

MINUTES OF STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN THE MOOT HALL ON
THURSDAY 13 JULY 2017

Present: Messrs: Chris Cadman (in the chair), Frank Aldred, Kim Cresswell, Ian Westrope, John Fellows, Kerry Barnes.
Mesdames: Alex Rolph, Sophia Girvan
Clerk: Mrs June Argent

Members of the Public: 2

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Apologies District Councillor Diana Garrod
Ted Bloxham - holiday

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Declarations of Interest: Sophia Girvan – Planning (tree work)

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Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated)

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by Kerry Barnes and seconded by Sophia Girvan. All agreed.

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Question Time

Jane Sharp said she has two dogs and likes to walk them twice a day over the footpaths surrounding the village but some footpaths are not cut enough. Having been advised that County Council pay for only one cut a year now and Parish Council pays for one other cut, Ms Sharp suggests the Parish Council increases the council tax to allow for further cutting or organises volunteers to cut these footpaths or ask County Council to use alternative contractors. These options will be considered when we discuss our next budget although the use of volunteers means huge insurance costs to the Parish Council and they would have to supply their own machinery since we have none. The Parish Council employs its own contractor to carry out this work not County Council.

Ian Mackenzie of Hands Off Steeple Bumpstead said they were now ready for the appeal.

Alex Rolph arrived at 7.42pm.

Ian Mackenzie thanked the Parish Council for its support and input and thanked Kerry Barnes for speaking at the appeal which will begin at the Masonic Hall, Braintree at 10.00 on Tuesday 18th July. **KB to action**

As far as the Neighbourhood Plan is concerned, Mr Mackenzie thought certain members of HOSB would be most helpful.

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County Councillor's report

David Finch was not in attendance

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District Councillor's report

Diana Garrod was not in attendance

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Open Spaces, Highways and Lighting

a Footpaths

This was discussed under Question Time.

b Salt Bag Scheme – The Chairman was waiting to hear whether or not we could store more salt bags at Blois Meadow Business Centre. **CC to action**

c Play area – The District Councillor has arranged for £1,200 to be paid into the Parish Council's bank account, by Braintree District Council, as a grant towards new equipment to replace the broken bars. Kerry Barnes will now place the order. The Rospa Report was again given to Kerry Barnes and he will report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. **KB to action**

d War Memorial – Ian Westrope is still awaiting a response to his application for a grant to obtain a grant for work on the war memorial.

e Stansted Airport – Posters to be put on the noticeboards concerning London Stansted Airport – Community Consultation.

f The children's goalmouth area on the Camping Close has been levelled but no seeding has been arranged. The Parish Council are considering what type of surfacing should be laid.

g LED lights for Parish Council owned street lights. John Fellows is waiting for a budget cost to change our street lights from Ringway Jacobs.

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Planning

a Planning Applications/Decisions

17/00074/FUL	Clarke, 62 North Street	GRANTED
Retrospective application for land comprising a culveted ditch to be included within the residential use of the property, together with the erection of a close boarded fence to enclose the land.		
17/00091/TPOCON	Wallace, 1 Freezes Barns, North Street	
Tree work		
17/00113/TPOCON	Issitt, 6 Church Street – tree work	
17/00111/TPOCON	Johnson, 15 Church Street – tree work	
17/00121/TPOCON	Rust, 3 Finchingfield Road – tree work	
17/00157/TPOCON	Taylor, 1 Sucklings Yard – tree work	
17/00929/FUL	Whiting, 5 Bower Hall Drive	No
Erection of porch		Objection
17/00940/FUL	English, 14 Lion Meadow	No
Erection of single storey rear extension		Objection
17/00848/LBC	Chapman, 20 Church Street	No
Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and erection of timber framed hardwood conservatory		Objection
17/01010/FUL	Lambert, 6 Home Close	No
Demolition of existing garage and erection of games room, utility room and home office		Objection
17/01055/AGR	Price, Rylands Farm, Broad Green	Permission
Application for Prior Notification of Forestry Development. Erection of steel framed agricultural building for storing combinable crops, seed fertiliser and agricultural machinery.		Not Required
17/00183/TPO	Kenny, Blois House, Blois Road – tree work	
17/01091/FUL	Tamburrini, 9 Helions Road	
Removal of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension		
17/01101/NMA	Brown, 1 The Endway –	
Application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 16/02163/FUL (Removal of log store and erection and conversion of outbuildings) – Existing brickwork and proposed brickwork to be changed to a painted render finish		
17/00193/TPOCON	Girvan, 11 Chapel Street – tree work	

17/00204/TPOCON Bovington, 29 Chapel Street – tree work

17/01184/FUL Pollard, 19 Queen Edith Drive
Erection of single storey rear extension and garage conversion

17/01181/FUL Chapman, 20 Church Street
Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and replacement
with timber framed hardwood conservatory.

The lime trees at Claywall House, Chapel Street have bleeding canker. This has been pointed out to the owned who will look into the matter.

If Gladman win the appeal for the development of 65 houses off Finchingfield Road, then there will be monies, under Section 106, for the Parish Council to recommend using for the benefit of the village. HOSB has given the Parish Council a list of ways in which they think we could spend this money if the appeal is won by Gladman.

b New Neighbourhood Planning Briefings – There are two briefings – one in August and one in October. Sophia Girvan wishes to attend the October briefing and Kerry Barnes has already attending a briefing. Kerry Barnes suggests that members of HOSB and other village members might wish to join the Steering group with the Parish Council taking the lead.

The Chairman is to contact Jan Stobard regarding funding for Neighbourhood Planning and will ask her to attend our August meeting. **CC to action**

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Finance and Administration

a Clerk's report from 10 June to 8 July 2017

Receipts

BDC play area grant £1,200

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Payments

R Thorn – bins/litter £ 200.00

Administration £ 782.43

E.on street lighting £ 126.76

K Barnes – keys cut £ 15.00

Rural Community Council of
Essex affiliation fee £ 72.60

Aon UK Ltd – insurance £ 1,264.52

Abate Pest Control £ 72.00

Country Gardens & Landscapes £ 2,328.00

£ 4,861.31
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Balances as at 8 July 2017

Current Account: £ 2,590.09

Savings Account £30,000.00

Earmarked Reserves £ 2,726.12.

Acceptance of the Clerk's report was proposed by Kim Cresswell and seconded by Alex Rolph. All agreed.

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Networking Group

Sturmer Parish Council will host a Networking session this autumn. The Chairman will attend.

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Miscellaneous Correspondence

a The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee will attend the next Parish Council meeting.

b Chris Cadman and Ian Westrope will meet Mr & Mrs Gonella at Parsonage Farm concerning the electric gate.

c Simon Perry will be moving away from this area and he will be a tremendous loss to the village, we wish Simon and his family well. The Wildlife Group are an essential part of village life and the Chairman has asked Simon to consider how we, as the Parish Council, can do our part in making sure the group continued and develops. Simon has made us aware of a number of issues that require our considerations and attention as follows:

1 The area in front of Bellropes which has had tree planting and tree stumps removed and has been cleared of weeds and nettles now needs maintaining with our contractor needing to mow the area on a regular basis.

2 Jubilee Copse, the area around the Jubilee Oak, is going to require an ongoing management programme and Simon will provide details of required action over the next few winters.

3 Riverside Walk will require additional work during the winter months to ensure that the benefits of the work actioned to date are not lost.

4 Humphrey's Meadow hedge and trees. The excellent work carried out on the hedge will have to be continued and maintained with a programme of work having to be agreed.

Trees adjacent to Lamingtons. Simon considers that whilst there is work to be done there are no major concerns other than the horse chestnut tree is of immediate concern.

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Information Sharing

Kerry Barnes spoke again about the Community Right to Bid – he now has the rules and regulations appertaining to this subject. Although it is too late to apply to the

Fox and Hounds (which is up for sale), other places of significance in the village could be bid for by the community if they so wished.

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Next Meeting – Thursday 10 August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Moot Hall.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Signed

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