**MINUTES**

 of the

  **STAMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

 **MEETING AT THE STAMBRIDGE PAVILION, STAMBRIDGE ROAD, SS4 2AR**

 **ON THURSDAY 13thFEBRUARY 2025.**

**179 24-25 To Record the Members Present:** 7.30 pm**.**

 Chairman: Councillor Mr P Shaw.

 Councillors: Mrs C Lingley. Ms E Lingley.

 Ward Councillors: Mr P Shaw, Mr S Wootton.

 Ward/Essex Councillors: None.

 Members of the public: None.

 The Parish Clerk/RFO: Mr B Summerfield.

**180 24-25 Chairman's opening remarks:**

 The Chairman welcomed all persons attending the Meeting and emphasised the positions of the emergency exits.

**181 24-25 Apologies for absence:**

iTo be received by **the Clerk in person only** via: email, letter and telephone.

ii The PPC acceptance of reasons for absence:

 i Councillor Mr E Houston-Bailey, (Bereavement).

 ii Councillor Mr P Bowen: No apology received:

iii Ward Councillor Mrs L Shaw. (ECC Meeting).

**182 24-25 Declarations of Interests**

i **To receive all declarations of interests including** dispensations under the relevant provision s.33 of the

 Localism Act 2011.

ii The Chairman Councillor Mr P Shaw declared an interest in Planning, as an elected Ward Councillor.

iii **The Chairman reminds Councillors to declare any further interests now and as they became evident to them,**

 **during the progress of the meeting.**

**183 24-25 Stambridge P.C. Casual Vacancies:**

iTo receive applications for the two casual vacancies. None.

ii To receive personal statements from applicants. None.

**184 24-25 Devolution:**

i Essex County Council have stated that the Government has accepted the confirmation from Essex County Council,

 Southend City Council and Thurrock Borough Council of their willingness to devolve as a unit.

ii The Government have also suspended elections this year.

**185 24-25 Public Forum:** ( 5 min per person only )

 Councillors, Guests, visiting Ward/County Councillors and questions/statements from members of the public.

 Ward Councillor: Mr S Wootton reported re: - Devolution is underway with Essex, Southend and Thurrock as

 potential partners – The final partners may depend on what negative financial positions each bring to the

 combined group ie: Thurrock has an alleged 2 billion debt – Elections are now postponed for one year –

 Consultation on a proposed amalgamations to be issued – Possibly four/five unitary Councils with

 500.000 persons each – Proposed setup will include an election for a Mayor in May 26 – Parish Councils

 are not yet mentioned in the Gov White Paper.

 RDC Budget next week possibly to be held at 2.9% - ECC Budget at 4.5%.

**186 24-25 The Minutes of the Stambridge Parish Council Meeting of 16th January 2025.**

 The Minutes were Resolved agreed.

 Proposed by Councillors: Mrs C Lingley, seconded by Mr P Shaw and agreed by all.

 The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

**187 24-25 Matters arising from the Minutes**: (not on the Agenda)

 Item:

**188 24-25 Reports on all agreed Councillors/Clerk Actions:**

 **SCCMC:**

i The donation request from the SCCMC Trust Clerk re: the Nett costs of the pipework installation and carpark

 work by G W Finch @ £4,110-00 was agreed.

ii Proposed by Councillor Mr P Shaw, seconded by Mrs C Lingley and agreed by all..

**189 24-25 Finance:**

i The SPC Financial and Metro Bank Statements ending 13th February 2025 were recorded.

ii The Metro Bank/SPC statements were agreed by Councillors: Mrs C Lingley and Ms E Lingley

iii The Annual Statement of the Balance on the NS&I Investment Account @ £35-86 was recorded.

iv The payment to: HMRC re: PAYE-RTI @ £164-60 was recorded.

v The payment to Stambridge Community Centre, re: VAT126 Oct-Dec 24 @ £2,730-46 was recorded.

vi The Donation to Stambridge Community Centre re: G W Finch invoice @ £4,110-00 was recorded.

vii The payment January 2025 to HMRC re: PAYE-RTI @ £164-60 was recorded

viii The payment January 2025 to B Summerfield/One.com re: Website 2025-26 @ £97-24 was recorded

ix The Standing Order January/February 25 to B Summerfield (Salary) @ £737-47/ £737-47 was recorded.

x The D/D December/January 25 NPOWER Streetlighting energy invoices @ £368-88/£474-01 was recorded.

xi The Cancellation of the BT Office phone was recorded.

 The D/D January 25 from B.T. re: Office phone @ £96.28 was recorded.

xii The Cancellation of the Office Mobile phone was recorded.

 The BT Mobile Credit Note @ £40-00 was recorded.

xiii Resolved all above actions, recommended and agreed payments, other actions, financial statements,

 transfers, grants, quotations and countersigned cheques, etc,

 Proposed by Councillors Mr P Shaw, seconded by Ms E Lingley and agreed by all.

**190 24-25 Planning Consultations:**

 Application no 24/00……………/FUL None.

**191 24-25 Correspondence:**

i An e/letter January 2025 from RHALC re: Minutes of January 25 were recorded.

ii An e/letter January 25 re: VE Day Commemorative celebrations on 8th May 2025. Next Agenda.

iii The Wyvern Community Transport re: a requested donation at £50-00 was agreed. Next Agenda.

iv An e/letter from the RDC Chairman requesting a visit to a Parish Council meeting was agreed.

v Received/record e/Letters, RDC/EALC/Gov. Circulars, Publications and Bundles: etc, as placed on the table.

**192 24-25 Training:**

 EALC training information as circulated.

**193 24-25 Allotments Admin**:

i The Clerk’s letter re: Plot A was recorded.

ii The Clerk’s email re: Plot B was recorded.

iii The Costs of clearance of the Earth Pile to the next Agenda.

iv I Agreed: the Large gate padlock number to be changed each opening.

 ii For deliveries the Large gate padlock number to be requested from the Clerk.

v General Plots notification to all plot holders was agreed.

vi The Clerk’s report re: available plots re: P 13 and P5b were recorded.

**194 24-25 Streetlighting:**

 Councillor reports: None.

**195 24-25 Highways, Pavements and Public Rights of Way:**

 i Village bus shelter Perspex quotes’. Two quotations are awaited.

 ii Drain covers located opposite Little Stambridge Hall Lane are reported.

**196 24-25 Website:** (**www.stambridgepc.org.uk**)

 The website to be further updated with the information from this meeting.

**197 24-25 Items from Councillors: Items: for next Agenda and exchange of information only.**

 Items:

**198 24-25 The proposed date of the next Stambridge Parish Council Meeting:**

 **Agreed: THURSDAY 13th MARCH 2025.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

**8th March 2025 Barry Summerfield, Stambridge Parish Council Clerk/RFO.**