



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2008

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- It was suggested that BT are contacted with a view to repainting the phone box opposite the old shop
- Once again cutting back the hedge opposite the school was mentioned, but as the owner lives abroad, and SCC will not act, as the hedge is privately owned, we are in something of a stalemate.
- Car Parking chares at Alton Water are to increase mid-March. A day pass from £1.50 to £3.00 and a season ticket from £10 to £30. There may be potential repercussions with parking in Alton Hall Lane. Council to monitor situation, and discuss on next month's agenda.
- Cars are being sold on eBay from Community Hall land. As land is privately owned, police have no powers. Situation to be monitored, and Trading Standards at SCC to be contacted if necessary.

Clerk

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POLICE REPORT:

SNT Report - January - 2 x thefts, and February theft from a car at Alton water. PCSO Gibson reminded all Parishioners to keep CD's and other items hidden to avoid opportunist thefts. She will step up summer patrols and also run an advice centre at Parish Meeting / school fete etc.

SID (Speed Indicator Display) will be based in Capel for two weeks at a time, and therefore be available for use more readily.

Cllr Knight to attend next SNT Meeting on 2nd April.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- Budgets have been approved, with a 3.9% increase overall.
- The boundary committee are discussing options for new council boundaries. 03/03/08 - 11/04/08 is for submission of concepts for new councils for Suffolk, Norfolk, Enlarged Ipswich and Yartoft (Yarmouth and Lowestoft). 14/04/08 - 7/07/08 Consultation period, following which the draft proposals will be published. 29/09/08 - 19/12/08 Decision process. The final deadline for creation of new Unitary Councils is 2010. Quality Parish Councils will have an enhanced role under Unitary Council.
- Buzabout will now only go as far into Ipswich as Wherstead Road, this is to comply with contract with bus companies, who can take passengers from there into town.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rik Bond – Clerk, PCSO Trisha Gibson, D/Cllrs Dave Wood & Trot Ward

22/PC/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Baxter and Kennell

23/PC/08 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None.

24/PC/08 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Signed by Chairman as a true record.

25/PC/08 MATTERS ARISING:

- Chevron Signs on corner of Bentley Lane and Holly Lane have been knocked down - # 978584
- Pedestrian Sign (opposite Gamekeeper's Cottage) has been knocked down completely - # 978596
- A light was reported out at top of Larksfield - # 980141

26/PC/08 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Stutton PCC / Roundabout - Thanks for £150 contribution towards costs.
2. Stutton Village Hall - Thanks for £2000 donation towards new roof.
3. Babergh Affordable Housing News - February 2008
4. Brantham Industrial Area - Planning Position Statement
5. Village of the Year Award
6. Spring Clean Suffolk
7. Customer Service Reference Number Cards
8. England's New National Bus Pass
9. Local Homes for Local People
10. Media Releases Budget Increase of 3.9%
11. Brantham Affordable Homes
12. Tim Yeo MP - Response to letter re Footpath 37
13. Suffolk ACRE - Suffolk Scene Winter 2008
14. Suffolk Preservation Society - Planning Training Workshops
15. East of England Regional Assembly - Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation
16. Enjoy England - Celebrate St George's Day
17. Suffolk NHS PCT - Rural Dispensing Regulations
18. Social Enterprise Network Suffolk - SENS Strategy

27/PC/08 FOOTPATHS:

None.

28/PC/08 LIGHTING:

None.

29/PC/08 HIGHWAYS:

Bentley Lane name sign leaning backwards - Babergh notified
Refuse and Flytipping - asbestos dumped in lane to 'Wonder' and bag of litter dropped in Bentley Lane.

30/PC/08 PLANNING:

None.

31/PC/08 PLAY AREA:

A meeting will take place on Thursday 6th March at 2 pm to review first funding application to be submitted. Cllrs Lusher and Watts have looked at other sources of funding, and have a six month time limit to update.

There was little or no damage caused by high winds.
Cllr Lusher has spoken to Simon Harvey at SCC asking him to send the lease for signature.

32/PC/08 OAK HOUSE:

It was suggested that a further letter should be sent to all recipients of the original letter about Footpath 37, informing them that the Council intend to take the matter to the press, unless we have a response back from them within three weeks.

**Chairman
/ Clerk**

33/PC/08 VILLAGE PLAN:

The plan has been distributed throughout the village, and has been well received. Two member of the committee have attended training course to assist in writing the final reports. Results will take a long while to compile due to number of respondents and number of questions.

34/PC/08 COMMUNITY SHOP:

Original planning application was delivered in December to Babergh by hand, but no trace of application found by Babergh. Therefore the whole process has had to be repeated at the end of February, with the result being a two-month delay. D/Cllrs Penny Clark and Dave Wood have both submitted complaints to Babergh. Further news regarding funding will follow at next meeting due to embargo.

35/PC/08 COMMUNITY HALL:

A £4000 grant application for new roof has been made to Babergh. D/Cllr Wood has no money available in his locality budget to spare.
A Car Boot Sale has been organised to raise funds on the May Bank Holiday weekend.

36/PC/08 RECYCLING - Visit to Great Blakenham Plant:

D/Cllr Trot Ward will arrange a trip for up to 10 people (all Parish Council members and/or members of Parish). Date to be arranged.

37/PC/08 REALLOCATION FO S137 FUND INTO GENERAL RESERVES:

Proposed by Cllr Masters and Seconded b Cllr Fishwick, that all funds that were collected in previous years through the precept under 'Section 137' (a sum of £8005.57) be transferred to General Reserves for use, as councillors feel fit. All agreed.

38/PC/08 ACCOUNTS:

7 x S137 Donations of £40 (Hanover at Home not charity!) = £280
R Bond - Salary 285.42, Post 2.70, Broadband 12.50, Phone 10.00 = £310.62
Village Plan - Printing £25.50
Suffolk ACRE Membership (Direct Debit) - £25

39/PC/08 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

- Alton Hall Lane Parking
- Accounts - Community Hall Hire £70
- Annual Parish Meeting

40/PC/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 7th April 2008
Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 24th April / AGM - Monday 12th May 2008

Chairman:

Date: