



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2007**

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

### **ACTION**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

None.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

None.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

D/Cllr Wood informed the meeting that SCC had been dealing with information about Blue Tongue, debating on the future of Nuclear Power Stations in Suffolk, and on 9<sup>th</sup> October would be discussing 'Future of Waste' which relates to possibility of locating a new incinerator on the edge of Ipswich.

Babergh Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) will be launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 12.30 pm at Lavenham Village Hall.

The planning application at Alton Water has been deferred due to insufficient information.

Tattingstone Thatched Cottages are likely to be sold as the repair costs are too high. Money raised from the sale will be used for local housing, so as a consequence, Stutton is advised to complete a housing needs survey (potentially in combination with Tattingstone) in order to be able to present a viable business case for receipt of some funding. This item to be added to next meeting's agenda. Ian Tippet from Babergh would be responsible for undertaking a survey in conjunction with David Wood. Sale value of the two cottages would likely be in excess of £200k each, and the money raised would be used to purchase land for building affordable housing on, whereupon a Housing association would build the houses at their cost.

D/Cllr Wood added his apologies for the next meeting.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

#### **165/PC/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Lusher

#### **166/PC/07 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**

None.

#### **167/PC/07 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Correction to 161/PC/07 Coats & Heaths should read Coasts & Heaths.

#### **168/PC/07 MATTERS ARISING:**

Dog Bin on Crepping Hall Drive - Clerk has spoken to Daniel Whymark (Environmental Protection Assistant). SCC will assess suitability of site and can provide full service including installation, and will charge it back to us. Letter will

follow indicating full cost for our approval.

Footpath Signs - Woodfield Lane (x825429) & FP 25 (#825434) The Queech - Reported (again)

Footpath Railings - Stutton Close (#710779) - Reported (again) and requested follow up

Bus Shelter no smoking signs have been requested from Babergh

Cllr Wilson has spoken to Mrs Sutton of Roban House, and the hedge has now been cut back.

Cllr Masters attended the last SNT meeting in Holbrook, and raised the matter of speeding and inconsiderate parking in the village, and SNT promised action.

SLOW signs have now been painted in the road.

#### **169/PC/07 CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. SCC - Litter and Dog Bin Audit (*Circulated*)
2. SCC - Play Area Letter (see 175/PC/07)
3. Babergh - Consultation Draft of Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Enforcement Strategy (*Circulated*)
4. Babergh - Graffiti Removal Information (*Circulated*)
5. Babergh - Community Achievement Awards 2008 (*Circulated*)
6. Babergh - Affordable Housing News (*Circulated*)
7. Babergh - Community Safety - Cleaner, Safer Neighbourhoods
8. Babergh - Community Safety - Keep Fireworks Fun
9. Babergh - Press Releases - (*Circulated*)
  - i. Food Miles - A Cereal Problem?
  - ii. Switch It Off!
  - iii. East House - Key Stage Met in Marketing Property
  - iv. Babergh Teens Tread Boards as Critics
  - v. Residents Urged to Discuss Proposals
  - vi. Town & District Council Resignation
  - vii. Hunt for Heroes Gathers Pace
10. Babergh - Annual Report & Request form (*Circulated*)
11. NALC - Local Council Review Sept 2007
12. SALC - 2008 Subscriptions, Training Dates etc. (*Circulated*)
13. SALC - The Local Councillor - Autumn 2007 (*Circulated*)
14. SNT - Crime Report August 2007
15. SNT - Notes of Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007
16. Suffolk Coasts & Heaths - Enjoying Heathland in Suffolk (*Circulated*)
17. Suffolk Coasts & Heaths - Strategic Environmental Assessment (*Circulated*)
18. Suffolk Coasts & Heaths - Draft Management Plan (*Circulated*)
19. Victim Support Suffolk - Request for Funding (*Circulated*)
20. Highways Agency - M11 Junction Improvements (*Circulated*)
21. DEFRA - Ways to tackle climate change (*Circulated*)
22. Chelmondiston PC - HMS Ganges application viewing - Sat 6<sup>th</sup> October (*Circulated*)
23. Haylink - HMS Ganges exhibition - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> & Sat 6<sup>th</sup> October (*Circulated*)
24. Standards Board - Town & Parish Standard (*Circulated*)
25. Record RSS - Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment (*Circulated*)
26. Suffolk Drug & Alcohol Action Team - Educational Sessions (Noticeboard)
27. Essex CC - Statement of Community Involvement (*Circulated*)
28. YMCA Training Outdoor Practical Projects and Community Work

- required (*Circulated*)
- 29. Glasdon - Products for Local Councils (*Circulated*)
- 30. Vaughtons - Council Regalia (*Circulated*)
- 31. Stutton Horticultural Society - Thank you for £170 donation

**170/PC/07 FOOTPATHS:**

Brambles are overgrowing pavement along Manningtree Road between the War Memorial and Bentley Lane. Stutton Hall Farms to be asked to cut back.

**Clerk**

**171/PC/07 LIGHTING:**

Streetlight out at bottom of Cattsfield - Reported to SCC (#825434)

**172/PC/07 HIGHWAYS:**

Stutton Close by bungalow parking - poorly lit area. Investigate potential for painting kerb, or cutting back tree canopies - to be investigated.

Bailey Cottage, Manningtree Road - Front wall hit again, making a total of 7 hits/accidents in that vicinity over the last 3 years. Highways to be notified of 'tally'.

**Clerk**

The Drift - Shrubs and trees severely overgrown. Question about who owns it (RHS or Stutton House)

**173/PC/07 PENINSULAR PARISHES ALLIANCE:**

Chairman Leach attended the last PPA meeting at Tattingstone, and as expected, the vast majority of the meeting was taken up discussing Shotley concerns.

A question mark was raised about whether original planning application for Ganges had now expired, which Shotley PC were investigating with Planning Department.

Speeding between Freston and Woolverstone is prevalent. All Parish Councils are asked to write to Highways to ask for a 30 mph zone here (Add to Agenda for next meeting) Hedge is now much higher, making it difficult to cross from B1456 to B1080 towards Stutton. There can be no roundabout here as it is a conservation area, and street lighting would be required.

**174/PC/07 PLANNING:**

**B/00/01318//RES/GD** - Former HMS Ganges, Shotley Gate, Shotley - Submission of details under OPP B/88/01560/OUT - the siting, design and external appearance of, the means of access to and the landscaping of the site for a retirement community development of 404 dwellings, nursing home and associated facilities, as amended by agent's letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007 and drawing numbers 18504A/100 to 18504A/125 to 140, 18504A/150 to 181, 18504A/200 to 216, 18504A/217 to 230, 18504A/250 to 275, 18504A/500 to 577 and an Environmental Statement, all received by the Local Planning Authority on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

**Our response:**

The Council are concerned about the following factors:

- Traffic
  - Significant increase of traffic along the B1456 and B1080, which are minor roads with narrow corners and poor visibility
  - Necessary increase in Bus Traffic and associated problems when travelling along such narrow roads
  - Increase in number of cars travelling along B1080 towards Manningtree Rail Station, and stretching already overcrowded car park

- Increased danger when crossing from B1456 to B1080 at Freston Crossroads, due to poor visibility, speed of oncoming traffic and general busy nature of road. Recommend installation of a 30 mph speed limit at this junction and a roundabout to ease traffic flow and reduce vehicle speed further
- Schools
  - Increased class sizes and lack of resources to cope with increase in number of residents
  - Increase in car journeys to schools and extra peak time parking pressure
- Doctors
  - Increased demand upon limited resources.
  - Increased waiting time for appointments
  - Increased pressure upon Pharmacy to supply prescriptions
- Sustainability
  - Lack of viable public transport into Ipswich from Stutton (i.e. Bus 92 departs at 07:45 or 09:33 with no way of arriving in Ipswich for 09:00 or returning beyond 17:40).
  - Lack of sustainable travel method by train, as no bus service from Stutton to Manningtree Station, and hence necessity to drive
  - Use of train service necessitates car journey to station via narrow country roads, with little or no available parking upon arrival
  - Impact on resources of local community significantly increased, with no suggested improvements to infrastructure

Buildings at HMS Ganges site which have preservation orders on them are now deteriorating at such a rate, that they may well not be able to be saved, which is quite possibly what developers have in mind.

**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. **Approval Granted by Babergh**

D/Cllr Ward notified the meeting that the Development Committee would be meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the planning applications for Stutton House and Orchard House.

**175/PC/07 PLAY AREA:**

Cllr Lusher has spoken to Simon Harvey of SCC who said that they would be willing to give the Parish Council a 15-year lease but with conditions. He will write to inform us what these conditions are, then we will discuss them at the Play Area Committee. The 15-year lease will run from the date of signature. So it looks more hopeful for funding for the new equipment and surface required. Paul has also spoken to Steve Williams of Anglia Inspection to remind him that the Play Area Annual Inspection is due on 1<sup>st</sup> November. This will now be carried out at the end of October.

Letter received from Simon Harvey at SCC:

*Ref: SH/EDU/64/141/1, Date: 24th September 2007*

*Without Prejudice & Subject to Contract*

*Dear Mr Lusher*

**STUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - ADVENTURE PLAY AREA**

*I can confirm that Suffolk County Council would be willing to grant a lease to the parish Council for a term of fifteen years for the adventure play area at Stutton*

*Primary School. This would be on the condition that two year breaks are incorporated into the lease and that a provision for bringing the lease to an end if for some reason it were necessary for the school to close. I am sure you can appreciate that although no plans exist in this respect, fifteen years is a long period of time and we have to protect our position.*

*The play area is a great benefit to the school land and I hope your funders will find this offer acceptable and be able to appreciate the Council's position.*

A BiffAWARD funding application can be made for 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**176/PC/07 OAK HOUSE:**

Chairman Leach has spoken to Babergh regarding Oak House development, and is arranging to meet a representative of the Planning Department on-site.

**Chairman**

**177/PC/07 VILLAGE PLAN:**

Committee are in the process of collating all the results from the questionnaires and meetings. A shortlist of approx. 300 questions has been compiled which will need to be cut down to 75, before being printed and distributed. The aim is to finish this process by April.

**178/PC/07 VILLAGE SHOP:**

The late summer festival was a good enjoyable event. Members of the village were very supportive and £400 was raised.

**179/PC/07 BEACHWATCH UPDATE:**

A clean-up of Stutton Beach took place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. There were a total of 20 volunteers, which included four under 17's. The Parish Council was well represented with 6 members taking part. Many thanks to all who helped on a glorious sunny day.

We collected 24 bags of assorted litter and one plastic container full of various metals. We covered a length of approximately 3.7 km of beach. The most collected item was plastic bags (238) followed by plastic pieces (189), drink cans (129) and pieces of glass (127). It was quite a struggle for those furthest away from the collection point to carry bin liners full of rubbish. However, everybody appeared to enjoy the exercise, and I'm sure deservedly felt they had contributed to a worthwhile endeavour.

We appreciated the support and enthusiasm of Lyn Allen from Suffolk Coasts & Heaths, for her guidance and the delivery and collection of all the necessary equipment. Babergh District Council arranged for the collection of the rubbish from the Community Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, so everything went off smoothly.

We have submitted the returns required by the Marine Conservation Society, in Ross-on-Wye, which will analyse the returns nationwide and issue a report next spring. These results are used by MCS at a national and international level to raise awareness and influence Government policy and promote individual and industry responsibility with respect to waste.

We look forward to repeating the operation next year.

The council expressed their thanks and appreciation of Cllr Lusher's efforts, and suggested that the above report should be published on the web site and noticeboards

**Clerk**

**180/PC/07 COMMUNITY HALL:**

Due to butt rot, the removal of a rotten oak tree is necessary at a cost of £650, before it causes any damage or injury. Cllr Kennel proposed and Cllr Fishwick seconded a suggestion to donate £500 towards the cost of removal. This was agreed by the council.

**181/PC/07 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The external audit has been successfully completed without further question (and charges ) being raised. The main recommendations are to ensure that Clerk is registered for PAYE.

**Clerk**

**182/PC/07 ACCOUNTS:**

Income - Precept - £6,232.50

Salary £272

Lubbock Fine Audit £158.63

**183/PC/07 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

Housing Needs Survey

30 mph zone between Freston and Woolverstone (Council to write to Highways)

Cleaner Neighbourhoods - Graffiti

**184/PC/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm

Chairman: .....

Date: .....