

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs R Perks, D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel, Mrs C Debenham, J Kearsley,
R Phipps & Mrs J Le Fleming. D Cllrs Mrs S Mansel & C Cllr Mrs J Storey.
Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
22 villagers

APOLOGIES: Cllr B Alexander & D Cllr J Levantis

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Considerable discussion took place on planning application SCC0045/16 - land adjacent Beyton Road. There was strong feeling amongst those present that this application should be rejected; two signs on the Green considered a Health & Safety problem; footpath query.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Phipps - Item 9 Planning

DISPENSATIONS - none

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 27th JANUARY 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 27th January be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

County Councillor – Mrs J Storey: report covered Elmswell crew of Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service, the forthcoming . Council meeting on the 17th March and the Cabinet meeting on the 22nd. All committee papers were available on-line from the SCC website.

District Councillor – Mrs S Mansell – report attached covering the finance and budget for next year. Green group proposals for the budget, devolution updates, new Joint Local Plan, Management review and Passivhaus design.

District Councillor – Mr J Levantis - report circulated covering “one off” Community Locality Award; CIL scheme adopted in January; Housing growth; Devolution of powers debate; Syrian Vulnerable Person Scheme.

Village Hall – no report provided and there had been no meeting since their last report.

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

The meeting reconvened.

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Chairman's report – rather than hold the APM followed by the parish council meeting on the same day, there was a general discussion on holding it on an alternative date. Chairman to make enquiries and advise shortly on a more suitable date.

FINANCE

702 **Review of Risk Assessment:** With the exception of three items listed below, Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed approval, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

Grass cutter Signs on the Green Registered Office of the Council

Standing/Finance Orders: Approval proposed by Cllr Perks, seconded by Mrs Le Fleming – all in favour.

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

Chq.

1146	Tostock V Hall (replace Chq.1135)	£ 200.00
1147	Glasdon UK Ltd. (bin)	£ 187.62
1148	Clerk (expenses)	£ 45.04
1149	Litter Picker (Feb/March)	£ 97.50
1150	Gipping Press (Chronicle)	£ 119.00
1151	Mr Buckle (mole control)	£ 150.75
1152	Communicorp (subscription)	£ 12.00
1153	Cancelled	
1135	Cancelled	
S/O	Personnel February/March	£ 313.00

Current A/c £7,546.25 Income £31.13 Reserve £28,396.13

712 **Audit changes:** No change

713 **Reserve Fund:** Defer to next meeting

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

0492/16 **Annexe, Ifold, New Road: Erection of single storey rear and side extensions to existing annex**
PC comment: support – (proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour)

SCC\0045\16 **Land adjacent to Junction of Beyton Road, Tostock: change of use of land for storage, processing and recycling of inert waste resulting from highway works.**
PC comment: Object to this application (proposed by Cllr Perks seconded by Cllr Kearsley – 7 in favour, 1 abstention). Letter detailing reasons for objection to be drawn up and sent to SCC. (attached)

DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF NORTON ROAD

Defer to next meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS

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- Signs on Green** The signs to be removed and an assessment undertaken as to a more appropriate place for the signs. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour.
- Notice Board** The board had now been installed. Remove item from agenda.
- Anti dog fouling Signs:** Signs placed where relevant. Remove item from agenda.
- Hollow Lane Signs** Cllr Perks to provide map of required location to the Clerk so that MSDC can be advised accordingly.
- The Leys** Removed from agenda now on Action Plan.
- Pond on the Leys:** Ongoing
- Church Road** Ongoing - the overgrown hedges have been reported.

ACTION PLAN

The working party had met and considered the parish plan key points in priority order. Transport to the Health Centre to be discussed with Woolpit. Maps and copies of village signs to be included in “welcome” pack. Mrs J Harrison has attended a website course and was now looking after the Tostock website. Cllr Perks will monitor the parish council section. Dog walks/Bridle paths – no action yet. Bottle bank – siting at the Village Hall has been considered in the past but access to the bins is too difficult.

TRAINING

Councillors who had attended the last SALC session had found it interesting and informative.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Some policies were already in place – FOI 2009 (on the web); Grant policy (2013), ICO (website) and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Kearsley that the setting up of a Complaints procedure; Publication Scheme (FOI), Media policy and a Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure be progressed. All in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

Babergh/MSDC planning team – circulated

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20th April 2016.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 p.m.

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