



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2007

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

A question was asked from the floor concerning the future with regard to Footpath 37, since the enquiry is now closed, what happens to the Cattsfield end of the path, and the hedge, which belongs to Catts Trust. Chairman wished for this to be added to the agenda for the next meeting, and will assist Clerk in writing a letter to Babergh Chief Planner to seek further clarification.

Clerk

Cllr Fishwick reported on an affordable housing scheme that he had visited in Fordham. He said that the homes were very well built and attractive. He also confirmed that there are 17 people waiting for affordable homes in Stutton. At the Police Meeting for the Shotley Peninsular, it was reported that a new Community Support Officer would visit all parishes, and deputise at council meetings in Chris Garrod's place. Anti-social behaviour is a particular problem on the peninsular, though it is very low in Stutton when compared to other villages in area. Next meeting will be in two months time. Details of any issues to be given to Cllrs Baxter and Knight.

The Scout Camp (Splash 2007) was very successful, the Police and Scouts managed it very well. Clerk to write to the Scouts to congratulate and thank them for their achievement on behalf of Scouts worldwide. It should also be mentioned that communication could be improved upon. Copy also to Anglian Water.

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POLICE REPORT:

No report

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

D/Cllr Wood reported that the Hadleigh Swimming Pool scheme is to be discussed over the next few months. Cost, which have escalated, are now in the region of £3-5 million, which would comprise all of Babergh's Capital receipts. Affordable housing is an on-going issue around the peninsular. Babergh have produced a Strategy Report, which will be distributed to councillors. 12 individuals within Stutton and 17 outside have indicated this area as their preference to live.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs Leach, Baxter, Fishwick, Kennell, Knight, Lusher, Masters, Watts and Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rik Bond – Clerk, D/Cllr Dave Wood, D/Cllr Trot Ward

131/PC/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None.

132/PC/07 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

Cllrs Wilson & Lusher, declared an interest in Stutton Community Hall

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

Cllrs Fishwick & Lusher were shown as in attendance, but were absent and had tendered their apologies. Minutes were corrected before being signed by Chairman as a true record

134/PC/07 MATTERS ARISING:

None.

135/PC/07 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. SCC - Review of SCC's Accommodation for Older People - Questionnaire (*Circulated*)
2. Babergh - Press Release - Summer Activities to keep Village's Kids off the streets! (*Circulated*)
3. Babergh - Press Release - Phone Numbers streamlined to improve customer service (*Circulated*)
4. Babergh - Press Release - "Why not you?" Babergh seeks member of the public to serve on standards committee (*Circulated*)
5. Babergh - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2007 (*Circulated*)
6. SALC - The Councillor's Brief - Summer 2007 (1&2) (*Circulated*)
7. SALC - AGM papers & Invite (*Circulated*)
8. SALC - Training News July 2007 (*Circulated*)
9. SALC - IT Equipment Grant - Deadline 20th August
10. Suffolk ACRE - Suffolk Scene Newsletter Summer 2007 (*Circulated*)
11. Suffolk ACRE - Invitation to 70th Anniversary AGM (*Circulated*)
12. Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Habitat Management Workshops (*Circulated*)
13. Suffolk Preservation Society - Local Development Framework Training (*Circulated*)
14. Suffolk Preservation Society - Planning Training Workshops (*Circulated*)
15. IOG Saltex - Play Equipment Exhibition - Windsor Racecourse 4-6th September (*Circulated*)
16. Charity Commission - reminder about Beatrice Mary Baker for Bus shelter Annual Return 2007
17. Email from Darren Wright - Re: Parking outside school (*Circulated*)
18. Society of Local Council Clerks - East of England Regional Conference (*Circulated*)
19. Galliard Homes - HMS Ganges, Shotley - Weekend Exhibition (*Circulated*)
20. Suffolk Tree Services Ltd - Management & Welfare of Tree Information
21. Green Suffolk - My Favourite Tree (*Circulated*)
22. Suffolk Hedgerow Survey Newsletter - Summer 2007
23. Supporting People in Suffolk - A guide to housing related support services in Suffolk (*Circulated*)
24. Vitalise - Request for funding (*Circulated*)
25. East of England Associations of Parish and Town Councils - Newsletter June 2007 (*Circulated*)

136/PC/07 FOOTPATHS:

Stutton Close footpath railings, Bentley Lane hedge (Mr Pollock, Stutton Lodge), and the footpath sign on Woodfield Lane are all still outstanding, Clerk to chase. Cllr Baxter reported that 'Drunkard's Alley' has now been cleared. Footpath 37 Chairman to assist Clerk draft a letter to Babergh Chief Planner. Also letter to be written to Suffolk Footpaths and Rights of Way to clarify position of path and signposting and suggesting possibility of a site meeting with councillors. Clarification also required from Keith Bales to see whether Catt's

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Trust have been approached.

137/PC/07 LIGHTING:

None.

138/PC/07 HIGHWAYS:

It appears that 'Slow' signs are due to be painted on the road prior to Gardeners' Arms corner, and hopefully this will reduce the number of incidents here. Cllr Baxter also suggested that one should also be painted on the Lewis Lane Corner.

139/PC/07 PLANNING:

B/07/00976/FHA/CJT - Barley Cottage, Manningtree Road - Erection of a single-storey rear extension and first floor side extension. Erection of garage and workshop with additional office/bedroom accommodation over. -

Recommend Approval.

B/07/00871/CDP/MB - Stutton School, Holbrook Road - Application under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations 1992 - Construction of outside play area for early years students with canopy over and provision of new pedestrian access.

B/07/01025/FHA/BEL - Poppins, Larksfield Road - Erection of a two-storey rear extension - **Recommend Approval.**

B/07/00509/RES/LJB - Orchard House, Holbrook Road - Submission of details under O.P.P. B/04/01560/OUT - the siting, design and the external appearance of and the landscaping of the site for the erection of 5 no. dwellings (existing detached dwelling/outbuildings to be demolished.) Alterations to existing vehicular access. - **Recommend Approval, subject to the following conditions:**

- Provision of street lighting to road.
- Retention of hedge to southern boundary along with secure fencing.

And with the following observations:

- Plots 1 & 2 - Wheelwright's Workshop is worth saving, as this is the last remaining rural industrial building in the village, and is the sole-surviving clue to Stutton's historical heritage. Parish Council would prefer the character of it to be retained with a sympathetic conversion of the building to a dwelling, which would be more in keeping with the village street scene.
- Parking for Plots 1 & 2 to rear is rather detached from the rest of the design, with only token changes made in line with our earlier comments.
- Plots 3, 4 & 5 - Suitable designs and layouts which council has no objection to.
- Boundaries shown for Holly Cottage are incorrect, and in fact extend behind southern boundary of plot.

Result of planning meeting 23/07/07

B/07/00843/FHA/BHW - Honeysuckle Cottage, 21 Church Road - Erection of single-storey detached outbuilding to provide garage, bike store and storage. - **Result of planning meeting 23/07/07 - Recommend Approval**

B/07/00865/FUL/BHW - Land to the rear of Alde Cottage, Fair View and Grapes Cottage, Manningtree Road - Change of use of land to garden. - **Result of planning meeting 23/07/07 - Recommend Approval subject to no vehicular access to Manningtree Road. Babergh now notified us to say 'this is 'permitted development' under the provisions of the General Development Order and specific planning permission is not, therefore required.'**

B/07/00932/FUL/CJT - Land to the west of Alton Water Visitor Centre,

Holbrook Road

Change of use from agricultural land to campsite (50 tents) and change of use of additional land for campsite (for organised groups and associated parking (grassed) together with provision of facilities (sewage disposal and drinking water supply) . - **Result of planning meeting 23/07/07** -

Recommend Refusal due to concerns over ambiguity of the application, and the following reasons:

- Why does the camping site have to use agricultural land, when plenty of other non-agricultural land already exists around the reservoir?
- 50 camping pitches are being applied for, yet no showers or toilet facilities. Anglian Water suggests that they have no desire as yet to include such facilities, but surely users of the site will demand these?
- Security will be necessary on-site 24 hours a day. If gates are to be locked after a certain time, how are late arrivals / returnees to be admitted? Without such security measures, there is a great risk of troublemakers, illegal travellers, raves and noisy parties etc.
- Application implies use of site is solely for organised groups, but is it intended to become a public site, and hence escalation to Caravans and Motor homes?
- Alton Water will be unavailable to members of the public for water sports if organised groups are camping
- Health & Safety and Supervision arrangements are unspecified. We have already seen three deaths in water due to late night pranksters. Maintenance of the site, clearing of rubbish bins and dog litter have not been appropriately addressed.
- There is a significant fire hazard in the summer due to stoves and barbecues etc. in close proximity to tinder dry fields of crops
- The village will see a significant increase in traffic along a minor 'B' road, resulting in a loss of tranquillity, due to increase in noise and light pollution. During term time, road safety due to extra traffic in proximity of school will become an issue.
- Households along the Holbrook Road have already experienced significant problems due to insufficient capacity of existing sewers, which will be under greater strain if used to accommodate 'temporary' facilities.

B/07/00159/ENF - Alton Cycle Hire, Alton Water Visitors Centre, Holbrook Road - Change of use from agricultural land to picnic area - **No breach of Town Planning control.**

B/07/00821/LBC/BHW - 1 Chapel Cottage, Manningtree Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Insertion of 1 x Kitchen Window to rear elevation - **Listed building consent granted.**

140/PC/07 PLAY AREA:

D/Cllr Wood to arrange meeting between Cllrs Lusher and Watts and Simon Harvey from SCC to agree an extended lease. Question also raised over whether 10-year lease will be backdated as 2 years have already elapsed. Regarding funding, BiffAWARD are sympathetic to the problem, and have confirmed that we would be geographically eligible for an award. Contact also made with Rural Action East (National Trust registered), who were very helpful, and would submit an application on our behalf. It was put to the council that we should put in our application now, and try to gain the lease extension later, to which the council agreed.

141/PC/07 VILLAGE PLAN:

Things were quiet during the August break, but everything is progressing well with the questions ready for release in September. It was also confirmed that there would be a specific section on affordable housing.

142/PC/07 VILLAGE SHOP:

£3000 in funding has now been promised (Stutton Parish Council, Stutton Parochial Church Council, and D/Cllr Dave Wood's Locality Budget).

£7000 is being sought from SCC Corporate Regeneration Fund.
An application has been made to Cheryl Paget from the Rural Services Fund, though this has not yet been forthcoming.
A public event will be held to raise awareness on 15th September at the Community Hall.

143/PC/07 BEACHWATCH 15/16 SEPTEMBER:

This event will involve a tidy-up of the beach from Stutton Ness to Stutton Mill. Bin liners, gloves, first aid etc. will need to be arranged. Liaison required with Mr Strutt (or Gamekeeper) to see if it would be possible to have vehicular access to transport all the rubbish bags. Notices will be posted throughout the village to advertise the event, which will take place on Saturday 15th September starting at 10.00 am.

144/PC/07 CLERK'S REPORT:

A £100 donation (from S137) to the local British Legion branch was proposed in memory of Ron Cook, by Cllr Watts and seconded by Cllr Fishwick, provided that the money stayed in the local area. This was carried unanimously.

145/PC/07 ACCOUNTS:

- Community A/C - £19,542.16 (£439.12 expenditure in July)
- Business A/C - £3,427.87
- Babergh Dog bin invoice £53.16
- Mower Repairs / Petrol / P'copying etc £31.37
- Audit fee £58.75
- Village Hall £60.00 & Village Plan Hall Hire £80.00
- R Bond - Salary £272, Post £1.16, Stationery £10.83 = £283.99
- Stutton Village Plan P'copy £50.41

S137 Donations: Age Concern and East Anglian Air Ambulance would be considered in February along with any other funding requests.

- Village Hall - £350 for Lawn Mower was approved. Proposed Cllr Knight, seconded Cllr Baxter.
- Horticultural Society - £170 for on-going insurance and hall hire costs was approved. Proposed Cllr Knight, seconded Cllr Wilson.

Letters to be written to these organisations by Clerk.

Clerk

Cllr Masters confirmed with SALC that no 'reserve' should be carried at year-end for S137, and that we should pass a resolution to pass any outstanding funds in the General Reserve. Budget setting would take place in October, and a general letter would be published in Roundabout, inviting applications for a grant.

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

Footpath 37

147/PC/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 3rd September 2007 at 7.30 pm

Chairman:

Date: