

STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
The meeting was held in person in the village hall.

THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Neil Pyman (Chair) Michael Crago (Vice-Chairman)
Vanessa Young (attended remotely) Martyn Fall
Val Kerrison
Andrew Drysdale

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard van Dulken (BDC)
Peter Schwier (ECC) (arrived late)
Debbie Hilliard

21/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2019

It was noted that there had been no Parish Assembly in 2020 due to Covid-19
The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 2019 were approved as a correct record.

21/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2019

None.

21/4 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's report was read out at the meeting and accepted.

21/5 VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – MRS YOUNG

A copy of the Village Hall accounts was received and accepted at the meeting. It was noted that the village hall was now re-opened.

21/6 EMERGENCY PLANNING REPORT – MR CRAGO

Michael advised that the Emergency Plan was currently up to date.

21/7 PUBLIC TRANSPORT REPORT – MR DRYSDALE

It was noted that public transport had been affected by the pandemic.

21/8 FOOTPATHS REPORT – MRS GRANT

It was noted that Mrs Grant had sent apologies and was unable to attend the meeting.

Essex County Councillor Peter Schwier arrived at the meeting.

21/9 PLANNING REPORT

Nothing to report.

21/10 BDC REPORT – CLLR VAN DULKEN

Cllr Van Dulken's report was received and noted. Main points were:-

- Attended most Stambourne PC meetings which were remote during 2020/21, and saw Adrian at the Chapel, but due to Covid was unfortunately unable to engage much with residents.
- Attempts have been made to encourage the reinstatement of the Network 5 concept for surrounding villages to get together, and it was hoped that post-pandemic this will take place.
- Overall BDC coped well during the year, with office staff mainly working from home to ensure services were maintained. Front line staff (streetscene, waste collection) did sterling work dealing with 716 flytips, and with less than 3 bins per 100,000 missed in a typical week. A major success for the Council was the unprecedented effort to distribute funding of government aid to businesses and individuals. While BDC has received support from Central government we will still be short about £1.6 million due to lack of income from parking and leisure centres, but this can be coped with from reserves.
- Cllr Van Dulken sits on the Licensing Committee as well as being Chair of the Governance & Scrutiny Committee covering standards, audits and accounts. Also the BDC representative on NEPP (North Essex Parking Partnership) and Essex Waste.
- BDC will continue the Councillors' Community Grant scheme during 2021/22, with £1,500 available to me to distribute in the Ward. During 2020/22 grants were made to the Chapel towards their community support efforts during the pandemic, and £400 towards bench and play equipment in your Recreation area.
- Highlighting the major developments in the District which have been progressing smoothly during the year, the Manor Street development and the High Street pedestrianisation in Braintree, and the Horizon 120 business park (incorporating an Enterprise Centre) in the Great Notley area which will eventually provide 2,000 jobs.
- Consultations re the Climate Emergency Plan, and the Cycling Strategy, are available in the BDC website, and comments are welcomed.

19/11 ECC REPORT – CLLR SCHWIER

Cllr Schwier was invited to speak and introductions were made. Cllr Schwier's report was accepted and noted.

19/12 GENERAL DISCUSSION

No items tabled.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 8.00pm.

Signed: 

Dated: 19.5.22