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MINUTES of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Stratford St Mary Parish Council held at the Village Institute, Stratford St Mary at 7.30pm on Monday 14th November 2022.

PRESENT:

Cllr W Davies (WD) – Chairman
Cllr R Barrell (RB) – Vice Chairman
Cllr B Such (BS)
Cllr N Woodard (NW)
Cllr D Robinson (DR)
Cllr P Alexander (PA)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Faye Hall (FH) - Clerk
District Cllr John Ward (JW)
1 Member of Public

Cllr Davies requested that an additional item be added to the agenda under Finance 18.11.22
(5) Precept for 23/24 to be discussed.

01.11.22 Present and apologies for absence.

Cllr Davies welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Lorry Shead and County Councillor Georgia Hall.

02.11.22 Declarations of interest and dispensations:

(1) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items in the agenda.

None

(2) Receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None.

(3) Grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

None.

03.11.22 To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th of September 2022.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th September 2022 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by RB and seconded by WD. All in favour.

W Davies 9/11/23

04.11.22 To discuss if the PC has received any applications to fill the 2 vacancies on the Parish Council

None received.

05.11.22 Matters arising from the minutes

(1) Lost Footpaths Langham - application to Essex CC.

A letter has been sent to Langham Hall for consideration about suggesting a permissive path but no response has been received. DR proposes for Clerk to do a formal application to Essex CC Highways to amend the definitive map. All in favour. **Clerk to action.**

(2) Queens Green Canopy – Confirmation now received with regards to tree planting, please see item 12.11.22 correspondence.

Tree to be planted over the winter.

(3) Purchase of litter bin and relocation of dog bin Upper Street

BS is in contact with a maintenance man that has been sourced and will ask him to put the new litter bin in and look at relocating the dog bin. **BS to action.**

(4) VI carpark extension outcome of discussion with VI trustees

WD advises that there hasn't been an Institute Committee meeting yet so there is no update. BS raised that there was more rubber matting laid than what was quoted for and that the extra rubber matting has been laid on ground that was not prepared which is now causing a potential trip hazard. BS will ask the maintenance man to look at this. **BS to action.**

(5) ANPR camera locations

ANPR camera was in the village last week and the Parish Council are awaiting feedback from this.

(6) East Anglia GREEN

PA to revert back with an update on a proposed Pylon meeting that the EA Green action group will be arranging for January. A Statutory Consultation letter from East Anglia Green has been received by the Parish Council – all in favour of responding. PA to look at what needs to be addressed in order to issue a response. **PA to action.**

(7) Copart site Gun Hill – Email received from Copart please see item 12.11.22 correspondence

Clerk to chase for a response.

(8) ETRO's Lower Street

The Parish Council had requested the amendment to extend the existing double yellow lines here, but Suffolk CC advised that the Parish Council were too late in submitting this request. BS commented that all points raised are valid so this needs to be resurrected – all in favour. Agreed to write back to Suffolk CC to ask if the Parish Council still wanted to go ahead with the double yellow lines what the cost involved would be. **Clerk to action.**

(9) Speeding tractors from PG Rix Farm

Letter sent to PG Rix's but no response. **Clerk to send another letter.**

(10) River Garden – Willow Tree



The Willow tree has been surveyed and confirmed as dead so Essex and Suffolk Water are arranging with a contractor to fell the Willow tree. BS will meet with ESW at the River Garden on the 15th to discuss access to the site for the contractor and where the log piles from the tree will be put onsite once the felling is complete.

06.11.22 To receive reports for information

County councillor and District Councillor's most recent reports had been circulated by the Clerk to the Parish Council before the meeting.

District Councillor John Ward

JW wanted to highlight from the November report the commercial property investments – these have provided a good profit and a net income of just over 2 million pounds came to Babergh alone, extra income that is needed.

JW advised that the Hopkins Homes sign appeal has been rejected so sign on the A12 will be removed. It is noted that there is another sign the other side of the A12 which JW will look into as the enforcement notice only mentions 1 sign.

The Autumn newsletter is being distributed which gives a update on what Babergh has been doing. JW advises that next year he will stand as an independent candidate.

Police/Neighbourhood Watch Report.

WD advises that there is nothing to report. DR raised again that he feels that the NHW signs in the village need to be replaced and that more needs to be done to raise the profile of NHW in the village. DR volunteered to make some notes for WD to take to the next Neighbourhood watch meeting to find out how the village can become more involved with the scheme and receive updates etc and proposed to ask for some new signs.

07.11.22 Public Discussion

The Member of Public (MP) wanted to raise her interest in the Pylon campaign and was concerned that the Pylon action group are not involving the villagers as apart from one meeting the MP has not heard about any other meetings being held. PA advised that at the end of the public meeting about the pylons people were asked if they would like to sign up to join a action group. PA advises that the Action group are advising everyone through as many channels as possible of their meetings and information to inform residents. MP will give PA their details and he will pass them onto the Action group. **PA to action.**

08.11.22 Chairman's Comments

WD confirmed that a wreath had been laid on behalf of the Parish Council at the Church on Remembrance Sunday.

It was noted that the street lights that are owned by the Parish Council have all been changed to LEDS.

WD asked that all Councillors respond more often and get involved on email discussions.

09.11.22 Request from Stour Kayaks to use the River Garden

BS advised that Stour Kayaks have made a satisfactory request and he is recommending for the Parish Council to allow them to use the River Garden. All in favour -- **BS to write back to Stour Kayaks**

10.11.22 Street Light painting/maintenance



DR advises that 12 Parish Council owned streetlights have been identified as needing to be repainted and 2 quotes have been received to carry out this work. Suffolk Highways have quoted £120 plus VAT per lamp post – Roger proposed if this is still the current price per lamp post then we should accept PA seconded and all in favour. **Clerk to action**

BS commented that the other lamp posts need some attention so he will ask the maintenance man to tidy them up in the early spring – all in favour.

11.11.22 Correspondence received since the last meeting:

Email 15.09 with regards to a fire at Woodhouse Barn, BDC Planning were contacted and reverted to advise that a Planning Enforcement case has now been raised reference: EN/22/00595. Noted

Email 21.09 – Ref: EN/22/00025 developer Hopkins Homes sign on the A12. Planning Enforcement have advised that Hopkins Homes are appealing the rejection of planning consent so will update us on the outcome once known. Noted

Email 27.09 – Babergh have confirmed that an ornamental cherry tree will be planted in the winter at the grassed area behind The Anchor pub. Noted

Email 30.10 – Copart acknowledged the letter sent with regards to additional traffic through SSM and have advised that they will review and action in due course. **Clerk to send a reminder for a response.**

Email 04.11 – General bin and dog poo bin at the Village Institute are overflowing – report to online to Babergh. Babergh have reverted to advise that the operations manager has been contacted to find out if they have been missed and they will arrange to empty asap. All have been emptied now – could we get stickers which say if full please call ... - **Clerk to look into.**

Email 07.11 – from a concerned villager with regards to the accident at the fireworks display on the 05.11. The fireworks display is on the school playing field and organised by the Fireworks Committee, whilst the fireworks display is not within the Parish Councils remit all agreed to write to the Fireworks Committee to ask for a response to the incident. Clerk to go back to the concerned resident with the contact details of the Firework Committee so the email can be forwarded on. **Clerk to action.**

12.11.22 30 MPH stickers for wheelie bins purchase

DR is continuing to encourage residents to take the 30MPH stickers to place on their wheelie bins.

13.11.22 Free trees and hedgerows scheme

DR recently attended a zoom meeting on the free trees and hedgerows scheme and was advised that there are lots of free trees and hedgerow plants available. There is a big campaign in Suffolk to get more trees planted. DR to put a piece in the Quartet to let people know about the scheme and see what interest there is.

14.11.22 Quartet magazine

Parish Council all in agreement to put some bullet points from Parish Council meetings in the Quartet. **Clerk to action.**

15.11.22 Electric Pylons campaign

RB proposed that the Parish Council offer funding towards the EA Green action group, money could be used towards Institute hall hire for meetings or posters/printing etc. PA to discuss with Action group and revert.

16.11.22 Parish Councillor Reports.



RB commented that the village sign on the green needs some maintenance, BS will approach the maintenance man to look at.

NW advised that there has been a complaint received about trees over hanging the children's area at Orchard Barns - the trees are in between the Village Institute and Orchard Barns. A quote has been received of £450 to cut the trees back. RB proposed for this to wait until January's meeting so that it can be put as an item on the agenda with notice to be agreed.

PA - nothing to report

BS advised that the new turf area at the institute is covered in leaves so needs to be addressed, BS will contact the maintenance man to see if he can clear with a leaf blower

At the front of the institute roadside the fence needs to be repaired and the roadside verge also needs tidying up. BS to ask the maintenance man to do both jobs. Invoice for fence to be given to WD for the institute Committee.

DR raised the Emergency Committee - NW advised there is a box of things to use in an emergency which is now in the room in the Village Institute. The Parish Council currently has no Emergency Committee so agreed to look at this again.

WD questioned whether the Stratford St Mary Welfare Community Trust automatically gave a charitable payment to some residents each year but RB said that this was no longer done.

17.11.22 Planning Applications-- to consider any applications received prior to the meeting.

None received

18.11.22 Finance

(1) To approve the expenditure since the last meeting.

The expenditure sheets had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed by BS and seconded by NW. **Decision** - expenditure of £2863.46 from 13.09.22 to 14.11.22 was approved by all.

(2) Monthly cashflow analysis against agreed Precept.

No comments

(3) Monthly cashflow reserves.

No comments

(4) To consider applications for funding received before and after publication of agenda.

Donation request from the Fireworks Committee - £500 Proposed by RB, seconded by DR all in favour.

Donation request from Community First Responders - £500 Proposed by WD, seconded by RB and agreed by all apart from one abstention.

Donation request from St Elizabeth's Hospice - Parish Council all in agreed that donations are not given outside the Parish. **Clerk to write back to them.**

(5) Precept for 23/24 - to be discussed

WD advises that Babergh are sending some information out so agreed that the precept will be discussed at January's meeting.



19.11.22 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Institute.

Meeting closed at 2105hrs

Signed:

Date:

WJ