

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – VIDEO CONFERENCING MINUTES

STURMER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **MEETING** of **STURMER PARISH COUNCIL** held via **VIDEO-CONFERENCE CALL** on **TUESDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2020** at **7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Garrod Cllr Porth Cllr Collar Cllr Carter Cllr Choat Cllr Jones

Members of the public

20/47	NOTE and AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None given
20/48	DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING Cllr Garrod declared an interest in Item 20/58 – Footpaths
20/49	APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ONLINE ON TUESDAY 21 JULY 2020 RESOLUTION – Minutes adopted as true record, Proposed Cllr Collar, Seconded Cllr Carter
20/50	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION <i>This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions and comment on items on the agenda or of import. Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes (03 minutes per person)</i> None presented
20/51	DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS REPORT(S) Full District Councillor Report at APPENDIX A
20/52	RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT & NOTE CORRESPONDENCE HEDGE MAINTENANCE REQUESTS – SEE ITEM 20/55 and CLERK to ACTION a letter to be sent to a resident CARECALL 24-7 – Designed to assist with independent living, Promotional flyer received, circulated to members S106 Claim submitted to BDC to help defray cost of new play equipment SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT – Play Area report circulated to members PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION – Sovereign advised their arrival this week NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL PAY AWARDS – Agreed Clerk's increase back dated to April, to be formally agreed at October meeting.
20/53	FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AGREE PAYMENTS, APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION – Agree Finance statement, Proposed Cllr Choat, Seconded Cllr Porth. Cllr Carter to Authorise payments Finance statement at APPENDIX B
20/54	REVIEW & COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPEALS 20/01310/HH - 5 Abbots Croft, The Street – Erection of single storey Outbuilding NO OBJECTION
20/55	RECEIVE UPDATE ON A1017 HEDGE MAINTENANCE REQUEST ON HIGHWAYS RANGERS No response to date from Local Highways Panel
20/56	CONSIDER OPTIONS AND SELECT THE PC NOTICEBOARD FOR FIXING TO THE VILLAGE HALL One particular manufacturer was deemed most suitable, circa £900, pending village hall committee meeting for final selection
20/57	RECEIVE UPDATE ON WAR MEMORIAL BASE/SURROUND WORKS AND POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL WORKS Noted War Memorial Trust site has funding options, suggested slabs a better option to concrete base, quotation being sought – Cllr Carter to request quotations, Cllr Porth to look into available grants

20/58	<p>RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:</p> <p>a) Footpaths – Update on FP3 Cllr Choat – Awaiting response from Highways to arrange access onto private land – CLERK to CHASE Paths - Hill Lane to Church / Pear Tree Lane, land cultivated but yet to see path adequately reinstated Bridle path 17 – Motorcyclists witnessed racing along the path</p> <p>b) Flood Action Group Cllr Carter – Flood warning 13/08, heavy rainfall experienced, - full report APPENDIX C Blockage in local ditch, fallen tree, now partially relieved</p> <p>c) Play Area Rospa Playsafety safety report identified excellent outcome, all equipment now in use, Heras fencing removed</p> <p>d) Parish Maintenance One further cut required; to be placed on October agenda</p>
20/59	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION – AGREE NEXT ACTION</p> <p>Cllr Jones – Presented an overview of CPR and the use of the Defibrillator, provided overview of Managed and Non managed options, Defib unit types and cabinet type options. A managed unit is highly recommended. Unit option identified - AED3 with screen, does benefit from longer life batteries and pads, currently fully installed option at £3,165 which includes five year monitoring and the option to acquire the unit for £1 after five years. Funding challenge to be considered.</p>
20/60	<p>APPROVE REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS DURING AUGUST AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER PC MEETING</p> <p>RESOLUTION - Adopt existing Standing Orders with review in two years – Proposed Cllr collar, Seconded Choat review in two years from existing document date</p>
20/61	<p>AGREE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY 08 NOVEMBER & WREATH PURCHASE</p> <p>Purchase wreath to be laid at the Memorial, currently public not to be invited RESOLUTION – Purchase wreath from RBL - Proposer Cllr Collar, Seconder Cllr Choat. CLERK to ACTION purchase</p>
	<p><i>Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting for the next item, 20/62, due to its commercially sensitive nature</i></p>
20/62	<p>RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE VG52 LAND SALE PROPOSALS</p>
20/63	<p>ITEMS OF REPORT TO BE NOTED OR ADDED TO NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA</p> <p>No additional items offered at present</p>
20/64	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20 OCTOBER – CLOSE – 8:54pm</p>

Signed.....Date.....

APPENDIX A

District Councillor's Report 1st September 2020 to Sturmer Parish Council
(Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward)

Community 360 News – Funding for Churches and Christian Charities to Respond to Coronavirus Crisis

Churches, cathedrals and Christian denominational bodies, and Christian charities in the UK and the Republic of Ireland can now apply for funding to meet changing needs within their communities as the longer-term impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis becomes clearer. For full details go to the Community 360 website: <https://www.community360.org.uk/funding-for-churches-and-christian-charities-to-respond-to-coronavirus-cri-sis/>

Horizon 120 Business & Innovation Park is set to receive £7m Government Funding

BDC is set to receive £7million from the government's Getting Building Fund to create an enterprise centre on the new Horizon 120 Business and Innovation Park which will create at least 150 new jobs a year. The new enterprise centre is 1 of 34 projects across the South East region which will receive a share of the £85 million allocated to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership. The building work on the new enterprise centre is expected to start early next year. The creation of this centre will be in addition to the new hub for construction innovation (I-Construct) soon to be built on the Springwood industrial estate. It will be a great boost for the new Horizon 120 Business and Innovation Park

Contacting Essex Police

A number of new features have been introduced on the Essex Police website. It now has live chat which runs between 7am and 11pm and enables you to text-chat an operator live online. There are also a number of reporting forms which you can use to log incidents of crime, antisocial behaviour or any information you want to make police aware of. These services are for use when your contact with Essex Police does not involve an emergency. It may be easier and quicker for you to contact police via the website rather than phoning 101. In an emergency please always dial 999. Call takers will prioritise calls to the 999 service but please only use the emergency number in a genuine emergency – your call could be preventing Essex Police getting to someone in real trouble if not

Local Plan Update – Housing Projection Figures

Residents across North Essex are being given the chance to have their say on the proposed changes to the joint parts of the local plans for Braintree, Colchester and Tendring made by the Planning Inspector. The Inspector recommended some key modifications to the proposals and people will be able to comment during a six week consultation running from 27/08/20 to 09/10/20. This consultation is only on the proposed main modifications. Any consultation on the NEA's position on the impact of the Office for National Statistics: 2018-based household projections would be carried out during a separate process at the request of the Inspector.

Cllr Gabrielle Spray, Cabinet Member for Planning at Braintree District Council said: "This is the final chance for the public to have their say on Section One of our Local Plan, and we welcome people's comments on the Planning Inspector's proposals".

Job Retention Bonus

The government is introducing a new Job Retention Bonus to provide additional support to employers who keep on their furloughed employees in meaningful employment, after the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ends on 31 October 2020. The Job Retention Bonus is a one-off payment to employers of £1,000 for every employee who they previously claimed for under the scheme, and who remains continuously employed through to 31 January 2021. Eligible employees must earn at least £520 a month on average between the 1 November 2020 and 31 January 2021. Employers will be able to claim the Job Retention Bonus after they have filed PAYE for January and payments will be made to employers from February 2021. Find out more on the Job Retention Bonus at www.gov.uk. Full guidance will be published by the end of September.

Covid-19: Self-isolation period to be increased to 10 days

The government has announced that anyone in the UK experiencing coronavirus symptoms or who has tested positive for the virus will now have to self-isolate for ten days rather than seven days. The Health Secretary advised this measure has been put in place in reaction to a perceived second wave of coronavirus 'coming across Europe' and in an attempt to prevent similar spikes in the UK. This advice will apply to anyone currently self-isolating as a result of covid-19 symptoms and those already part way through their seven-day isolation will need to ensure they self-isolate for the full ten days. Government advice remains that anyone experiencing symptoms should be tested and then follow appropriate medical advice.

Business Grants Update

More than 2,600 firms in the Braintree District have benefitted from over £30 million in business grants since the Government's financial support measures began as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Braintree District Council distributed the emergency grants from monies received from central Government to provide relief for businesses impacted by the pandemic. Grants ranging from £2,000 to £25,000 from three different grant schemes* have been issued to support businesses across a number of sectors over the past five months.

Local Road Closures

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) – Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders:

Intended closure of Water Lane, Kedington Road, Sturmer due to commence on 23rd November 2020 for 12 days. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Essex County Council undertakes investigation works, core holes and trial holes.

Specialist Counselling Service for Children & Young People

APPENDIX C

Sturmer Flood Action Group – August 2020

We had a flood warning on 13 August and the main road was flooded. 2" of rain fell in about 2 hours during a thunder storm and then a further 2 " in the following 24 hours.

I have joined another NFF meeting on the government's proposals for changes to planning regulations which could affect areas prone to flooding.

Linda Bevan
Sturmer Flood Action Group