



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE 2008

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Stutton Lodge - Overhanging trees and hedges obscuring 30 sign and impeding visibility at junction. Clerk to write requesting they are cut back.

Bus shelter - request to maintain original style (brick with roof) in order to remain in keeping with village.

Clerk

POLICE REPORT:

Thefts of outboard engines from boats have occurred at Alton Water.

In Pin Mill Car Park in Chelmondiston, there have been thefts of petrol from 8 or 9 vehicles, with locking petrol caps having been broken off.

Localised reports of distraction burglaries taking place. Police advice is to use door chain / ask for ID / telephone company etc.

Also, workmen offering to cut hedges have been reported, with price trebling from original quote, costing £75 to cut and £150 to take away!

If you are unhappy / suspicious, take down a note of the registration number of any vehicles, and let Police know.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

D/Cllr Wood reported that mobile telephones can now be recycled through local schools in order to raise funds, and can raise as much as £5 per phone.

Health Scrutiny Committee to consider proposed changes to head and neck cancer services.

County's 'Constitutional Working Party' will now look into successfully accepted motion to allow members of the public to ask questions to the Cabinet.

D/Cllr Wood has contacted Nick Ward, Babergh DC Chief Planning Officer, to discuss way ahead on Footpath 37

D/Cllr Ward reported that all new housing developments must make a contribution under Section 107 towards providing amenities and recreation.

D/Cllr Ward requested information on where this money went, and it was revealed it went into the collective 'pot'. He proposes that money is initially made available to appropriate village to provide such facilities. It was likely that a large sum was paid by the developers of Orchard House towards this scheme, and suggested that Stutton should apply to Development Committee for provision of these funds towards replacement Plat Area equipment.

Recycling visit to Great Blakenham was now organised for Wed 2nd July.

Transport can be shared, with D/Cllr Ward having a seven-seater vehicle.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

84/PC/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Baxter.

85/PC/08 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None.

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

Signed by Chairman as a true record.

87/PC/08 MATTERS ARISING:

Orchard House - Road name - Letter sent to Babergh Planning Dept requesting involvement

Anglian Water - Letter sent

Phone Box - Council's Views sent off

Oak House - Press Release sent out

Lewis Lane Footpath - Letter Sent

Bus Shelter Repainting - Letter of thanks sent to Claire & Joe Clarkson.

88/PC/08 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Allianz Insurance - Re: Bus Shelter - Excess £125
2. Babergh Communities Together - Turning Your Ideas Into Action
3. Babergh DC - Local Code of Conduct - Changes
Local Government Review - Meetings 14th & 17th July (RESPONSE)
Litter Bin Collection Charges
Planning Applications Online
Response to NATS - Stansted Flightpaths
Orchard House Development - Naming consultation
4. Suffolk ACRE - Rural Deprivation Report (USB Stick)
5. Stour & Orwell Estuaries Management Group - Access & the Estuaries
6. Suffolk Preservation Society / Orwell Housing - Affordable Housing Conference
7. Suffolk Coasts & Heaths - AONB Management Plan Launch
8. Kompan - Free Play Seminars
9. Glasdon - Products for Local Councils
10. Anglian Water - Parking Charges @ Alton Water
11. Tim Yeo - Re: Footpath 37
12. BT - Phonebox repaint
13. Community Safety Articles - Bogus Callers & Anti-Social Behaviour

89/PC/08 FOOTPATHS:

Chair has contacted Argent Manor Farm regarding route of footpaths across their land, and they are currently having building works done, which will also incorporate improvements being made to the path.

90/PC/08 LIGHTING:

Lights opposite Bentley Lane and Larksfield Road (Bus Shelter) reported
Light on corner of Church Road dim and may need cleaning

Clerk

91/PC/08 HIGHWAYS:

Pothole outside Larksfield Road reported.

Church Field Road to The Drift - mud in road needs to be swept.

Clerk

92/PC/08 PLANNING:

B/08/00504/FHA - 19 Lewis Lane - Erection of detached single-storey

garage (following demolition of existing shed) - **Approved by Babergh B/08/00535/FHA - 5 Cattsfield** - Erection of rear conservatory - **Approved by Babergh**

93/PC/08 PLAY AREA:

Nothing new happening. Cllrs Lusher and Watts are preparing a more detailed application to Suffolk Environmental Trust.

The bark is very sparse, so will need to be topped up soon.

94/PC/08 OAK HOUSE:

Only response to mail out so far, is suggestion from SCC to divert Footpath 37 through allotments and into Catts Close. Chair of Catts Trust fears that they may not have sufficient funds to fight such a proposal.

It was also clarified that in any future discussions, the footpath should be referred to as a pavement, in order to indicate necessity of hard surface to enable use by wheelchair users etc.

95/PC/08 VILLAGE PLAN:

No further updates. Inputting of responses nearly complete. Next meeting to be held w/c 2/6.

One result of early feedback concerns Villagers not being in touch with what Parish Council are doing, therefore from now on a précis of the last 2 approved sets of minutes will appear in Roundabout.

Clerk

96/PC/08 COMMUNITY SHOP:

Process now in limbo, having come up against building regulations for re-used building. Not clear whether insulation etc will have to be upgraded to meet current regulations, advice is being sought. There are sufficient funds to proceed once these details are ironed out.

97/PC/08 COMMUNITY HALL:

Roof felting now finished, with just guttering waiting to be completed.

Open Gardens in Village to raise funds will be on Sunday 6th July

98/PC/08 BUS SHELTER - Progress:

Quotes for rebuild or replacement options need to be sought. Clerk to seek quotes from Martyn Lee and Paul Mower, both local builders.

Clerk

99/PC/08 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES REVIEW - Response:

D/Cllr Wood informed the Council that it was too late for an initial response, no decision has been made yet, but from 7th July, Boundary Committee will release preferred options. Councils then have until 24th September to respond and feed their views back.

After September, suggestions then go back to the Committee, who present the best view to Government, who will in turn decide on 30th September.

Any changes will be implemented in May 2010.

Parish Council to add to August or September Agenda to discuss.

Clerk

100/PC/08 ORCHARD HOUSE DEVELOPMENT - Name of Road:

Councillors felt that the new name should reflect something of the history of the village. All agreed on the suggestion **Austin Farrar Close**. In memory of the former resident of Orchard House, an internationally renowned boat and sail designer, and local benefactor. *(Following meeting Clerk telephoned and emailed Babergh in order to express this preference)*

The pavement around the development has now been made good, and the suggestion of street lighting was raised, with the developer paying to supply and install, with Parish Council agreeing to fund maintenance and electricity bills.

101/PC/08 RUBBISH AT RESERVOIR - Overflowing Bins:

Clerk has already written a letter to Anglian Water, and is awaiting a response.

102/PC/08 ACCOUNTS:

To approve 2007/8 Accounts - Clerk to provide a summary with next meeting's Agendas for Council to study before making a decision at July's meeting.

Clerk

Village Hall £60

Salary 285.45, Post 4.02, Broadband 12.50, Phone 10.00 = £311.97

Village Plan - Prizes £50 & £15, Workshop £47 (Suffolk ACRE)

Babergh DC - Bin Emptying £53.16

Suffolk ACRE Subscription £25 (Direct Debit)

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

Replacement Bench by Village Sign - councillors to study Genesis brochure before making a decision on type of bench to be ordered.

To approve 2007/8 Accounts

To review quotes for Bus Shelter replacement (as is)

War Memorial - replanting pots, purchasing wreath.

104/PC/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 7th July 2008

Chairman:

Date: