



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 which commenced at 7.30pm.**

**In the Chair:** Cllr Smith

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

**Officers:** Heidi Angove, Clerk/RFO

**25/26.073 Apologies for absence Cllr Wagland, Cllr Gelderbloem**

**25/26.074 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.**

No parishioners present

**25/26.075 To receive members declaration of interest in respect of items on the agenda.**

None declared

**25/26 076 Members considered and approved the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

**25/26.077 County & Borough Councillors report**

None present

**25/26.077 Clerks report**

The Clerk had received a quote to install the signpost from their approved contractor. The Clerk had spoken to Cllr Wagland who stated the quote was excessive and she didn't understand the document sent. Cllr Wagland was escalating the request. The Clerk had met with the contractor to discuss work needed around the parish including replacing sleepers, removal of algae, small sapling relocated, darken planter, remove dead branches from pond. The Clerk had emailed Matthews for winter planting. The precept had been paid in the sum of £20045.00. The NATS team had undertaken work in the parish. The Clerk had been contacting potential stall holders for the next village day. The Clerk had spoken to Borough and County Councillors regarding potential funding opportunities. The Clerk had submitted a VAT return in the sum of £5649.57.



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## 25/26.078 Finance

Payments/cheques signed since the September meeting

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Festive Lights | 63.98  |
| Andrew J Elmes | 140.00 |
| Service Charge | 6.00   |
| British Gas    | 15.40  |

Payments/cheques authorised at this meeting

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Heidi Angove       | 964.81  |
| HMRC Cumberland    | 107.98  |
| EALC               | 960.00  |
| Essex Pension Fund | 316.82  |
| Village Hall       | 480.00  |
| I D C Greenscapes  | 499.90  |
| Broadmead Leisure  | 1032.00 |
| David Felon        | 100.00  |
| James Todd         | 30.24   |
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## 25/26 079 Wooden posts around the green

Following discussion and viewing four quotes, one quote was selected but Cllr Sach requested the Clerk investigate fixed perimeter instead of wooden posts. Clerk to investigate fixed perimeter options.

Cllr Loding

Seconded Cllr Bonnett

## 25/26 080 Christmas lighting up event on the green

Following discussion, it was agreed to proceed with the lighting up ceremony on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 on the village green. Clerk advised that it needed to be a parish council run event as the event was being held on parish council land. Clerk to investigate insurance company requirements.

Cllr Smith

Seconded Cllr Mann

## 25/26.081 Church gates



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Clerk to speak to church and obtain three quotes.

Cllr Sach proposed

Seconded Cllr Smith

## 25/26.066 Recording of meetings

Clerk has spoken to Navestock Parish Clerk who records the minutes. Clerk to look at GDPR implications. Cllr Sach proposed to video the minutes and retain for one year.

Proposed Cllr Sach

Not seconded

## 25/26.067 Lifebuoy and signage

The Clerk had spoken to the insurance company and advised life buoys/vests are available if needed and warning signs are displayed. Clerk advised life buoy and signs should be installed.

Cllr Smith proposed  
Motion defeated by vote

Cllr Sach seconded

## 25/26 Magazine

To be moved to next agenda. The current editor is going to interview potential candidates and then the Parish Council would speak to them.

## 25/26 068 Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens

The Clerk had spoke to the Clerk at Kelvedon Hatch Parish Council and advised that the council could contribute to their Christmas lunch for Stondon Parishioners. Following discussion, the Parish Council stated it would be too expensive to fund and they would not participate. The village hall provides a Christmas event for parishioners.

Proposed Cllr Mann

Seconded Cllr Loding

## 25/069 Playground inspections

Following discussion, it was agreed to proceed with replacement of ropes on basket swing. The Clerk will contact the contractor.

  
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## 25/26.070 Planning

| Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | SMPC comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Byrd Cottage - 25/01036/S191<br>Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use or development for the erection of a storage building and its conversion and subsequent occupation as a dwellinghouse including associated residential garden | Stondon Massey Parish Council object to this retrospective application. This development is deep within the Green Belt and a significant distance from any other properties.<br><br>The Parish Council believe this is a calculated attempt to circumvent the BBC planning procedure which requires official approval before any development or change of use to "Residential". |
| Dee Cottage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Stondon Massey Parish Council have no objection to this application but would observe that this is quite an extensive development on a relatively small plot and we would ask BBC to ensure that no limitations on the total increase of overall size of the property will be exceeded                                                                                          |

## 25/26.072 Playground inspection reports

The latest playground inspection report was discussed and accepted.

## 25/26.073 Items for next agenda

Clerk's mobile phone, Dawson room clearing, village day, fencing, playground, budget, magazine

**Members to note the date for the next meeting is 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.**

  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
2025