

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE  
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2016

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, B Alexander (arrived 7.41 p.m.),  
D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel. C Cllr Mrs J Storey. Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).  
9 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs Le Fleming & Mrs C Debenham

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Perks - Item 7 Planning (6 New Road) & Item 5 Village Hall

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

The meeting recessed for the next item

WRITTEN REPORTS

**C Cllr Mrs J Storey:** report circulated covering items for discussion in the proposed cabinet meetings on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**D Cllr Mrs S Mansel:** report attached covering update on Devolution; Capital Investment project; the new website which is <http://baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/> and can also be accessed from the original Mid Suffolk Website; the relocation to Endeavour House; Housing Delivery and Local Plan; sheltered Housing Review.

**D Cllr J Levantis:** provided his report covering Devolution; National Transfer Scheme; refuge children in Europe; new House Building/new Government Initiatives; further proposals to be published shortly (White paper);

The meeting reconvened.

VILLAGE HALL – no report. Clerk to send a grant application form to Mr Unwin.

At this point the Vice Chairman took over to chair the Public Forum and subsequent agenda item “Planning” and the Chairman left the meeting.

**Public Forum:** The meeting duly noted a number of concerns expressed by parishioners over the proposed Planning Application No. 4672/16 and these would be covered when the matter was considered next under Planning.

PLANNING

**4672/16**

**6 New Road:** Erection of two storey dwelling house

PC Comment: Object – Councillors have no issue with the principle of development on the site, nor the style of the proposed dwelling. However it is felt that the proposed dwelling is sited too close to the existing dwelling and therefore does not fit in with the surrounding properties. The building would be more suitable if it were built further back to the rear of the property.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and took over from the Vice Chairman.

THE CHRONICLE

Councillors agreed in future to add The Chronicle as the last item on the agenda after Correspondence.

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FINANCE

702 **Risk Assessment:** ongoing.

718 **Signatories:** ongoing.

723 **Precept 2017/2018:** Having circulated further information from MSDC regarding Band D properties, councillors agreed to precept an amount of £7,735. Proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Alexander – all in favour.

727 **Online banking:** Letter to be drawn up to enable Clerk to transfer funds from the Deposit to Current Account. Online banking enquiries continuing. Proposed by Cllr Perks, seconded by Cllr Alexander – all in favour.

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

Chq/BACS

1311	Gipping Press (Chronicle)	£ 207.08
1312	Litter Picker	£ 48.75
1313	Clerk (expenses)	£ 63.25
1314	Haughley PC ( stationery)	£ 46.24
1315	Post Office (tax)	£ 100.40
S/O	Personnel (December)	£ 133.81

Current A/c: £11,533.29 Reserve A/c: £28,405.63

731 **BDO Audit:** Report circulated to all councillors and noted the comment regarding the level of reserves.

ACV STATUS FOR PUBLIC HOUSE

D Cllr Mrs Mansel advised the meeting that registering would allow the parish council a six month delay in which to seek alternative options prior to the owner selling the property. Cllr Blundell proposed applying for ACV for the public house, seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour. D Cllr Mrs Mansel would liaise with MSDC on the matter.

VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) **Signs on the Green:** Ongoing
- b) **The Leys/WP proposals:** Mention in The Chronicle. One quote received so far. Another quote to be obtained.
- c) **Overgrown hedges:** Woodland trust had been approached however their response indicated no further action was required at this stage.
- d) **Bus Shelter/Bench:** Contractor to undertake both repair of the Shelter and installation of the bench once delivered in January.
- e) **Gateway signage:** Mentioned in The Chronicle. Discussion with Highways and waiting  
for a revised quote as there had been a few changes. Chairman to chase Highways.

CORRESPONDENCE

**Resignation of Councillor** – Since the last meeting, Mr R Phipps had resigned as he was moving away from the village. The meeting noted that there were now two vacancies on the parish council. Item for The Chronicle.

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**Easement matter** – councillors were circulated a copy of the solicitor’s findings which had indicated as long as the matter remained as is there was no issue. However should the occupants of The Croft wish to widen the access then it would be a parish council matter. Chair and Vice chair have spoken to the owners.

Grey Folder: Brochures

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

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