the February meeting
 - D. Felon (shopping bus 4/3/22) £80.00
 - Creative Art (magazine printing) £598.80
- Member approved cheques/payments on payment list for this meeting.
 - S. Robinson (March wages and expenses) £837.75
 - HMRC £192.93
 - Essex Pension fund (feb) £255.31
 - IDC (march grass cutting) £350.00
 - Broadmead leisure (repair of playground) £1,344.00
 - British Gas standing charge for Feb (paid by direct debit) £13.71
- Members approved the accounts/bank reconciliation for March 2022.
Cashbook balance £24,174.56

All agreed.

21/22.127 Playground

Members reviewed the findings of the latest playground inspection report. All repairs have now been carried out. Leg press cross trainer is very stiff. Cllr. Bonnett will add it to the list for Paul Tucker.

All agreed

21/22.128 Planning

Members to discuss planning applications received:

None

Any planning applications received between the publication of this agenda and the date of the meeting will also be discussed here.

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



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21/22.129 Financial regulations

Members reviewed the Financial regulations last reviewed in February 2021 and decided no changes needed to be made. **All agreed**

21/22.130 Village Day

Members discussed arrangements for Village Day/Platinum jubilee. Possibly a dog show. Village hall marquee and possibly others. Maybe a football match. Barrel rolling. Cllr. Sach will look into whether a combination of various gazebos might be put up on the village green. Cllr. Smith will liaise with the village hall committee and others and will update at next meeting. **All agreed**

21/22.131 Phonebox

Members received an update on the phonebox and decided Cllr. Smith would contact two people and get quotes done for next meeting. **All agreed.**

21/22.132 Terms & conditions for Parish council newsletter

Members discussed and decided they wished to adopt the terms and conditons for advertisers in the Parish council newsletter. **All agreed**

21/22.133 Salary scale point review for the Clerk

Members reviewed and discussed the job evaluation scheme circulated by the Clerk and decided to alter the Salary scale point for the Clerk to SCP 24. **All agreed**

21/22.134 Meeting dates

Members agreed meeting dates for the next year:

Tuesday 19th April, Tuesday 17th May (to be preceded by the annual parish meeting), Tuesday 21st June, Tuesday 19th July, Tuesday 20th September, Tuesday 18th October, Tuesday 15th November.

21/22.118 Items for next agenda.

VILLAGE DAY

PHONEBOX

ELECTRIC SOCKETS AND LIGHTS

JOSH

IDC CONTRACT.

Members to note the next meeting is on Tuesday 19th April at 19.30.

Meeting closed at 20.57