

**MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs R Perks (Vice Chairman), D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel, B Alexander Mrs C Debenham
D Cllr J Levantis & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
23 villagers

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ms S Waitkins & C Cllr Mrs J Storey. Police

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – 3 officers from Strutt & Parker /Hopkins & Moore discussed their plans for land at Norton Road (next to the village hall). 6 affordable housing and 8 market properties were proposed and villagers expressed concern that these did not include any provision for bungalows. Noise, pedestrian access and parking issues were also discussed. Strutt & Parker to take on board comments and return to a pc meeting in due course but were intending to apply for planning March/April next year. Item to be mentioned in The Chronicle and comments requested.

Query on what was being planned for the parish pond.

D Cllr Mansell responded to a query regarding the new development (A14)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Alexander - Item 9

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 23rd SEPTEMBER 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Mrs Debenham that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 23rd September 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING 26TH OCTOBER 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Blundell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel that the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 26th October 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

CO-OPTION

The Council had received applications from two villagers and their personal details had been circulated to members. D Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed co-opting both applicants, seconded by Cllr Blundell – all in favour. Mrs J Le Fleming and Mr J Kearsley signed their Declarations of Acceptance and were invited to join the meeting.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

County Councillor – Mrs J Storey: report circulated covering Cabinet meeting 10th November; parents to have their say on school admissions consultation; British Red Cross first aid app. And Community Emergency planning.

District Councillor – J Levantis – verbal report covering housing planning in the area; solar panels consultation; museum of E. Anglian Life and devolution proposals.

District Councillor – Mrs S Mansel spoke on Community infrastructure levy; drop in collected rent; new council housing supplied with low energy consumption; passive house scheme being

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investigated; low energy homes and devolution.

Village Hall – report circulated. Locality Award application, playground inspection undertaken; village website project and information on coming events. Next meeting 21st January 2016

Police – no issues reported recently in Tostock. Priority Tasking meetings – held quarterly are being cancelled; monthly parish reports not continuing – instead a link is provided to enable direct contact for villagers on crime details in the area (www.police.uk/suffolk/H44/crime/2015-06/all-crime or www.suffolk.police.uk)

MSS SNT update –currently 1 Pc and 1 Pcs based at Elmswell Police Office.

Full report attached.

The meeting reconvened

Chairman's report – referred to a meeting regarding the fete to be held on May 14th. Proposal to hold event on the green. The parish council would be liable if there was an incident and it was agreed a Risk Assessment should be carried out. It was proposed The Leys road and Norton Road should be closed with the appropriate notice given. The VHMC has asked if councillors could assist with the initial setting up costs etc. in the amount of £200.

Cllr Perks proposed a donation to be administered by the Village Hall Committee of £200, seconded by Cllr Alexander - all in favour.

Agenda item next meeting – Action Plan. Starting point would be Parish Plan. Councillors to come up with action plan and how to proceed and achieve objectives such as traffic plan.

Reserves – it has been suggested that villagers come up with ideas and projects that could be funded thereby reducing reserves to a more acceptable level. Mention this article in The Chronicle inviting suggestions..

Training – Cllr Perks had attended two training courses at SALC which proved interesting and well presented Cllr Perks suggesting inviting SALC/LCPAS to run a similar course for all new members of the council. Councillors thought this was a good idea, if suitable dates could be found.

FINANCE

702 **Review of Risk Assessment/Standing orders:** Copies sent to Cllr Alexander to progress. Risk assessment completed except for Parish Council Office and Mower/grass cutting.

707 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks that the following cheques issued for November be approved. All in favour.

Chq.		
1244	Piggotts (flag pole)	£338.56
1245	Gipping Press (Chronicle)	£136.00
1246	Litter Picker (Oct/Nov 2015)	£ 97.50
1247	Clerk (expenses)	£ 81.49
1248	Tomlinson (Inv178555)	£ 52.99
1249	CAS (insurance)	£394.10
1250	SALC (subs)	£132.00
S/O	Personnel October/November	£313.00

Current A/c £9,455.75 Income £2.45 Reserve £28,393.71

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708 **SALC/BDO Reports:** Defer to December meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2296/11 Flinders, The Green: removal of some overhanging branches on a sycamore and removal of a conifer tree as specified in Planning application.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Trees Church Road: Chairman to contact land owner Mid Suffolk Arboricultural Officer.

The Leys: Ongoing but volunteers to assist with daffodil planting are needed.

BT cabinet: Wayleave form confirming location received for signing. Work should commence within six months. Cabinet will be placed in laurel hedge immediately behind bus shelter.

Trees on The Leys: These have been trimmed and look good. Remove this item from the Agenda

Flag Pole: Repairs have taken place. Remove this item from the Agenda

Notice Board Three quotes had been received. Fitzpatrick-Walmer £1,122, Notice Board Company £1,454 and Greenbarnes £1,303.

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel to accept Greenbarnes. Seconded by Cllr Alexander – all in favour. Delivery to Cllr Perks. M Harman has agreed to assist in the erection of the board. Clerk to organise.

Anti dog fouling

Signs: Ongoing

Carols on The Green Taking place with a brass band on the 10th December. Permission sought to erect the gazebo and leave over night. Councillors all in agreement – proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded by Cllr Blundell.

The Croft Covenant: MSDC had no record of its existence. Furthermore there was a possibility that this was only a verbal agreement. Enquiries continuing.

Hollow Lane signs: Ongoing

The Leys(Highways) Mr Scully had provided information of previous discussions with J Simpson. Clerk to check.

Perkins Way: Jackie Reeves (SCC) had responded advising that two officers would revisit. Parish Council comments had been taken on board and will see if smaller bungalows can be created, some affordable, with a view to being suitable for a variety of occupants including designs suitable for older people. Clerk to acknowledge and wait for new plans.

Website: Work in progress. Updates from villagers welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th December 2015.

Cllr Mrs Le Fleming gave apologies for being unable to attend the next meeting.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.27 p.m.

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