

**MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2016**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Kearsley (Vice Chairman), D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel, Mrs C Debenham, R Phipps & Mrs J Le Fleming. D Cllrs Mrs S Mansel & C Cllr Mrs J Storey.
Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
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APOLOGIES: Cllr B Alexander & R Perks

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> – no matters raised
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - none

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25th MAY 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Le Fleming, seconded by Cllr Phipps that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 25th May be approved with the following amendment as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly:-

Item 716 **Auditor for the year:** alter LCPAS to SALC

All in favour (by those present)

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

County Councillor – Mrs J Storey: verbal report provided on the LGA conference in Bournemouth which included discussions on the proposed Devolution; Cabinet and Council meetings covering the joining of the Mineral Plan with the Waste Plan along with papers on Highways – the Asset plan and the Improvement Plan (view on line); Apprenticeships – large employers to have a specific percentage of their workforce as apprentices; now a Cabinet member for Broadband – Rural issues and Localities (any problems re Broadband to contact her). C Cllr left the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

District Councillor – J Levantis: report attached (and circulated) covering Council house building programme; Housing and Planning Act 2016; Review of older persons housing; Housing Revenue Account – Income Performance; Suffolk Poverty Strategy; Leisure, Sport & Physical Activity; Devolution update and Dementia Friendly exercise class in Stowmarket.

District Councillor – Mrs S Mansel: verbal report reiterating update on Devolution; Constitutional update; new Joint Local Plan; Capital investment strategy; Regal Theatre, Stowmarket and Inhouse repairs and maintenance service.

Village Hall Committee – scheduled to meet 13th July 2016

Police – link for information is <http://www.police.uk/Suffolk/H44/crime/2015-06/akk-crime>

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The meeting reconvened.

FINANCE

702 **Standing /Financial Orders:** defer to next meeting.

713 **Reserve Fund:** at the last meeting it was agreed that an alternative quote should be sought for the carpet bowls zip tops from Wells Stiche. However that had proved more expensive and it was therefore proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Kearsley to a donation of £300 towards the original quote provided.

Village Hall s106 money was available in respect of the request for an outdoor table tennis table. Letter of support to be written to MSDC.

718 **Signatories:** forms obtained and passed to Cllrs Kearsley and Phipps to complete.

719 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Manel that the following cheques issued for July be approved. All in favour.

Chq.

1165	S Place (services)	£ 30.00
1166	Post Office (tax)	£117.20
1167	Litter Picker (June/July)	£ 97.50
1168	Haughley PC (Baker book/stationery)	£ 72.45
1169	Gipping Press (Chronicle)	£170.16
1170	MSDC (Waste)	£168.00
1171	Clerk (expenses)	£ 83.26
1172	Haughley PC (cartridges)	£ 18.69
1173	Tostock Church Warden (cuts)	£260.00
S/0	Personnel	£313.00

Current A/c £8,642.25 Income £362.84 (Wayleave/interest/Ads) Reserve £28,396.13

Invoice to be sent to C Cllr Mrs Storey in respect of payment for the new waste bin located at Ticehurst.

Letter requesting transfer of £1,000 from Reserve to Current to be drawn up for signing authorisation.

720 **Code of Conduct:** defer to next meeting.

721 **Internal Audit report:** comments noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications approved by MSDC:

2051/16 Croft House, The Green: Erection of garage with first floor living space (following removal of first floor extension and attached garage) replacement of flat roof with pitch roof. Erection of porch. Cladding and rendering of existing brickwork. Replacement and insertion of windows and doors. Alterations to existing access and insertion of gate. Removal of existing timber outbuilding.

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722 Appointment of solicitor: Discussing this application councillors questioned whether an easement should be applied for by the owners since the application involved widening the access over village land to the property. In order to investigate and progress this matter further the council agreed to employ a solicitor. Cllr Blundell proposed Suffolk County Council Legal Section, seconded by Cllr Mrs Debenham – all in favour. Cllr Phipps to enquire on progress with Planning Enforcement (MSDC)

2140/16 Land at Meadow House, Flatts Lane: T9 Field maple – fell

Application refused by MSDC:

0700/16 Appledores Farm Ltd: use of land for the siting of a residential mobile home for a temporary period in connection with animal husbandry (Llamas) and provision of new access in connection with this use.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Signs on Green The meeting was advised that another village had a similar sign placed directly under the village PC notice board. Matter to be actioned.

Hollow Lane Signs Awaiting installation of sign.

The Leys There were now some volunteers for the working group and they would look at how the area around the pond could be improved. Meeting to be convened.

Church Road Some of the overgrown hedging had been trimmed. However it was understood that some of the area in question belonged to the Woodland Trust. Cllr Mrs Le Fleming to action.

Bus Shelter & bench A quotation had been received for the work and Cllr Blundell proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Mrs Le Fleming – all in favour.

Gateway Signage There had been a meeting with the SCC Highways officer to consider the location and once a formal letter is received the parish council could submit a design for them to approve.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures for circulation

SCC notices re grass cutting & fostering (circulated)

MSDC/Babergh – Devolution/business survey (circulated)

Woolpit Health Centre/Transport – Noted - Cllr Mrs Le Fleming is working on this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 28th September 2016.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting.

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