



STONDON MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held at Stondon Massey Village Hall, Tuesday 15th October 2024 which commenced at 7.30pm.

In the Chair: Cllr. Brent Smith

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

Officers: Heidi Angove, Clerk/RFO

Members of the public:

24/25.083 Apologies for absence. Cllr Gelderbloem, Cllr Russell, Cllr Sungar

24/25.084 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None present

24/25.085 To receive members declaration of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

None declared

24/25.086 Minutes

Members considered and approved the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 17th September 2024.

24/25.087 County & Borough Councillors report

Cllr Wagland stated Essex County Council focused on supporting pensioners, ECC had ring fenced £1m to support pensioners this winter funding until 31/3/25. Cllr Sach queried where the vulnerable list is kept and would SMPC be able to have a copy, Cllr Wagland said that would contravene GDPR. Doctor surgeries and utility companies would keep the relevant information.

25/25/088 Public Participation

None present

24/25.089 Clerks report

The Clerk had reported the footpath issue to Laura Dunnell. Back Lane signage reported. The second half of the precept of £19652 was received on 1st October, the Clerk had emailed BBC to see why she did not receive notification or a remittance notice. There had been complaints of an overgrown hedge, the Clerk had spoken to the owners and it had been cut back. The Council had passed the external audit and stated

" On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper



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Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met". The Clerk had prepared the notice of conclusion and posted it on the website and notice board. The Clerk had ordered the poppy wreath. The Clerk read out an email from Chrissy Gelderbloem offering help for litter pick and giving information regarding sign posts.

24/25 090 Finance

Receipts/payments/cheques signed since the September meeting

PKF LITTLEJOHN	252.00
UNITY BANK	18.00
BRITISH GAS	3.44

Payments authorised at this meeting

HEIDI ANGOVE	702.87
ESSEX PENSION FUND	228.64
GREENSCAPES	428.00
DAVID FELON	100.00
RUSKINS	2390.40
JAMES TODD	28.80

24/25.091 Shopping Buses for December

It was discussed and agreed for two shopping buses in December and none in January

Proposed Cllr Mann seconded Cllr Sach

24/25.092 Playing Field and pond work Health and Safety

Cllr Smith to speak to the contractor regarding Health and Safety, risk assessment and method statement. Letters to be sent to residents prior to the commencement of work.

Proposed Cllr Smith : Seconded Cllr Bonnett



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24/25.093 Speed monitors

Clerk to look at the form required to gain approval for potential speed monitors in the village.

Proposed Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Loding

24/25.094 Grass by Reeves Close

The council discussed the two properties on Ongar Road which have damaged verges. Cllr Sach agreed to talk to residents. The Clerk confirmed the matter had been reported to Essex Highways.

Proposed Cllr Mann Seconded Paul Bonnett

24/25.095 Emergency List

Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would draft an article for the parish magazine with information on how residents can register their details with utility companies. Cllr Wagland suggested that due to GDPR it would be difficult to maintain an emergency list for residents and utility companies hold a register of vulnerable residents. Doctors surgeries also have a list of vulnerable people.

Cllr Lesley Wagland would email the Clerk of a partnership scheme from Essex County Council which she could share with residents.

24/25.096 UK Power networks update

The Chairman gave an update on the UKPN proposed cable across the playing field. A "one off" payment, a yearly wayleave amount and an agreement to "make good any resultant damage to SMPC's satisfaction" had been accepted by the PC at the last meeting. Cllr Sach strongly objected to this agreement. The chairman stated that all present at the last meeting voted in favour and UKPN had now been advised accordingly.

24/25.097 Finger Post

Cllr Wagland suggested the Clerk contact Terry Lockhart from Blackmore Parish Council as he had obtained funding for signposts.

24/25 098 Bus Shelter Soames Mead and promotion of buses

Clerk to look into funding from ECC.



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23/24 099 Basketball hoop

Cllr Loding stated that the basketball court be mended or moved.

Cllr Bonnett to meet with contractor to discuss options of what to do with the basket ball court.

Cllr Bonnett proposed Seconded Graham Mann

24/25.100 Planning

None

24/25.101 Playground inspection reports

The latest playground inspection report was discussed and accepted.

24/25.102 Items for next agenda.

Budget, finger posts, key safe for electricity box, speed monitors, bus shelter.

Members to note the date for the next meeting is Tuesday 19th November.