



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2007

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None

POLICE REPORT:

None - PC Chris Garrod sent his apologies

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

D/Cllr David Wood reported that the Babergh budgets had been set and that council tax bills had been sent out.

Many people have been interested about the implications of the 'Suffolk Murders' on the Police budget. So far the investigation has cost an extra £8m, for which Home Office assistance has been offered to meet any ongoing costs, provided that Suffolk Police use £1m from their reserves.

The side-effect benefit of all the extra Police activity has resulted in the lowest crime figures (for virtually every crime) for the last ten years. It has also quashed amalgamation fears and proved that a small force can cope with such a large investigation. The Safer Neighbourhood initiative is going to be launched shortly in this area.

For Splash 2007 at Alton Water, the Police are going to put extra resources into Stutton. The 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign in Stutton Lane should help deter wayward coach drivers.

D/Cllr Wood apologised for the short notice given for the PPA meeting on 30th March, and hence the poor turnout.

Three developers are now looking at various options for the Ganges development, and these will be presented to the affected Parishes when complete. Plans for the Marina are all ongoing - it has not been withdrawn.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs Leach (Chairman), Bales (Vice Chairman), Baxter, Fishwick, Kennell, Knight, Lusher and Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rik Bond – Clerk, D/Cllr Dave Wood

51/PC/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Watts.

52/PC/07 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

Cllr Baxter re: Planning application B/07/00276/FHA/BHW - 3 Pond Cottages, Manningtree Road - Erection of side extension and detached garage.

53/PC/07 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

54/PC/07 MATTERS ARISING:

Splash 2007 Scout Event - It was suggested that the Scouts should draft a letter

to send to local residents giving full details about the event and the security arrangements. To be sent to all residents along Holbrook Road, Alton Hall Lane and Larksfeld Road, and included in Roundabout Stutton as an open letter.

**Scouts /
Clerk**

55/PC/07 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Anglian Water - Dog Bins at Alton Water Reservoir (Circulated)
2. Dept for Constitutional Affairs - Memorials in public cemeteries (Notified as not responsible for a burial ground)
3. Suffolk ACRE - Award Letter - Parish Plan Grant
4. defra - RSCP Parish Plan Grant - £2100 received and paid in
5. SCC - Locality Budget - Village Plan - £200 received to be paid in
6. Babergh - Audit of Open Space, Recreation & Play Areas in Babergh (Paul? Return questionnaire by 20/04)
7. Babergh - Press Release - Belle Vue Park ,Sudbury - New activity leaflet (Circulated)
8. Babergh - Reminder - Parish Council Elections 3 May
9. Babergh - Easter Bin Collection (Circulated)
10. Babergh - British Forces Free Postage Provision (Circulated) - To be added to next meeting's agenda.
11. Babergh - Annual Playground Inspections (Circulated)
12. SCC - Exercise/Activity Provision across Suffolk (Chris? Bowls Return questionnaire by 12/04)
13. Suffolk Preservation Society - Heritage White Paper (Circulated)
14. Suffolk Preservation Society - Friend of the Society (Circulated)
15. Childline Midlands & East Anglia - Easter Eggstravaganza (Circulated)
16. Sutcliffe Play - Playback Spring 2007 (Circulated)
17. Stansted Airport - Plane Talk (Feb/Mar) (Circulated)

Emails

18. Suffolk Probation Service - John Wesley, Unpaid Work Placement Manager (Circulated)
19. Babergh Communities Together - Funding Surgeries 2007 (Circulated)
20. Suffolk ACRE - Buzabout new car launch (Circulated)

56/PC/07 FOOTPATHS:

Problem Report 593679 - relating to the pavement between Stutton Close and Holbrook Road - Emailed to Technician - David Keeble Arrangements will be made to widen the gap between the two pedestrian barriers to enable better wheel chair/pram access.

Cllr Baxter has now acquired some perspex to use for the dog signs, and will be erecting them in the next couple of weeks.

Concern was expressed about the level of the 'bank' alongside Footpath 38 (between Cattsfild and Alton Hal Lane), which has been caused by residents dumping garden waste and grass clippings.

**Cllr
Baxter**

57/PC/07 LIGHTING:

None.

58/PC/07 HIGHWAYS:

The playing field entrance alongside the school has been dug up and backfilled with rubble. Clerk to write to SCC requesting they complete the job to prevent rubble spilling into the road. Also bollard on Post Office Corner still needs to be repaired.

Clerk

Bus Shelter by Larksfield Road - hedge needs trimming back.

59/PC/07 PLANNING:

B/07/00276/FHA/BHW - 3 Pond Cottages, Manningtree Road - Erection of side extension and detached garage. **Recommend Approval**

B/07/00259/FHA/MB - Argent Manor, Bentley Lane - Erection of swimming pool. **Recommend Approval**

B/06/02059/FHA/MB - Mochras, Church Road, Stutton - Erection of single-storey side extension; erection of extension to roof (in conjunction with loft conversion). Babergh **permission granted**

60/PC/07 PLAY AREA:

Two letters have been submitted to Simon Harvey at SCC, providing proof of the length of lease required by funding bodies - BiffAward 15 years, Babergh 21 years. D/Cllr Wood will also assist by putting pressure on SCC for a suitable answer

**D/Cllr
Wood**

61/PC/07 OAK HOUSE:

To be removed from Agenda until the Public Enquiry in July

62/PC/07 VILLAGE PLAN:

Funding has now been received in full (£2300 + PC Grant £300 = £2600). A meeting on Thursday 5th April would begin to work on the questions for the survey.

63/PC/07 VILLAGE SHOP:

An application for funding had been submitted to Suffolk Rural Services, but this was done at short notice, and found to be not eligible for funding. Two other funding bodies had been identified (Awards for All - up to £10k, and BiffAward - up to £50k), and these would be approached. D/Cllr Wood has also agreed to offer assistance.

**D/Cllr
Wood**

A meeting with John Mullan from SCC is due to take place on site on Friday 13th April.

64/PC/07 CLERK'S REPORT:

In addition to the comments made under 54/PC/07 - Matters Arising, it had also been suggested by Gordon Jones (Conservative candidate in upcoming District Election), that an assurance should be sought from the Police and Scouts that coaches will not deviated from the prescribed route (by using GPS or seeing Stutton/Bentley Lane as a shortcut).

65/PC/07 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: - Tuesday 24th April 2007

Invitations for this meeting have already gone out where contact details exist, and notices have been posted. It has been decided not to offer tea and coffee in order to save time.

66/PC/07 PARISH & DISTRICT ELECTIONS: - Thursday 3rd May 2007

Parish Council: Nomination forms where appropriate were completed by all existing councillors bar one, leaving one vacancy on the Parish Council (which can be co-opted at a later stage), and hence not requiring an election.

District Council: Three nominations have been received and an election will take place.

Clerk

Posters requesting applicants have been posted, and will be replaced with details of the election and candidates once application deadline has passed.

67/PC/07 CHARITY DONATIONS:

It was agreed that £25 would be donated to six charities that had requested assistance. Proposed Cllr Kennell, Seconded Cllr Wilson. Cheques would be dated March 2007 to fit within 2006/7 financial year.

Clerk

Suffolk Family Carers, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Optua (formerly Rethink Disability), Ipswich & District Headway, Childline and SSAFA Forces Help.

68/PC/07 ACCOUNTS:

Business Account	£ 3415.95	
Community Account	£ 16517.62 - Income - Parish Plan Grant £2100	
	Parish Plan Grant £200	
	Expenditure - SALC Subscription £20	

Rik Bond - Salary 272.00 + Postage 1.28	£273.28
SALC - Inv 5667 - Clerk's Training	£41.12
SALC - Inv 5746 - 2007/8 Subscription & Local Councillor	£257.90

The Chairman notified Council of necessary repairs to lawnmower that he was prepared to undertake, for which parts of £25-30 would be required.

69/PC/07 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

Babergh - British Forces Free Postage Provision.

70/PC/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY 8TH MAY 2007

Chairman:

Date: