



TOSTOCK CHRONICLE



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February—March 2019

A very welcome back to a very popular Tostock Special...



Saturday 2nd March

7.15pm for 7.30

At the

Village Hall

More details inside

Also **Tostock Tidy Day** Saturday 9th March

10am at the Village Hall



See inside

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Police

Non-emergency 101

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TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 2nd March 2019

7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

 **CASINO NIGHT** 

**A £10 ticket buys you
a great fun evening, Supper &
£750 in funny money to spend on the night**

**Tickets (over 16 years only) from Sam Guirguis
(01359) 271969 or Hannah Jones (01359) 272633.**

BUY EARLY!

 **Licensed Bar**

 **Mystery Auctions**

 **Bid with funny Money**

Sponsored by Tostock Village Hall Committee

Tostock has a proud history of success in the Suffolk 'Best Kept Village' competition which we would like to resurrect.

A meeting was recently convened under the auspices of the Parish Council to look into ways of improving and maintaining the appearance of Tostock with the primary aim of keeping our village looking good for everyone's benefit.



As a result of that meeting it was agreed that a series of 'Village Tidy Days' would be a good idea to undertake the necessary tasks and raise awareness of the need to respect the village and do all we can to keep it looking at its best.

A group of 4 people agreed to get together and identify what is required and make plans for getting it done. After an initial walk round the entire village and some initial discussions the group have identified the following aspects requiring some attention:

There is a low level litter problem which needs to be addressed,
Some of the road signs are rather dirty and would benefit from cleaning,
Some of the road name signs have become tatty and should be repainted where required,
Some of the verges are overgrown and untidy and require tidying and cutting back,
Some footpaths have become overgrown and difficult to walk and require some attention.

If you have further ideas about what should be done please let us know.

Actions to address the areas we have identified are being planned but a key aspect of this initiative is to involve as many people as possible to raise awareness of the initiative and foster a culture of ownership by the entire village.

With this in mind we are planning a series of proposed 'Tidy Tostock' days for 2019. The dates proposed are the Saturdays 9th March, 1st June, 7th September and 30th November.

We are looking for volunteers to join us at **10.00 am on Saturday 9th March at the Village Hall** to help with some of the tasks.

We understand not everyone will be able to join on the planned days but if people are unable to volunteer then they can all do their own thing by making an extra effort to maintain the frontages of their own properties.

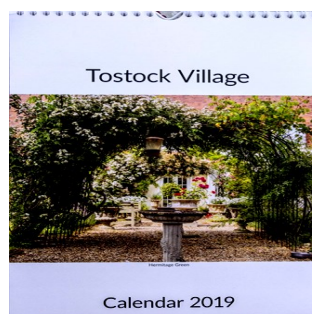
For further information or to provide any suggestions you may have to further the aims of this initiative please contact: jimlanglois@btinternet.com.

This year we have managed to sell 93 calendars.

So thanks to everyone who purchased calendars.

A special thanks to Derrick Poole and also Steve and staff at the Gardeners who helped to sell the calendars.

We have made a profit of £150 of which this will be shared equally between the Tostock Village Hall and the Church.



Tostock Village Hall News - FEBRUARY & MARCH

Our last meeting was held on 24th January 2019. The date for our AGM will be confirmed in the next Chronicle.



Many thanks to **Jane & John Parnum** and everyone else involved in organising the Family All Fools Night/12th Night Celebration on the 5th January. It was a sociable and fun evening, with the games being enjoyed by both the children and the adults!

TOSTOCK CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, 2nd March 2019, 7.15pm

A fun night on the old fashioned Casino tables

TICKETS £10 each (over 16 years only)

Tickets include easy supper & £750 in funny money

(winnings used to bid in the mystery box auction)

See separate notice for further information

WE ARE STILL AFTER YOUR IDEAS please.....

Do you have any suggestions for improving or adding to our Village Hall and its playing areas? If so, please let us know.

Email: hannahgracejones@hotmail.com

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL YOUR LOCAL VENUE

Competitive Rates of Hire Round Tables

Insured for up to 120 people

Good Parking Marquees available for hire

Contact Doreen Buckle on 01359 270605 or tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk to reserve it for your Event

Looking ahead.....

Tostock Open Gardens 2019



Gosh it is hard to believe that we are already halfway through January.

Time to put our thinking caps on, look towards June, and think about opening our gardens.

As many of you will know, this year the village celebrates forty years of the Art Exhibition.

With this in mind we are anxious to put on a really good display of Open Gardens.

If you would like to open your garden between **11am and 5pm Sunday June 16th** please contact either: **Jeanne O'Reilly** on **270337** or myself **Gail Moyle** on **270787**, the sooner the better please.

All of us who have opened before, I think would agree, that it was a most enjoyable day.

I am also pleased to announce, that thanks to funding from the Parish Council, we are to have planters by the new gates into the village to add additional colour as you enter the village.



Celebrating 40 Years The Tostock Art Show

Preview Evening	Friday, 14 June 2019
Art Show	Saturday, 15 th June 2019 Sunday, 16 th June 2019
Open Gardens	Sunday, 16 th June 2019

Parish News

Parish Council Election 2nd May 2019 – Nominations Needed!

Help Tostock achieve a full parish council. Make a difference for your village and community – become a Parish Councillor.

A thriving Parish Council is needed to help look after the interests, environment and facilities of Tostock village. By offering some time; sharing your particular knowledge and experiences; and getting involved in areas of interest or concern, you can help make a difference.

The term for a parish council is four years after which a new council must be elected. The next election for councillors will be held on 2nd May 2019. Tostock Parish Council may have up to 9 councillors. Candidates must be at least one of the following:

- an elector of the parish
- during the whole of the last 12 months must have occupied, either as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish.
- their principal or only place of work is in the parish
- they live within 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) of the parish boundary

**Candidate Nominations Open Tuesday 19th March 2019.
Nominations Close 4.00pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019**

Where there are more candidates than vacancies, an election must be held.

If after nominations close there are an equal number or fewer candidates than there are vacancies, all candidates are elected unopposed, and no election is needed.

If after the election there are less than 3 councillors, the district council may temporarily appoint persons to bring the council up to strength.

It is anticipated that some existing councillors will be standing again as councillors.

However, to achieve a full council additional candidates are needed. To have a fully elected council has certain benefits. The council would gain some additional powers, plus the potential to attract additional revenue through the Community Infrastructure Levy.

It is hoped that there are potential candidates in the village that would be attracted to joining the council.

Tostock deserves a representative council to make decisions affecting the future of the village. Why not join the council and add your support and help it maintain and improve the village.

Contact any existing councillor for more information.

OR Sandra Brown sandra_brown60@hotmail.com

Parish News

Christmas Tree

Thanks to everyone involved with organising, erecting and removing the Christmas Tree on The Green.

An 18 foot tree was delivered rather than the 12 footer as planned, so it may have looked lacking in lights. Now the basics are in place next year all that is needed is a tree and maybe some extra lights.

Thanks again to everyone involved.



New Dog Bins

Some of you may have noticed two more dog bins have been provided.

One at the end of Flatts Lane on the sign for footpath heading to Norton Road. The other on the sign for the footpath heading from The Leys in the direction of Beyton.

It is encouraging to see that after only a few days in place they are being used!



St Andrew's Church News

The Church was beautifully decorated as usual ,thanks to Julie and her helpers .

Our Christmas celebrations were well-attended and enjoyed by everyone , beginning with the Carol service when donations of gifts for the Bury Refuge were put under the Christmas tree .

Once again , people were very generous , and the lady who came to collect them was delighted .

The Salvation Army Band came to play carols on December 20th

a wonderful atmosphere with lots of singing and refreshments, kindly provided thanks to all who helped in any way

A donation of £60 was given to the Salvation Army ,and £115 was sent to the Hospice .



Thanks to Gail for arranging the evening .

It is becoming a “regular Tostock event “,so if you haven't been able to attend yet , remember next December !

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve was attended by lots of very excited children, many dressed as Angels ,shepherds or kings .Mary ,Joseph and the donkey arrived with Teddy Knott and family , after their journey around the village , and were placed in the stable .

Many thanks to all the families who kindly looked after Mary and Joseph on their journey to the stable .They had some wonderful adventures on their way !

On Christmas Day ,we welcomed the Revd. Chris Andrews to officiate at the Family Communion .

A very Happy New Year to everyone , as we move on to 2019 !

The next *Coffee morning* is on **Tuesday February 12th** , at **10:30am in the Village Hall** .

The Church floodlights were sponsored in January by Rosemary and Roger Lister , to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 1st . The Bells were rung at New Year as usual , but The Bell Ringers dedicated the ringing to Rosemary and Roger , with congratulations and best wishes on their Golden Wedding from us all .

The floodlights are sponsored in February by Maureen ,John and Nick Cytacki , to celebrate the return of their beautiful snowdrops , hoping Spring is on its way !



St Andrew's Church Tostock

(Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock with Great Ashfield,
Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

Priest-in-Charge Revd Katherine Valentine

Tel 01359 235095

Email: katherine@kavalentine.plus.com



SERVICES FEBRUARY 2019 - MARCH 2019

Our beautiful and ancient church is open daily for visitors and private prayer.

FEBRUARY

3rd	BENEFICE SERVICE	9.30am	-for 10am family@church at Pakenham: CANDLEMAS
10th		9.30am	Holy Communion
17th		6pm	Evening Prayer & Praise
24th		11am	Morning Prayer

MARCH

3rd	BENEFICE SERVICE	9.30am	-for 10am family@church at Pakenham: LENT
10th		9.30am	Holy Communion
17th		6pm	Evening Prayer & Praise
24th		11am	Morning Prayer
31st	MOTHERING SUNDAY	11AM	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Posies of flowers will be given out at this traditional service when we thank God for our mothers and grandmothers and pray for mothers and children everywhere. Bring the whole family!

SERVICES AT THE CROFT

Mondays 18th February & 18th March 10am

All welcome to come to this informal act of worship where we sing our favourite hymns, pray for our village and share extremely nice refreshments!


SIX
CHURCHES
UNDER ONE ROOF

family@church

9.30am for 10am - St Mary's Pakenham

Breakfasty refreshments & Crafts available from 9.30am This service on the first Sunday of every month is run by the whole benefice and is the opportunity for all our villages and families to join together in worship and get to know each other.

Look out for the invitation coming through your door!

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - A CANDLE FOR YOU - celebrating Candlemas

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH - GIVE IT UP? Celebrating Lent with guests from the Kagera project, our twin diocese in Tanzania.

Deanery Lent Course

Thursdays - 14th March- 11th April 7.30pm St Mary's Pakenham

The Things He Did - The Story of Holy Week.

We will be using this book by Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, and watching extracts from the BBC series 'The Passion'. All Welcome.

Although everyone of us are complete individuals and entirely different from each other, there are certain circumstances and situations when we are very much the same and equal with one another. For instance – when we are born we are all born naked so surely that makes us the same. We all have dreams and childhood memories, our senses and emotions that we develop are the same, pain and hurt we endure during our lifetime must feel the same to us all. Take bereavement we all at some time lose our most loved ones, parents, family, or close friends etc. So we all suffer the shock and grieving. Of the 41 symphonies the great composer Mozart composed whenever you hear any one of his symphonies you can play it over and over again, it will still be heard by us all as exactly the same sound every time, the sound cannot change. Take any one of Julie's or any other member of her teams master craft floral arrangements at our lovely church of St. Andrews and the bright vivid colours of the flowers, their shape and scent will be viewed and smelt exactly the same to us all. By now you must all be wondering or scratching your heads as to where I'm leading you to - Well the answer is nowhere, its all about words. I absolutely admire people who can put words together in poetry or by telling stories. Well done Pauline for her poems in previous editions – Reflections and Jelly-cat. A very good friend of mine just recently introduced me to Scottish country singer come songwriter Isla Grant by lending me his video of her, although Isla has been around for a good few years I must admit I had never heard of her until now, but I immediately liked what I heard. Not only does she write her own music but lyrics as well. It is these lyrics and words that I am connecting you to in this article because the lyrics are about the things I have just been mentioning up above, certain circumstances, situations and childhood memories. So what I thought I would do for this edition is to bring you four of Isla's songs and lyrics which I hope will bring back some of our memories to us all and connect us with our countryside.

Song 1 - A Daisy for Mama

I was buying some flowers on a morning in May
 when a small child came by
 and this she did say can you spare me a little
 that's all that I ask just a little
 is all that I need just a little
 is all that I need well
 I knelt down beside her and held out the flowers
 and told her to choose any one
 there were bright coloured roses
 and sweet violets
 but a daisy is all that she chose
 a daisy is all that she chose
 when I asked her, her name and if she could explain
 why a daisy was all that she wanted
 the tears filled her eyes and she started to cry
 she said a daisy reminds me of mama
 a daisy reminds me of mama
 mama said heaven has streets that are golden
 and sweet angels singing dressed in white
 so you see this small daisy reminds me of mama
 for mama's in heaven tonight
 mama said heaven has streets that are golden
 and sweet angels singing dressed in white
 so you see this small daisy reminds me of mam
 for mama is in heaven tonight
 my mama's sleeping in heaven tonight

Song 2 – A Cottage in the Country

There's an old cottage waiting in the country
 waiting for someone to call
 there's an old kettle boiling by the fire
 there's an old welcome mat in the hall
 there's an old mom and dad there awaiting
 for a son that's been gone for so long
 there's an old cottage waiting in the country
 waiting for that boy to come home
 many years ago he had to leave them
 and travel across the stormy sea
 to fight for the things he believed in
 with a song and a guitar on his knee
 but they hoped and they prayed he would return to them
 though the weeks slowly turned into years
 many nights they have been so lonely
 and many nights there have been many tears
 the old man is tired and weary
 his back bent over with age
 the old woman sits by the fire
 and just gazes into the flames
 on a table that's standing beside her
 are pictures of the son she misses so
 the son she held and kissed so dearly
 when he left her so many years ago
 there's an old cottage waiting in the country
 waiting for that boy to come home
 yes just waiting for that boy to come home

- Song 1** Is about a little girl left alone after losing her mother something which is occurring more and more these days
- Song 2** I would like to pay a tribute to the 11 Tostock boys who fought with such strong courage in the 1st World War and gave their lives
- Song 3** Is about the empty chair after mother has died
- Song 4** Is about a little church down in the valley but lets forget the valley and imagine it is our own St Andrews down Church Road



Song 1 Daisy for Mama



Song 2 Cottage in the Country



Song 3 Mothers Chair



Song 4 Old country church down in the valley

Song 3 – Mothers Chair

There's an old armchair and it means the world to me
 for I used to sit there upon my mothers knee
 and she'd read to me the stories
 that children love to hear
 now there is no-one to sit in mothers chair
 I still recall the many times the words she would say to me
 fight for all your dreams, turn them to reality
 but as I sat by her in wonder
 her eyes held so much pride
 I knew against all others I had mother on my side
 mothers chair is old and dusty and colours fading fast
 to me it holds a memory of happy days gone past
 like the way she'd smile and hold my hand
 and brush away the tears
 now there is no-one to sit in mothers chair
 now the old chair is standing where she left it that day
 when god came to visit and carry her away
 and every time I see it looks so cold and bare
 now there is no-one to sit in mothers chair
 there's an old armchair and it means the world to me
 for I used to sit there upon my mothers knee
 and she'd read to me the stories
 that children love to hear
 now there's no-one to sit in mothers chair

I'm going to stick my neck out and say that it is God who wants us to be the same and equal . There comes a time in life when circumstances and situations touches all our hearts and we want to cry. I think it is at that moment when we are the same and equal with each other, although we are very much independent individuals and entirely different we must learn always to be there for each other especially when called upon in their hour of need should any situation occur.

Song 4 – An Old Country Church

There's a little church down in the valley
 with flowers and trees all around
 the old bells ring out in the tower
 such a wonderful welcoming sound
 paint on the windows are fading
 and the old door creaks under the strain
 but the old church lives deep in my memory
 and some day I'll go back there again
 its an old country church in the valley
 It stands all alone and so proud
 it brings many people together
 as they sing out their feelings aloud
 they sit side by side close together
 there's comfort and peace all around
 in the old country church in the valley
 true happiness there I have found
 as a child I remember so clearly
 the time that I worshiped and prayed
 the candle so bright as the alter
 it seems that they would never fade
 and the choir that sang all so sweetly
 their voices so happy and bright
 oh how I long to go back there
 to return to that wonderful site
 it stands all alone and so proud
 its an old country church in the valley
 it brings many people together
 as they sing out their feeling aloud
 they sit side by side close together
 and there's comfort and peace all around
 in the old country church in the valley
 true happiness there I have found

Extracts from the Tostock Archives

Tostock Church School - Part 1 (Reminiscences of "Honey" Mrs Elsie Manning (née Knock) in 1974)

Tostock School was a two-roomed building, later becoming the village hall, before being converted into a private dwelling. Elsie Manning was a pupil and a teacher at the school.

It seems that before the school's foundation in 1874 some village children received their schooling (which was not free) at Heatherdene. It used to be 2 cottages, and was in those days the last house on the left as one walks down to the church.

In 1874 the new Church School was built with money largely found by the village. The Chairman of the Managers was Tostock's rector, the Rev. Julian Tuck. Another Manager was Lady Malcolm, wife of Sir James Malcolm who lived at Tostock Place. Yet another early manager was Mr Robert Gardiner, grandfather of Elsie Manning's sister in law Mrs Lawrence Knock. Robert Gardiner was a veteran of the Crimean War who had been decorated after the fighting at Balaklava, Inkerman and Sebastopol. He took part in all these battles. He retired to Tostock in 1875, sang in the church choir (then a strong one of 20 voices), became churchwarden for a time, and also "Mine Host" at the Royal William. Ted Everitt thinks he may well have been the last.

Elsie Knock, as she then was, went to school in 1904 at the age of 5. She stayed until 1911. Her schoolmates included many of the Haselwood clan, and such well known characters as Jack, Ted and Roly Everitt, Hilda Everett (later Mrs Wheeldon), the brothers Herbert and Vic Huffey, their cousin Frank Huffey and Elsie's brother Lawrie Knock who was there from 2009 to 1914. Attending the school were about 75 children rising to about 100 in 1914.

They were all Tostock children, for families were large in those days. Mrs Manning particularly remembers the Buckle family (not connected to the Buckle family who reside in the village today) which was as big as a football team. She clearly remembers them all and their names; Jack, Winnie, Alvah, Claude, Abby, Marjorie, Irene, Russell, Bert, Vernon and Douglas. They all lived in a cottage called "workhouse Yard", the back of which may still be seen as a wall at the end of the garden at Green Farm, opposite the Croft. Whether there was ever a workhouse near the corner of the Green seems lost in the mists of time.

In the Infants' Class, 35 children were taught in the small room at the back. The larger front room held well over 40, sitting tightly packed on long or double desks. The boys still wore pinafores over their other clothes. In 1913 the small room was enlarged. There was always a large fire in each room throughout the winter, and there was never any shortage of coal.

In the next installment, Mrs Manning recalls the mistresses, the work programme, the teaching methods, the discipline and the pattern of life in the school she knew.

TOSTOCK SCHOOL CHILDREN - 1880's ? (original overleaf)



From left
to right -

Back row : Haselwood (3rd)
Middle " : Violet Huffey (5th)
Front " : Leonard Huffey (3rd) Buckle (4th)

Cyril Huffey (8th)

Tostock Past and Present Society - Winter Newsletter Jan 2019



Our Christmas event saw the return of the Suffolk Folk Group

“Harbour Lights”.

The music and food were excellent and everyone enjoyed an entertaining evening.



We now look forward to 2019 and the programme is set out below. The annual membership fee for 2019 will remain at £12 and non-members are very welcome at £3 per meeting.

Our new year commences on Tuesday Feb 5th at 7.30pm, with our AGM followed by a talk by Dr Helen Geake **After Roman Britain: Who were the Anglo-Saxons ?**

Helen Geake is an archaeologist who was one of the key members of [Channel 4's](#) popular and long-running [archaeology](#) series [Time Team](#), presented by [Tony Robinson](#)

Helen is called upon by the University of Cambridge to offer advice as an expert in Anglo Saxon and Medieval Archaeology.

The rest of the 2019 programme is as follows;

March 5th- Ashley Cooper **Local Antarctic Associations: Scott's Polar Expedition (1910-1912)**

April 2nd – Will Cranstoun **The Black Bourn Valley Nature Reserve (Suffolk Wildlife Trust)**

May 7th- Miriam Stead **The Bawdsey Story** -The history of the Bawdsey Manor Estate which became RAF Bawdsey, the world's 1st operational RADAR station

June 4th- Dr Nick Amor **The Suffolk Medieval Cloth Industry**

Sept 3rd- Pip Wright **For the Rest of your Natural Life: Suffolk convicts transported to Australia 1787-1867**

October 1st- Stuart Bowell **The History of Advertising**

Nov 5th- Jason Salisbury **Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses, our journey**

For further information contact Anthony Scully 01359 270482 email a.rod.scully@gmail.com



TOSTOCK CARPET BOWLS CLUB



We are half way through our games in the Bury Carpet Bowls League. Have had some good results, at the time of writing we are third in the league.

February Fixtures:

Monday 4 - home to Old Newton

Thursday 14 - home to Bildeston (friendly)

March Fixtures:

Wednesday 6 - away - Chairman's Plate at Needham Market Community Centre
- quarter finals- Suffolk game.

Monday 11 - home to Woolpit

Monday 18 - home to Ixworth

Monday 25 - home to Stanton

Keep up the good work team.

Doreen Buckle

***Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 12th December 2018**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, P Fletcher and S Mansel Mrs S Brown (Temporary Clerk) Twelve Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Received and accepted from: County Cllr J Storey, Cllr Cytacki and Cllr Debenham .

TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY: It was hoped the Village Hall will have ideas for funding, it was advised there was more money available than initially thought with approximately £15,000 available.

Public Forum: A resident felt the notice for the meeting on the potential development in New Road was a bit misleading. The Chair advised emails had been sent out to as many as possible, as it was a potential development and not a planning application it was felt a meeting should be called as soon as possible. A resident felt the developer had ticked all the boxes as they had consulted the village. A number of residents expressed concern at the potential development. It was suggested if further special meetings were called an email cascade could be used or a leaflet drop would be useful for notification as not all residents used the internet. The resident from 6 New Road addressed the Council advising the previous planning comments had been taken on board and they would now ask for the Councils support.

PLANNING:

Application DC/18/05144 Land north of village hall, Norton Road – Variation of Condition 15: Council discussed and agreed no comment.

Cllr Perks left the meeting Cllr Kearsley took the Chair

To Consider potential development New Road: The Chair summarised the main comments received at the meeting on the 21st November:

- ☑ The Capacity of New Road and surrounding infrastructure
- ☑ The need for appropriate affordable housing
- ☑ Flooding issues in the village of Tostock
- ☑ Problems already occurring with the Sewerage pumping station
- ☑ Surface and Foul Water impact assessments needed

Council discussed commenting: The developer needs to take action on the issues outlined above as well as consider making part of the application for design and layout a full planning application and the remainder outline planning. The developer is asked to come back to the Parish Council when plans are finalised. To ensure proper site management is in place to avoid any unnecessary disruption. The Parish Council to highlight they would be willing to manage the green amenity areas. To highlight to the developer the importance of proper consultation with neighbours. The Parish Council would encourage the developer to look beyond building regulations. All in agreement for the Clerk to send the above comments to the developer. A number of residents gave their views on the potential development, the Chair advised the Parish Council will take on board the comments of the residents of Tostock and the comments received at the meeting. It was advised all the Parish Council can do at the present time is send their comments to the developer. The merits of a Parish Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan were briefly discussed and it was agreed to place this on the next agenda.

Application DC/18/05272 6 New Road – Outline planning permission erection of 1no dwelling creation of a new vehicular access: Council discussed Cllr Mansel proposed no objection with the comments the Parish Council are pleased this is a small two bedroom bungalow and meets the need for smaller properties in Tostock seconded by Cllr Kearsley all in agreement.

Cllr Perks re-joined the meeting as Chair

VILLAGE MATTERS:

a). Norton Road – Ditches and Trees: No further update had been received from landowner. It was advised surface water runoff from the new development on Norton Road runs into the ditch which hasn't been cleared. Cllr Mansel advised this was not an enforcement matter. The Clerk to inform Suffolk highways of surface water run-off from the Norton Road development running into a ditch which is overflowing and causing flooding on Norton road.

b). Dog Waste Bins – The Clerk to chase Glasdon for the three straps that have been ordered. The Village hall bin has now been emptied and MSDC confirm it is back on the list to be emptied.

c). Speed Stickers – It was advised there is still a number of stickers left.

d). Christmas Tree on The Green: The Christmas tree with lights has been erected on the The Green. Thanks were given to Cllr Fletcher for all her work and to all those who helped erect and decorate the tree. A letter of thanks to be sent to the young resident who held a cake stall in the summer raising funds which have gone towards the Christmas tree. Thanks also went to the resident who put in the pipe at their own expense.

e). Speed Indicator Displays: Ongoing.

f). Home Security Presentation: The Chair advised the Community Police had agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

g). Parking on The Green: Cllr Fletcher advised the car which had been permanently parking on The Green was no longer doing this, to take this off the agenda.

i). Village To Do List: It was hoped the event on Friday will cover this, it was asked if someone needs to take responsibility for taking names on the evening. It was hoped this would grow organically with a volunteer/s co-ordinator/s.

j). Flower boxes at gateways: The Clerk advised Cllr Storey agreed this would be a nice idea and had copied her response to the local highways team so that they can contribute to the discussion. The Clerk had sent an email to SCC highways asking for permission no response had been received from Highways. To place on next agenda

k). Tree planting: Cllr Fletcher had not yet had a response from Community Action Suffolk but will go back to them again.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE: Locality Funding available from Suffolk County Councillor Jane Storey Ward Changes for the next election in May 2019

2018 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Stations and Polling Places: It was noted there is to be no change in Tostock with the village hall still being used as the polling station, but Tostock will be in the new Thurston Ward for District Council elections in May

Natural England wished to carry out a pond survey between April and June 2019 to improve understanding of the condition of ponds across the area and will use the information to develop a strategy for pond creation and enhancement for the benefit of wildlife, particularly for the Great Crested Newt. Council all in agreement for this to take place.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

To place Neighbourhood Plan/Parish Plan on next agenda. To place co-option on next agenda.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting, as

Wednesday, 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The Chair confirmed all dates previously issued are all now confirmed with the Village hall.

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***Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 9th January 2019**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, N Cytacki and C Debenham

Mrs S Brown (Temporary Clerk)

Three Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Received and accepted from: Cllr P Fletcher and Cllr Mansel

Public Forum: It was reported a young man from the village who had witnessed someone clearing debris from the drains by the bridge to avoid the area flooding had come and helped with this work, thanks went to those concerned.

It was advised by a committee member of a local charity, which looked after a field within

Tostock, they were proposing the field could be used as a BMX track for local youngsters. The committee member had experience of putting in an application for a track and what was needed to get it up and running. It would need commitment from the Parish Council that they would be happy to support it but they hoped if it did go ahead the youngsters themselves would form a club for running it. To place on next agenda.

It was asked if the Parish Council knew who owned various ditches in the village as a ditch was full of garden waste and could cause flooding. The Clerk to email both Flooding & Highways at SCC and cc Cllr Storey into the email.

TO CONSIDER PARISH PLANS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS: Council had received the Good Councillors Guide to Neighbourhood Planning, NALC Legal Topic Note 83 on Neighbourhood Planning and a SALC briefing on the subject. The Clerk advised CAS were unable to provide direct support to parishes for a Neighbourhood Plan but were able to provide consultation software and a housing needs survey which can form part of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair advised Tostock had a Parish Plan carried out in 2008 and explained the basic difference between a Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan which cannot prevent development but can propose where the development can take place. Council discussed including: time scale it can take a number of years to complete, possible costs and grants available, referendum has to be carried out & ensuring there is enough support. Once a N.P. is started the community is often approached by developers, the need to define the area of the N.P., need to form a N.P. committee, problems with identifying a site for development, how long does a N.P. last for, the support from MSDC, MSDC still has not got a Local Plan and 5 year land supply. The Chair concluded this was not an easy decision and more information was needed it was agreed to ask parishes of a similar size to Tostock on their experience of N.P.'s To contact Drinkstone who have started a N.P. and Beyton who are currently considering a N.P. To place on next agenda.

PLANNING:

Application DC/18/05467 1 Park Cottages, Church Road – Erection of single storey rear extension: Council discussed and Cllr Kearsley proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Cytacki seconded all in agreement no objection.

Application DC/18/05568 Westwood, Leys Road – 2 new buildings following demolition of existing dwelling and garage: Council discussed and Cllr Kearsley proposed objecting with the comments: The reduction in height of the pitched roof and length of the building was noted in the new application however for the area it is uncharacteristic and fails to reflect the form of development in the vicinity therefore the previous objections made by the Parish Council remain namely: 'The proposed development is cramped and contrived and neither preserves nor enhances the character of the Conservation Area. The development is end on whereas all the neighbouring properties are on large plots and aligned parallel to the road. If approved it would set an unfortunate precedent for the potential redevelopment of the other bungalows fronting Leys Road and The Leys. The Council is not averse to the demolition of the existing bungalow per se, but would wish to see an enhancement to the local neighbourhood.' This was seconded by Cllr Perks all in agreement to object with the above comments.

Application DC/19/00078 Gable Cottage, Flatts Lane – Erection of a single storey side/rear extension: Council discussed Cllr Kearsley proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Perks all in agreement no objection.

Applications decided by Planning Authority:

Application DC/18/03506 Land north of Village Hall, Norton Road – Discharge of conditions for application 4974/16 – Condition 13 (Energy Strategy): Approved Condition(s)

DC/18/04677 Land adj. Foresters, New Road – Outline planning (access to be considered)

Erection of 3 no two-storey dwellings and 1 no single-storey dwelling: Refused.

VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a). Norton Road – Ditches and Trees: The Clerk to email the landowner for an update.
- b). Dog Waste Bins – The Chair advised the last two dog bins had been installed the Clerk to inform MSDC for emptying. To take off agenda
- c). Speed Stickers – It was advised there were still a few available.
- d). Christmas tree on The Green: A member of public commented how nice it was to see the Christmas Tree. Many thanks were given to Cllr Fletcher for all her work and to all those who helped erect and dismantle the tree. It was suggested more lights could be added to it for next year. To take off agenda (To place on October agenda)
- e). Speed Indicator Displays: The Chair gave an update with x4 sites recommended and explained the rationale for those sites. Council discussed it was asked what the cost of the SID's will be the Chair advised the approximate cost is £2,500 more if you wish to collect data to a maximum of £4,500. It was advised a number of volunteers had come forward to help move the SID when up and running. All in agreement for the Chair to continue using the x4 sites on the map showing the proposed position of the speed indication displays.
- f). Home Security Presentation: The Chair advised the Community Police Officer was intending to speak at the beginning of the Annual Parish Meeting on Home Security.
- g). Village To Do List: Following the recent volunteer event in December a number of residents had come forward to set up a 'Tidy Up Tostock' group. The group had recently walked around the village highlighting areas that need work. A number of dates have been proposed throughout the year to help keep the village tidy, to place dates in the Chronicle. The Chair thanked all the volunteers for carrying out this work and to let the Parish Council know how they can help. Cllr J Debenham highlighted the public are able to report any potholes/highway issues etc directly to SCC via their website. Cllr J Debenham to check whether the SCC reporting map shows areas of verge/ditches that SCC own and report back at the next meeting. The Chair advised the pond needs to be looked at separately and Cllr Kearsley confirmed there was a need for guidelines to protect the flora and fauna of this site. Removal of the cut grass at the correct time is the main problem. Cllr C Debenham to try to contact a suggested resident who may be able to carry this out.
- h). Flower boxes at gateways: To place on next agenda.
- i). Tree planting: To place on next agenda
- j). Overweight lorries through the village: Cllr Kearsley advised he had received an email from a resident on this matter and whether there was anything further the Parish Council could do to help in the matter. Council discussed, the Clerk to write to the resident advising there are signs 'not suitable for heavy goods vehicles', speed stickers for bins have been recently distributed, the newly erected gates and it was hoped the SID would also help to make a difference to speeding in the village. It was hoped over a period of time these will all make an impact to help reduce the problem. Cllr J Debenham stated if any member of the public sees overweight lorries using for example bridges they should, if possible take photographs and report it to Highways on the SCC website.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE:

- Fly tipping
- Speed Stickers
- Christmas Tree thanks
- New dog bins
- Village walkabout taken place and list of future dates
- New Councillor
- Election encouraging residents to put themselves forward.
- Buckingham Palace Garden Parties nomination form – The Chair declined to be nominated.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Cllr C Debenham asked if there had been much feedback for ideas for the village, the Chair advised the majority had been for the Village Hall and related facilities (football pitch, play area, skateboard facility) all these suggestions had been passed to the Village Hall committee. This was briefly discussed and it was confirmed outdoor gym equipment was already on the list.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, 13th March 2019 at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

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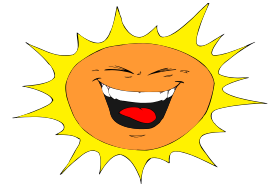
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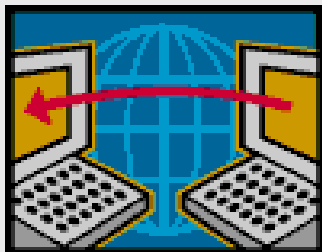
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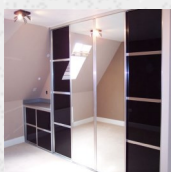
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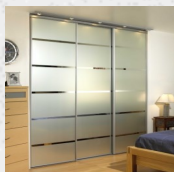
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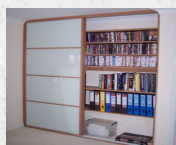
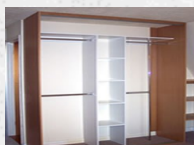
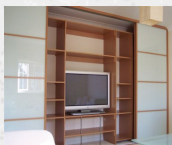


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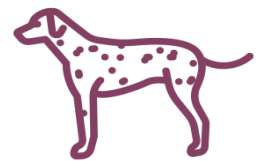
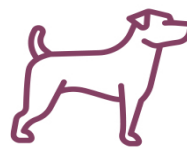
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