



STONDON MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Stondon Massey Village Hall, Tuesday 18th July 2023 which commenced at 7.30pm.

In the Chair: Cllr. Brent Smith

Present: Cllr.Sach, , Cllr. Mann, Cllr. Loding, Cllr McCheyne (20.05)

Officers: Heidi Angove, Clerk/RFO

Members of the public:

None present

23/24.045 Apologies for absence. Cllr Paul Bonnett

23/24.046 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

No members of the public present

23/24.047 To receive members declaration of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

Cllr Sach declared a non-pecuniary interest in playing field work.

23/24.048 Minutes

Members considered and approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13th June 2023.

23/24.049 County & Borough Councillors report

23/24.050 Clerks report

The Clerk had spoken to Brentwood Borough Council regarding obtaining a dog bin for the alley next to Whipples but BBC say they do not have the resources to empty another dog bin. Resolved to move dog bin to Whipples alley. The planters have been replanted by Matthews but the planter on Chivers triangle requires attention before the winter planting. The clerk had written a letter regarding overhanging hedge in Cannons Mead and the hedge has been cut back. The Clerk had been dealing with Brentwood Borough Council and the enforcement officer regarding Craiglea. The Clerk had obtained a quote for an A3 sign for the play area. The Clerk confirmed that the Council were not eligible for CIF funding for any pond work. The Clerk had liaised with Brentwood Borough Council regarding NATS team, Chairman to get the paint and brushes. The Clerk had completed a re-declaration of compliance with the pensions regulator. The Clerk had sent off the three photos of the potholes to Ann Cocklin and Lesley Wagland under the Pot hole initiative scheme



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23/24.051 Finance

a) Members to approve signed payments authorised since June meeting.

b) 06Jul2023	B/P to: Essex Pension Fund	(215.27)	
05Jul2023	B/P to: ROSPA Play safety	(115.20)	
30Jun2023	Service Charge	(18.00)	
30Jun2023	B/P to: brentwood borough	(374.40)	
29Jun2023	B/P to: Matthew's plants I	(300.00)	
29Jun2023	B/P to: IDC GREENSCAPES	(428.00)	
27Jun2023	B/P to: Trevor Brown	(223.96)	
27Jun2023	B/P to: IDC GREENSCAPES	(72.00)	
27Jun2023	B/P to: Heidi Angove	(661.76)	
22Jun2023	ANDREWS K FPO		12.50
20Jun2023	ELLA CABS		25.00
20Jun2023	PA W M C LTD SW		25.00
15Jun2023	ACES ACCOUNT		25.00

(b) Members approved cheques/payments on payment list for this meeting

Shopping Bus July £100.00

Members approved the accounts/bank reconciliation for June 2023.

Unity Balance as at 14/07/23	50480.62
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All agreed

23/24.52 Village Day

Resolved that the Parish Council would arrange a Village Day for 5th May 2024. Initial meeting to be held on 19th August @11 o'clock. Clerk to put together a leaflet and arrange distribution to households.

23/24.053 Phone Box

Work commenced. Two signs to be placed on phone box saying library and defibrillator.

23/24.054 September meeting date

Date to be changed to the 5th September 2023.

23/24.055 Playing field and Village Green

Residents letter sent to properties backing onto field. Resolved that the Chairman will arrange site meeting to discuss and agree work to take place. Wayleave agreement letter sent to UKPN stating unhappy to their


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proposal unless the parish council receives a deed of grant. Cllr Sach stated we are happy to offer a deed of grant to allow access to cable for £5K.

23/24.056 Speed signs

The clerk had been in contact with Lesley Wagland regarding radar speed signs. The clerk had requested Highways approval from Cllr Wagland and circulated the procedure to the council. Cllr Wagland is inundated with work at the moment but the request is in hand. Cllr Sach made a private purchase of two speed signs, the Clerk advised that there were procedures that needed to be followed and the signs needed to be from an approved supplier.

23/24.057 Signpost

The Chairman is liaising with Blackmore Parish Council regarding the signpost.

23/24.058 Reeves Close verges

Clerk to email Lesley Wagland regarding damage to verges and write to London and Quadrant, Health and Safety.

23/24.059 Playground inspection and ROSPA report

Nothing to report. Clerk to email contractor regarding wet pour and handle on leg press machine.

23/24.060 Pond work

The Clerk had obtained another quote for the pond work. She had been speaking to the Wildlife and Farming advisory board and also Tiptree Parish Council who had similar work done on their pond. The Clerk advised that the work be completed by a pond specialist as damage could be caused to the pond lining. Clerk to meet with another company.

23/24.061 Planning

Member to review and decide upon applications received prior to the agenda being published:

23/24.062 Items for next agenda.

Village Day, signpost, pond

Members to note the date for the next meeting is on Tuesday 5th September at 19.30

Meeting ended 21.20


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