



Stambridge Parish Council
Minutes for the Meeting of the Council
held on Tuesday 7th January 2014

Present: Councillors: D Vanderson, P Richmond, G Ioannou
Parish Clerk: L Fox

153. Apologies for Absence.

153.1. Councillor: T. Capon,

154. Approval of Minutes.

154.1. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 2nd December 2013 were agreed to be true records of the meeting. Proposer P. Richmond, Second: D. Vanderson

155. Declaration of Interests in accordance with the Councils Code of Conduct/Vacancies

- 155.1. Cllr G. Ioannou (Non-Pecuniary) – Stambridge Memorial Hall
- 155.2. Cllr P Richmond (Non-Pecuniary) – Director of a Taxi Company

156. Contributions from Members of the Public

156.1. No reports from the public.

157. Reports from Parish Representatives

- 157.1. Police – Party at the Stambridge Memorial Hall on 14/12/13, received a Police Notice – Member of the public complained about `brawl` the member of public was actually the hirer requesting assistance. Incident blown out of proportion. Email returned to explain situation and hirer spoken to, to clarify, event stopped and hirer asked all to leave, taxis were stopped by the police which escalated issue. PC Michelle Rawlinson dealing. RDC notified also. Major accident Stambridge Road, neighbour clipped at 60mph in 30mph limit.
- 157.2. Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils – No meeting next one on 16th January.
- 157.3. Community Information Group (Known previously as Community Forum) No meeting
- 157.4. Transport Apologies GI couldn't attend

158. Stambridge STW

158.1. Clerk to chase reports and arrange meeting.

159. Clerks Report

159.1. Clerks report provided, no comments made.

160. Stambridge Memorial Hall / Grounds

- 160.1. Vandalism/Insurance Claim – We are now setting up meeting for a plan of action with Rob Barr. Councillors would like to attend.
- 160.2. Door Insurance Claim – Communications received, company offered to remake the doors and reinstall but will not provide a guarantee. Following survey of the doors, which clearly stated that the doors were not fit for purpose - Vote taken on not accepting the Company's offer and to use new company who has already provided quote. All Cllrs agree unanimously. Offer of compensation – as counter proposal – All in favour unanimously.

160.3.Football Club – Land is now registered to Stambridge Parish Council. Correspondence passed to EALC and lawyers. Lawyers NALC awaiting their feedback. £500 received, refusal to pay water bill as not had a copy of the lease, Lisa has now sent.

161. Stambridge Community

161.1. No meeting last month. Stambridge Primary School planted 200 trees at the Cricket Ground.

162. Funding

162.1. CIF (Memorial Hall) – Approved - Works completed and then reimbursed by CIF. Insurance work to be combined with the CIF works in order to maximise money and not double up on jobs. PC money also, door money.

162.2. Office – First part of the project to be completed. Remove as part of the CIF

162.3. Other Funding – CSP fund for the COPE Event and the Community Builders Group - Secured some funding for the hall for some Chairs and Tables for the hall - £1500. Research and choose. Lisa to do. GI applying for £10k towards Youth Development within Stambridge.

163. Parish Council Website / Newsletter

163.1. Newsletter - Complete and distributed. Website Bernard has added a link to archive.

164. Footpaths/Highways

164.1. Highway issues – Street lights – Mill Lane x 2 and Stambridge Road. Lighting between Stambridge Hall and the Hall was requested, Cherry Tree and Little Stambridge, School and Cherry Tree approach Highways. Traffic accidents occurring. Speed limit, goes from 30 to 60 to 20 back to 60 then to 30 within a short space from Little Stambridge Hall Lane to the School, School to Stambridge Village. Clerk to apply for 40 zone throughout? Clerk to speak to PC Michelle for incident numbers along Stambridge Road. Brays Lane – All agree for speed limit feasibility study. Lighting approach Highways to enquire – all Councillors agree.

165. Planning including Applications

165.1. None.

166. Allotments

166.1. Comments on Allotment report. – Complaints from plot holders regarding plot number one still overgrown. This complaint is from a plot holder that was told to clear their site and so is understandably upset. Help to clear plot 1 has been refused. Clerk to send strongly worded letter stating the situation and set a completion date for clearance and payment. Clerk to speak to EALC to confirm process. Vote for the motion for Clerk to send letter – In favour: Bernard Crix, Denise Vanderson, George Ioannou, Cllr Peter Richmond abstains from voting

166.2.Allotment Committee to be set up as soon as possible – Clerk to arrange.

167. Correspondence

167.1. Parish Walks –Stambridge Parish Council would like to be involved. Cllr George Ioannou will talk to the Ramblers Society for suggestion on routes. Representative to be decided once date for next meeting received. Clerk to confirm interest.

167.2. Essex County Council – Revoke of Disabled Bay on the Stambridge Road – As emailed No comments

168. Finance

168.1. Payment of Accounts:

168.1.1. Clerks Salary (Confidential)	£-	101246
168.1.2. Clerks Expenses	£74.23	101247
168.1.3. HMRC (Confidential)	£-	101248
168.1.4. St Marys Hall Donation	£15.00	101249

168.2. Ratify the following urgent cheques issued:

168.2.1. Linda Hare – from CSP Fund	£36.00	101242
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(Clerk to set up new accounts record for CSP fund. Peter Richmond to send Money Manager programme to Clerk).

168.2.2. George Ioannou Expenses Mark 1 hire	£198.00	101243
168.2.3. George Ioannou Expenses Salt Bins	£463.95	101244
168.2.4. George Ioannou Expenses Jonathon Dawson	£120.00	101245

168.3. Cllr Ioannou to request copy bank statement for November, and to request downloadable bank statements for future.

168.4. Budget agreed and signed off. Rochford District Council Form, checked and signed.

168.5. Add to next Agenda – Church Fund for Youth Gardening project

169. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 4th February 2014

169.1. Venue: St Marys and All Saints Church Hall at 8.00pm

Meeting Ends 9.55pm

Lisa Fox, Clerk to the Council, 14th January 2014

Chairman`s Signature _____

Date _____

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