

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY 2017

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel. C Cllr Mrs J Storey,
D Cllr J Levantis. Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
9 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs C Debenham, Mrs J Le Fleming & B Alexander

<p>Public Forum: - no matters raised</p>

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Perks - Item 7 Finance (viii) Village Hall

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING 16TH NOVEMBER 2016

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

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14TH DECEMBER 2016.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly having noted the following amendment:-

Page 787 – ACV Status: last sentence to read “Cllr Perks will complete the form.”

CO-OPTION

The Chairman advised the meeting that unfortunately the last applicant had not met the relevant residential requirements.

The meeting recessed for the next item

WRITTEN REPORTS

C Cllr Mrs J Storey: report circulated covering cabinet meetings 24th and 31st January; update on the Devolution deal.

D Cllr Mrs S Mansel: report attached covering the move to a “leader-cabinet” model; access to council papers via the new website; budget 2017/2018; Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre; Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan and Garden Waste Collection changes.

D Cllr J Levantis: provided his report covering Asylum Seeker dispersal; Sheltered Housing Review; Mid Suffolk Upgraded Gym - www.everyoneactive.com; Mid Suffolk adopts Cabinet-Leader model.

Village Hall – report covering current funding; changes to the Committee; Fundraising plans and the annual Spring Clean of the Village Hall & Playground Maintenance. Tabled.

The meeting reconvened.

Chairman’s report – nothing to report.

County Councillor Mrs Storey left the meeting at 7.56 p.m.

FINANCE

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- 702 **Risk Assessment:** ongoing.
- 718 **Signatories:** ongoing.
- 723 **Precept 2017/2018:** Forms to be sent to Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Council duly signed in the amount of £7,735.
- 727 **Online banking:** Letter to be drawn up in respect of Clerk permitted to transfer funds from Reserve to Current. Proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour.
- 732 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks that the following cheques issued for January be approved. All in favour.

Chq/BACS

1316	Tostock PCC (maintenance)	£320.00
1317	Litter Pickeer	£ 48.75
1318	Clerk (expenses)	£ 40.69
1319	Haughley PC (I Drum 1/5 th)	£ 12.87
1320	Miss J Wheeler (chronicle)	£ 89.77
1321	Haughley PC (network day)	£ 3.20
S/O	Personnel (January)	£ 133.81

Current A/c: £9,686.18 Income: (interest 67p) Reserve A/c: £27,408.60

- 733 **Clerk's Contract** – ongoing.
- 734 **Mole Contract:** Councillors were pleased with the work undertaken last year and Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed the work should continue. Seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour.
- 735 **Grant Aid:** The Village Hall had applied for funding to purchase new chairs for the hall and it was not clear how much they were able – if any - to contribute towards the purchase. Following a brief discussion Cllr Kearsley proposed an amount of £1,400 which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel. The Treasurer to be advised of the decision by the Council and to respond if this sum was not acceptable. All in favour.

PLANNING

The following application was considered by the Council:

- 0050/17 Jasmine Cottage, The Green:** T1 Yew tree – reduce height and overall width of tree by approx.50%
PC Comment: Support – proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

Refusal by Mid Suffolk District Council:

- 3568/16 Westwood, Leys Road.** Erection of 2 no. single-storey detached dwellings, shared detached double garage, and construction of new vehicular access to serve plot 2, following demolition of existing single-storey detached dwelling.

ACV STATUS FOR PUBLIC HOUSE

Cllr Perks has the necessary form and is progressing this.

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VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) **Signs on the Green:** Ongoing – Cllr Blundell to investigate.

D Cllr Levantis left the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

- b) **The Leys/WP proposals:** Definite need to make the Oak tree safe as well as clearing willows. Options discussed and two quotes had been received for various work to be carried out as under.

D Brown	£300 plus VAT	W Jarvis	£650 plus VAT
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Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed W Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour. It was noted that planning permission may be required for certain of the work.

- c) **Bus Shelter/Bench:** Contractor to undertake both repair of the Shelter and installation of the bench once delivered this month.
- d) **Gateway signage:** Some details incorrect in previous quote, the quote needed to be updated to £4,346. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

TRAINING

The meeting agreed that Ms J Harrison (website/Chronicle) should attend a training session at SALC at a cost of £25. Proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour. Cllr Perks to advise.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Two councillor vacancies
ACV – proceeding
Work on The Leys

CORRESPONDENCE

Grey Folder: Brochures

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 8th March 2017.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

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