



STONDON MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

"Westview", Nine Ashes Road, Stondon Massey, CM15 0EL
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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Stondon Massey Village Hall, Tuesday 17th September 2024 which commenced at 7.30pm.

In the Chair: Cllr. Brent Smith

Present: Cllr Bonnett, Cllr Mann, Cllr. Loding

Officers: Heidi Angove, Clerk/RFO

Members of the public:

24/25.063 Apologies for absence. Cllr Sach

24/25.064 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None present

24/25.065 To receive members declaration of interest in respect of items on the agenda.
None declared

24/25.066 Minutes

Members considered and approved the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 16th July 2024.

24/25.067 County & Borough Councillors report

None present

25/25/068 Public Participation

None present

24/25.069 Clerks report

The Clerk had advised the council to revisit the playing field work decision made in her absence at the last parish council meeting as she did not feel the decision making process was good practice. A site meeting had been arranged and as instructed by the council she had emailed the chosen contractor to commence work. The Clerk stated that her job was becoming very difficult because of the conflict within the council and the council needed to find a way to overcome the differences and move forward. It is not the role of the Clerk to enforce compliance with Standing orders only to advise.

The Clerk had renewed the security for the laptop and also upgraded the drop box. The Clerk had again contacted the Information Commissioners Office to update details. The winter salt service had been chased up, should hear by end September. The Clerk reminded the Councillors to send in Register of interests. The Clerk had contacted Cllr Lesley Wagland regarding funding for either pond or Christmas



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tree projects. The Clerk needed to order the Poppy wreath, the council asked the Clerk to order wreath C. The Clerk had sent additional information to the auditors regarding budgets and previous locum clerk wages.

24/25 071 Finance

payments/cheques signed since the July meeting

BROADMEAD LEISURE	420.00
GREENSCAPES	428.00
AIR AMBULANCE	500.00
JAMES TODD & CO	28.80
DAVID FELON	100.00
BRITISH GAS	12.18
EALC	249.95
ESSEX PENSION FUND	228.64
HEIDI ANGOVE	702.87
JAMES TODD & CO	28.80
ESSEX TREE BROTHERS	1122.00
BITS AND BYTES	250.00
LITTLE HAVENS HOSPICE	500.00
BRITISH GAS	13.02

Payments authorised at this meeting

HEIDI ANGOVE	702.87
ESSEX PENSION FUND	228.64
GREENSCAPES	428.00
DAVID FELON	100.00
QUEST MEDIA	330.00

24/25.070 Christmas Tree

The Clerk stated she had not been able to get three quotes of companies to supply and plant a Christmas tree. She had contacted the British Christmas tree association and had emailed numerous suppliers but had not heard back. The council agreed on size and location of tree. Clerk to email supplier and request information regarding fencing

Proposed Cllr Mann : Seconded Cllr Loding


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24/25.071 Tree Survey

The Clerk had previously sent an independent tree inspection report. Following discussion, work will be split into 6 months and 12 months. Clerks to get quotes for six month works from three suppliers.

Proposed Cllr Smith : Seconded Cllr Loding

24/25.072 Speed monitors

To be put on next agenda.

24/25.073 Christmas lighting up event

Parish Council happy to donate £100 towards lighting up event on 1st December 2024.

Proposed Cllr Bonnett : Seconded Cllr Loding

24/25.074 Litter Pick

Date agreed to be Sunday 27th October 2024.

24/25.075 UK power networks

The Chairman gave an update on UK power networks request to lay a cable under the playing field. The Chairman detailed a Wayleave agreement to the council. UK power networks had offered a one off payment of £1,500. UK Power networks have looked at alternative routes for the cable but they decided they weren't suitable. It was agreed to proceed with the cable work and accept the wayleave agreement.

Proposed by Cllr Mann Seconded Cllr Bonnett

24/25.076 Finger Post

Clerk to email ECC

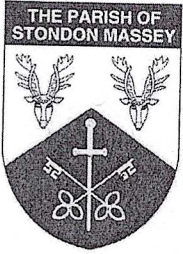
24/25.077 Bus Shelter

Cllr Bonnett stated that a bus shelter would be advantageous on Soames Mead. Cllr Bonnett stated that it won't cost the parish council anything. Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Bonnett proposed Cllr Smith seconded



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24/25 078 Footpath

The Clerk had received complaints regarding a dog escaping onto a footpath. Clerk to write to owners and report to PROW.

24/25.078 Planning

Replacement of existing double glazed timber casement windows with new uPVC double glazed alternatives.

Replacement of existing uPVC gutters, downpipes, soffits and fascias with new uPVC alternatives to match existing.

ADDRESS: 35 - 36 Reeves Close Stondon Massey Essex CM15 0EB

APPLICATION NO: 24/00841/FUL

No objection.

24/25.079 Playground inspection reports

Hedges need trimming.

24/25.080 Items for next agenda.

Finger posts, speed monitors, bus shelter

Members to note the date for the next meeting is Tuesday 15th October 2024.

15TH OCTOBER 2024