

# TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Tostock Village Hall beginning at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs O Boland, Johansson, MacDowall, Mellen, Richardson (Ch), Turner

Attending Mr Peter Dow  
16 members of the public

### MINUTES

21.10.01 **Resolved: That Mr Peter Dow be appointed Clerk to this meeting.**

21.10.02 **Noted:** The following when Apologies for Absence were invited.

2.1 An apology for absence from Cllr P Boland who had a prior commitment which was noted on grounds that the meeting had been properly scheduled.

21.10.03 **Noted:** The following when any Members' declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interest and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items were invited and any additions, deletions or alterations to the Council's Register of Interests noted:

3.1 Cllr MacDowell declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in any matters arising from Agenda item 8 which might pertain to Tostock Village Hall as he was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee of Management.

21.10.04 **Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September, as circulated, be agreed as a true record.**

21.10.05 **Noted:**

5.1 The Chairman confirmed that notice of the outcome of the recent Judicial Review process was posted on the notice board.

5.2 The Chairman confirmed that there had been no applicants for consideration for co-option to the Council and that advice from the Monitoring Officer was that both he and Cllr Mellen should continue to serve as Tostock Parish Councillors under s591 for as long as was deemed appropriate by the Monitoring Officer but that Cllr Turner, who was moving away from the District, would no longer serve.

5.3 The Meeting agreed that the vacant post of Clerk to the Council, including the duties of RFO should be advertised through SALC.

21.10.06 **Noted:**

6.1 The Meeting received a written report from Cllr Mellen as SCC Ward Member.

6.1.1 It was agreed that the validity of pursuing an initiative to have a 30mph restriction implemented on Church Road might best be the subject of a full agenda item at a later meeting given the suggestion that the proposal falls short of the SCC Highways criteria for consideration.

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21.10.07 There was discussion regarding land at the Old Post Office on The Green from which no action was determined but agreement reached that the matter might benefit from input from the County Council's Solicitor when a permanent Chair of Council is in post.

21.10.08 **Resolved: That Council confirms that the previous agreement regarding its position in respect of the annual village fireworks display, due on 6<sup>th</sup> November, remains in force.**

- 21.10.09 There was discussion regarding the legality, practicality and desirability of hybrid Council meetings using conferencing and broadcasting technologies from which no action was determined.
- 21.10.10 10.1 The Meeting deferred discussion, pending the rationalisation of Council membership to better reflect local input, of the following the scheduled list of matters arising from previous meetings and other business:  
10.1.1 Funding for Jubilee event  
10.1.2 Advertising for tenders for a litter picker  
10.1.3 CIL funding – first tranche  
10.1.4 Tree survey on Parish Council land  
10.1.5 Flooding and erosion on The Green  
10.1.6 Overgrown hedge on Church Road  
10.1.7 Update to village website  
10.1.8 The matter of a sound system / hearing loop for the village hall
- 10.2 The Meeting noted that the advertisement for village litter picker, as previously agreed, had been placed and a response received.
- 10.3 **Resolved That permission be granted within the terms previously discussed for the installation of a memorial bench dedicated to Jill Masters.**
- 10.4 The Meeting agreed that the provision of a Christmas tree should proceed as previously discussed.
- 21.10.11 In light of the clear lack of any practical alternative and given the expression of substantial public support from the Meeting, the Chairman agreed to stay in post until Council membership is rationalised so as to better reflect local representation.
- 21.09.9 **Noted:** That the date of the next scheduled meeting was 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 in the Village Hall.
- 21.09.10 **Noted:** That the Meeting closed at 8.55.