



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

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

### **ACTION**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

None

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

No PCSO to present report, but report received by email from SNT stated that there were no reported incidents in Stutton for the October period.

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

D/Cllr David Wood tabled his written report, and elaborated further:

The District Budget was being prepared, with a £950,000 cut in bus subsidies, though it was not known which services these cuts would affect. Cuts were also proposed in Adult Care.

At the Babergh SNT meeting it was reported that speed checks had increased, and that Parishes on the peninsular could combine together to purchase a speed gun (which would issue warning letters, followed by a fine for persistent offenders). If shared the overall cost would be approximately £200 per Parish.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rik Bond – Clerk, D/Cllr David Wood

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

Cllr Wilson.

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

None.

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

An amendment to 201/PC/07 - Cleaner Neighbourhoods. Cllr Baxter should read Cllr Lusher. The minutes were then signed as a true record.

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

None.

#### **211/PC/07 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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| 1. | Suffolk County Council   | Countryside Access Community Scheme       |
| 2. |                          | Bird Flu in Suffolk - information         |
| 3. | Babergh                  | Affordable Housing News (Autumn/November) |
| 4. |                          | Media Releases (x 12)                     |
| 5. | Clerks & Councils Direct | November 2007                             |
| 6. | Suffolk Coasts & Heaths  | Connect Conservation Scheme               |
| 7. |                          | Winter 2007/8 Newsletter                  |
| 8. | Optua                    | Request for Financial Assistance          |

9. News & Views - Autumn 2007
10. National Training Strategy Continuous Professional Development
11. Suffolk Preservation Society Safeguarding Employment Land
12. Supplementary Planning Guidance
13. Suffolk NHS PCT - Rural Dispensing Regulations - Classification

**212/PC/07 FOOTPATHS:**

Footpath 37 still remains a 'grey area' about what part is closed. The Planning Inspectorate in their summing up suggest that "[Footpath 37] remains on map and is a Public Right of Way" Now for Suffolk CC and Highways Agency to resolve. Letter to be drafted to local MP requesting further confirmation, to be copied to Babergh Chief Planning Officer, SCC Highways Department, D/Cllrs Wood & Ward, Housing 21, Catt's Trust, and the six affected residents in Cattsfeld

**Chairman  
/ Clerk**

Footpath 38 - Probation service to assist digging out bank to widen footpath. It was once again pointed out the Footpath Sign on Woodfield Lane was still in need of repair. (CSD ref 920129)

**Clerk**

The railings adjacent to No 5 Stutton Close and between Stutton Close and Holbrook Road still need to be widened to permit a mobility scooter to pass. (CSD refs 920083 & 920104)

**Clerk**

**213/PC/07 LIGHTING:**

None.

**214/PC/07 HIGHWAYS:**

The 'Pedestrians in road ahead'  sign coming into the village has been knocked over. (CSD ref 920158)

**Clerk**

Pavement by Kings Head has not been properly reinstated by BT (BT ref 071231-002335)

**Clerk**

Stutton Close kerb-stones in poor repair (trip hazard) (CSD ref 920110)

**Clerk**

**215/PC/07 PLANNING:**

None.

**216/PC/07 PLAY AREA:**

The lease has now officially been extended to 15 years, and as a result, the BiffAWARD grant request has now been submitted. The grant can be up to a maximum of £50,000, though is likely to cost more than this.

**217/PC/07 OAK HOUSE:**

Chairman met with Ben Elvin from Babergh at Oak House. Mr Elvin understood all the Council's concerns about road safety. The planning application for Oak House, has now been invalidated due to footpath being blocked. The matter is now in the hands of David Last, SCC. Letter (in 212/PC/07 - Footpaths above) to be drafted.

**218/PC/07 VILLAGE PLAN:**

Residential Questionnaires and Business Questionnaires are currently being prepared. Youth Questionnaires will be considered next month (January). Questionnaires will then be ready to go to press and for distribution and subsequent collection. Martin Delacamp has really been driving the project forward.

**219/PC/07 VILLAGE SHOP:**

A mobile classroom (10-15 years old) at Broke Hall School, Ipswich is available and suitable for the Village Shop premises. A donation of £2000 is required to the school, and costs of approximately £3000 will be required to move it. A very heavy crane will be required and the possibility of some car park damage was raised. The unit has lighting and air conditioning and is very light and airy. Once the building has been moved it has to conform to current building regulations.

**220/PC/07 COMMUNITY HALL:**

A temporary repair has been made to leaks in the roof, with the major job to be done in the New Year.

**221/PC/07 ST PETERS CHURCH: - Request for financial assistance**

A request for £300 toward the cost of Roundabout Stutton and £500 towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard was made. Proposed Cllr Knight, Seconded Cllr Watts, All agreed.

**222/PC/07 GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP GRANT SCHEME:**

Not applicable

**223/PC/07 SUFFOLK ROADS SAFE - ROADS SAFE & COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH:**

As mentioned in District Councillor's report above, this scheme shares responsibility for addressing speed-related offences between the community and the police. Scheme must be self-funding. Total cost of a Home Office approved device is £2,200, and is operated by volunteers. All agreed to participate in scheme. Contact Peninsular Parishes Alliance to confirm participation. D/Cllr Wood confirmed that he would make a contribution from his locality budget.

Clerk

**224/PC/07 BUDGET REVIEW & PRECEPT:**

Attached as Appendix 1. A precept of £10,000 was proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Lusher. All agreed.

**225/PC/07 ACCOUNTS:**

Salary £272 + Stationery & Postage £22.07 = £294.07  
(Salary increase 2008 to £285.45 per month [4.944% increase] representing not only cost of living, but also progression by one spinal point up the grade scale representing one years service)  
Village Hall Hire £60  
Anglia Inspection Services £75.00  
Income - Bottle Bank - £70.46

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

None.

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

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30 pm

Chairman: .....

Date: .....