



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

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

### **ACTION**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

A question was raised from the floor concerning the new community shop, and what would happen if the Community Interest Company (CIC) went bust. The response was that the CIC has a contingency fund to remove the building and restore the land back to its original state, in the event of failure. It was also added that the venture would not fail if the village supported it fully.

A question was also asked concerning the gate to the school playing field, and whether a pedestrian barrier should be erected in front of it. The Parish Council feel that this is an issue that the PTA should take up themselves, and the Council would back them. However, it was also noted that vehicular access is often required to this gate, and to block it with a road-side pedestrian barrier would be counter-productive.

SID (Speed Indicator Device) has been in use in the village both in Holbrook Road and near the Gardener's Arms, and 16 cars were registered doing over 30 mph (between 34 - 45 mph).

Concern was raised concerning an informal gathering/party held behind the Community Hall. *It subsequently transpired that this was an official booking for an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party in the hall.*

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

No Police representative, but Clerk had received the SNT report for December 2007, which indicated just one reported crime in Stutton - Phone abuse

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

The thatched cottages in Tattingstone will be put up for sale by auction in March. The proceeds will be used to provide affordable housing in Tattingstone. There is some land owned by Babergh in Tattingstone, and there are six locals who require affordable housing in the village.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rik Bond – Clerk, D/Cllr Trot Ward

#### **01/PC/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Vice Chairman Watts and D/Cllr Wood.

#### **02/PC/08 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**

None.

#### **03/PC/08 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

In attendance - PC Chris Garrod was removed and replaced by **PCSO Trisha Gibson**

11/PC/08 Oak House was amended to read -

A letter has been written by the Chairman **regarding Footpath 37** and sent to Tim Yeo, ...

The minutes were then signed as a true record.

**04/PC/08 MATTERS ARISING:**

Lighting - Lower Street/Church Road - Reported  
Stutton Close - Light permanently on. Visited by Clerk on three separate occasions, and light not on during daytime.  
Hedge opposite school - #955215  
Dog Bin - Crepping Hall Drive - Letter received giving permission for access.  
Hedge opposite Ancient House - Cllr Kennell has spoken to the owner, who has agreed to cut the hedge back a bit.  
Chairman had purchased paint for Probation Service team to repaint bus shelters at a cost of £17.08. This was selected in lieu of anti-graffiti paint at £82.50 for 2½ litres. The team have already cleared hedge and path between War memorial and Bentley Lane, and painting the bus shelters was due to take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**05/PC/08 CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Audit Commission - Appointment of BDO Stoy Hayward as external auditor
2. Stour & Orwell Society - Invitation to become members.
3. Babergh Affordable Housing - Newsletter Jan 2008
4. SALC - The Local Councillor - 1/2008
5. SALC - Volunteering Survey
6. SCC - Highways Newsletter Autumn 2007
7. Babergh - Meetings with Parish Councils - Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008 - Hintlesham Hall Golf Club.
8. Babergh - Community Heroes of 2008
9. Babergh - Local Validation Requirements
10. Stutton PCC - Thank you for £500 donation to upkeep of churchyard
11. Suffolk Preservation Society - Waste Issues Report October 2007
12. Communities & Local government - Consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of local authority members in England.
13. Stutton Hall Farm - Permission to site dog bin on Crepping Hall Drive
14. Fordham Research - Babergh Strategic Housing Market Assessment - Event Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March
15. SALC - SWISS Partnership (South West Ipswich and South Suffolk)
16. East Babergh SNT - Minutes of Meeting 29/1/08
17. Anglian Water - Alton Water Volunteers calendar
18. Tim Yeo MP - Reply to letter re pavement outside Oak House
19. NALC - Community Empowerment Awards

**06/PC/08 FOOTPATHS:**

None.

**07/PC/08 LIGHTING:**

A light was reported out in Larksfield

**Clerk**

**08/PC/08 HIGHWAYS:**

Sign to Stutton Church opposite The Drift has slid down pole - #955184  
Pedestrian Sign (opposite Gamekeeper's Cottage) has been knocked down

**Clerk**

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Chevron Signs on corner of Bentley Lane and Holly Lane have been knocked down.

Clerk

**09/PC/08 PLANNING:**

**B/08/00069/OUT/MB - Land rear of 29, Stutton Close**

Outline - Erection detached single-storey dwelling. Construction of a new vehicular access. **Recommend Approval**

**B/07/01237/FUL/GD - Ganges Spine Road** - Permission granted by Babergh

**B/07/01972/FHA/AS - Greensleeves Holbrook Road - Rear Conservatory** - Permission granted by Babergh

**B/07/02023/FHA/MB - Argent Manor Farm, Bentley Lane - Rear Orangery** - Application withdrawn.

**10/PC/08 PLAY AREA:**

News of the result of the BiffAWARD application is still awaited. Applications will also be made to the Children and Young People's Service and to Suffolk Environmental Trust. The school and PTA has written to the Parish Council, offering match funding of £4,500 toward the new equipment.

**11/PC/08 OAK HOUSE:**

Suffolk County Council met on site regarding Footpath 37, and are looking into the available options (i.e. diverting or closing). It has been suggested that it may have to be moved at resident's own expense. SCC will continue to look into the situation and that of Footpath 38 too.

**12/PC/08 VILLAGE PLAN:**

The questionnaires are now printed, and a very good deal was negotiated with the printer. Delivery will take place in 2-3 weeks time. A meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall to brief all the volunteers. A £50 prize draw is being offered to encourage responses. More volunteers for delivering/collecting the questionnaires are required.

**13/PC/08 COMMUNITY SHOP:**

Result of Planning Application is awaited from Babergh DC, as is news from Awards for All regarding funding. £7000 has been promised from regeneration fund.

**14/PC/08 COMMUNITY HALL:**

Funding for replacement roof, has been refused by regeneration fund. Application has been made to Babergh for £4,000. Work on roof will commence in April.

**15/PC/08 WAR MEMORIAL:**

A cheque for £16 was raised for G. Solomon for the Remembrance Sunday wreath. Since the closure of the Stutton branch of the British Legion, Stutton Parish Council are to take over the maintenance of the War Memorial, possibly using voluntary labour from the Probation Service. Cllr Baxter is happy to assist. John Whittle has very kindly been cutting the grass.

Clerk

**16/PC/08 CHARITY DONATIONS:**

8 charities (Home-Start Babergh , Age Concern Suffolk, East Anglian Air

Ambulance, Vitalise, Hanover at Home, Victim Support Suffolk, Optua, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service ) were presented by the Clerk for donations. Cllr Kennell proposed a donation (under Section 137) of £40 to each charity, seconded by Cllr Masters. All agreed  
Reserve funds held by the Council were looked at, and it was agreed to add the issue of transfer of 'S137' fund into general reserves for use, as Council feels fit, onto next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

Clerk

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**17/PC/08 BABERGHOO WATCH:**

Clerk has now returned questionnaire, and has nominated himself as local representative.

**18/PC/08 NOTICE BOARD:**

A Notice Board has been donated to the village. It is glass fronted and constructed from steel and oak. The notice board is very strong and requires some work to renovate, for which some expenditure is necessary.

**19/PC/08 ACCOUNTS:**

Roundabout (2007) - £150, Salary 285.45 Post £1.12 = £287.39, Village Plan Printing £23.59 & £998.75, Bin Emptying £53.16, Street Lighting £685.22, Community Hall £2000 (agreed 11/07), Paint £17.08

**20/PC/08 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

Reallocation of S137 fund into general reserves.

**21/PC/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 - 7.30 pm

Chairman: .....

Date: .....