



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008**

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

### **ACTION**

#### **59/PC/08 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

| <b>Post</b>   | <b>Nominee</b> | <b>Proposed</b> | <b>Seconded</b> |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Chairman      | Chris Leach    | Ken Wilson      | Paul Lusher     |
| Vice Chairman | Nigel Watts    | Keith Kennell   | Alan Masters    |

Both positions were elected unanimously

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Concern was expressed about Orchard House development, especially the making good the pavement, road and grass verge by Larksfield. A question mark was also raised about naming the development, and it was agreed that Clerk would write to Babergh to pre-empt them or developers coming up with a name in the absence of any other suggestions.

**Clerk**

Letter received from Tim Yeo MP regarding Footpath 37, by Christina Wilkins of 17 Oak House.

Low flying aircraft performing acrobatics overhead. Chairman to check with local airfields and Civil Aviation Authority regarding legality and to register 'nuisance factor'.

**Chairman**

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

Sgt Smith presented handouts for contacting PCSO Trish Gibson. Clerk to post on Notice Board.

**Clerk**

Crime has gone down in the village in the last year - 21 crimes 06/07 compared to 13 in 07/08

There has been an increase in the theft of oil in the area - please report anything suspicious (e.g. 4x4 with trailer loaded with oil drums)

Speeding is high profile. Most officers (including PCSO Gibson) can use a speed gun, however there are limited numbers of officers available at any one time. From the village plan it would seem that a SID (Speed Indication Device) would be the most popular solution.

If speeding or inconsiderate parking is witnessed, get details of specific offenders and pass onto PCSO Trish.

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

None.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rik Bond – Clerk, Sgt Trevor Smith

#### **60/PC/08 VILLAGE PLAN RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW:**

The winning raffle tickets were drawn:

- Residential winner £50 - Gardeners Arms, Manningtree Road

- Youth winner £15 HMV voucher - Mignonette, Holbrook Road

**61/PC/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Knight, D/Cllrs Ward & Wood.

**62/PC/08 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**

None.

**63/PC/08 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Amend 50/PC/08 to read:

*Further funding applications are due to be made and a meeting between with the trustees of Suffolk Environmental Trust will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008.*

**64/PC/08 MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

**65/PC/08 CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. SALC Suffolk PCSO Pilot
2. Commission for Rural Communities - Unlocking the Talent of Our Communities
3. Crime Prevention in the Community Events
4. Clerks & Councils Direct - May 2008
5. Babergh Communities Together Network Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> May
6. Spring 2008 Newsletter
7. Suffolk Preservation Society - Suffolk View Spring 2008
8. NALC - New Mileage Rates
9. Babergh DC - Babergh Be Safer Launch - Stoke by Nayland Hotel 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008
10. Media Releases Babergh Elects its Chairmen for 2008/9
11. New Babergh Chairman Aims to be 'A Supportive Friend'
12. Hanover at Home - Thanks for £40 donation towards hardship fund

**66/PC/08 FOOTPATHS:**

Lewis Lane footpath across field to Holly Farm needs delineating.

**Clerk**

**67/PC/08 LIGHTING:**

None.

**68/PC/08 HIGHWAYS:**

Parking outside School continual problem on blind corner and near old shop. School and PCSO to be informed of specific offenders. Any other parking related queries should be directed to PCSO Trish (01473 383115)

**69/PC/08 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Proposals for Unitary Authority were summarised by Cllr Kennell. Options include:

- One whole authority for Suffolk
- Two authorities (East and West Suffolk)
- Ipswich Unitary Authority (with boundaries extended to include Felixstowe and Shotley Peninsular)

Council to make decision and recommendations at next meeting. Clerk to copy all relevant papers in advance of next meeting. Query whether enlarged Ipswich, would lead to a loss of identity for the peninsular.

**Clerk**

**70/PC/08 ALTON WATER PARKING CHARGES:**

**To approve draft letter to Anglian Water**

Letter was approved by Council for Clerk to send

**Clerk**

**71/PC/08 PARISH SEAT BY VILLAGE SIGN - REPLACEMENT:**

This seat is beyond repair as it has rotted away. Ron Cobb of the old garage, originally donated it to commemorate an anniversary of the business.

Cost of a new seat was raised, as was potential for re-sighting seat so that fallout from tree and birds would not make it too dirty to use. Cllr Masters observed that Holbrook had recently replaced a bench, which cost approximately £500. Vice Chairman Watts offered to contact Genesis (a learning disabilities charity)

**Vice  
Chairman**

**72/PC/08 VILLAGE PHONE BOX - DECOMMISSIONING BY BT:**

Data from Village Plan indicates that phone box is little used (which will doubtless be borne out by BT's statistics). However, it is undoubtedly a lifeline for the village, particularly given the very poor mobile phone signal. In the event of an accident in the vicinity, the phone box may well prove the most reliable way of contacting the emergency services. Clerk to put forward case to retain phone box.

**Clerk**

**73/PC/08 BUS STOPS - GRAFFITI:**

Clerk to thank Claire and Joe Clarkson, Brightstone, Holbrook Road - to thank them for successfully repainting the bus shelter in Holbrook Road. John Wesley offered the assistance of the Probation Service in removing the graffiti, but unfortunately by then, a contractor working at The Retreat had already accidentally demolished the shelter. Clerk to submit details to insurance company, along with quote for replacement and photos.

**Clerk**

**Clerk**

**74/PC/08 RECYCLING - VISIT TO GREAT BLAKENHAM:**

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10.00 am (2 hours duration) was selected as the preferred date to visit the Recycling facility at Great Blakenham. Interested parties were: Cllrs Paul Lusher, Ken Wilson, Chris Leach, Ray Fishwick, along with Rik Bond, Ann Fishwick, David Coleman, Dorothy Simpson, Fran Flower  
Clerk to notify D/Cllr Ward

**Clerk**

**75/PC/08 PLANNING:**

**B/08/00493/FHA - 5 Lewis Lane** - Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions - ***Recommend Approval***

**B/08/00504/FHA - 19 Lewis Lane** - Erection of detached single-storey garage (following demolition of existing shed) - ***Recommend Approval***

**B/08/00535/FHA - 5 Cattsfield** - Erection of rear conservatory - ***Recommend Approval***

**B/08/00643/FHA - Tiwi, Church Road** - Erection of a detached single garage - ***Recommend refusal Property over-developed and does not enhance the street-scene. Approval would set a bad precedent.***

**B/08/00685/FHA - 36 Cattsfield** - Erection of first-floor side extension and erection of front porch. - ***Recommend Approval***

**B/08/00326/FUL/BEL - Stutton Community Hall** - Erection of a portable building for use as a community shop - ***Approved by Babergh***

**B/08/00375/FHA/MB - Lawlings, Manningtree Road** - Erection of detached carport/store (existing workshop to be demolished) - ***Approved by Babergh***

**76/PC/08 PLAY AREA:**

A meeting was held with Mrs Marion Sidwell (Accredited funding advisor for Babergh DC) She will assist by putting pressure on SCC for a 20 year lease. Potential new funders are being sought. Environmental Trust application to be hear 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, though project must start within six months if approved. Great Cornard will be contacted to pay a visit and get hints on tips on how they successfully raised £70k. More bark will soon be needed.

**77/PC/08 OAK HOUSE:**

Council were unanimous in wishing Press Release re Footpath 37 to be sent out immediately to all media agencies, with copies sent for information to Tim Yeo MP, SCC, Babergh Planning and Highways, D/Cllrs Ward and Wood and Housing 21. **Clerk**

**78/PC/08 VILLAGE PLAN:**

Data still being entered onto computer. Parish Council appear to be poor communicators of what is going on in village. A précis of last two sets of approved minutes to be published in Roundabout to help keep people informed.

**79/PC/08 COMMUNITY SHOP:**

A further £15k in funding has now been received, bringing the total to over £40k. Met with Langham Shop to tap into their expertise. Advice on Health and Safety, Building Regulations, Disabled Access etc has been sought from Babergh DC. Building to be moved to site in July, with proposed opening in September.

**80/PC/08 COMMUNITY HALL:**

Roof replacement now mid-way through completion.

**81/PC/08 ACCOUNTS:**

Audit - Availability of accounts to be advertised one month prior to Audit, between 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008 **Clerk**  
Expenses:

- Allianz Insurance £794.56
- SALC - Subscription £265.40
- Salary & Post (.48) £285.93
- M Delacamp (Village Plan) £14.65

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

Accounts - Community Hall #39 £60  
Local Government Boundaries Committee Review  
Orchard House - Name  
Reservoir Rubbish over weekend Dog bins overflowing

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

Chairman: .....

Date: .....