



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

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

### **ACTION**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Parking - on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Mrs Dorothy Simpson fell over by Roban House (opp Methodist Chapel) due to a car half-parked on the pavement upsetting her footing and balance. Cllr Wilson has already spoken to Mrs Sutton, who has apologised. Cllr Wilson will revisit Mrs Sutton to discuss the possibility of her cutting the hedge back. A general note to all residents is to park considerably fully in the road, a car half-parked on the road is no safer to pass in a car, but considerably harder to pass as a pedestrian. The new notice board will be ready to erect in the next 3-4 weeks.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

PCSO Gary Austin continued on the theme of Parking. The Police are interested to hear of problems. The law regarding parking on a footpath requires a 2½-foot distance between car and boundary wall. He is happy to visit and have a friendly word with offending drivers, which would be followed up with a parking ticket as a last resort if offence continues.

Crime in August in Stutton - Theft of handbag from car at Reservoir. Anti-social behaviour is reducing slowly, but as nights draw in everyone is reminded to ensure sheds, cars and outbuildings are securely locked and secure.

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

D/Cllr Ward reported that the full council meeting for Babergh DC was sitting on the following day to decide on recommendations for Boundary Review.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllrs Leach, Baxter, Kennell, Knight, Watts and Wilson.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rik Bond – Clerk, PCSO Gary Austin, D/Cllr Trot Ward

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

Cllrs Fishwick, Lusher & Masters, D/Cllr Wood, PCSO Gibson

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

None.

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

Signed by Chairman as a true record.

#### **173/PC/08 MATTERS ARISING:**

- Response re Holly Cottage Van parked across pavement
- Babergh, Ben Elvin -Response to letter about S106 contribution for Play Area
- Crepping Hall Lane - New dog bin in situ
- Hyams Lane / Church Road - #1144840 - Rotten sign has been identified and added to works list. Two additional signs are proposed to clarify the route

- Pothole outside Larksfield - Reported again
- The Drift - signage covered by vegetation - #1152676
- Village Sign - written to Community Council re taking over ownership and maintenance - No response.
- Local Government Review - SPC response sent to Boundaries Committee with copies to SCC and Babergh
- Beachwatch Posters posted on Notice Boards.

**174/PC/08 CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. NALC - LCR - Sept 08
  2. SALC - The Local Councillor - Issue 3 2008
  3. SALC - Departure of Lynne Lodge DCEO
  4. SALC - Report to Area Meetings
  5. SALC - Marquee Grant Availability
  6. SALC - Conference & AGM - 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
  7. SALC - Training News - August 2008
  8. SCC - Street Lighting Replacement opp Lewis Lane - **Cost to be Clerk**  
**taken into account for Precept**
  9. SCC - Planning System Overview - 8<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Oct
  10. SCC - Waste Core Strategy Issues
  11. Babergh - Affordable Housing News - Summer 2008
  12. Babergh - Affordable Housing Newsletter - August 2008
  13. Babergh - Electoral Commission Poster
  14. Babergh - South Suffolk Walking Festival 2009 - Volunteer Leaders
  15. Suffolk Acre - AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> October
  16. Suffolk Constabulary - SNT area re-naming
  17. Ipswich Hospital - Foundation Status
  18. Babergh Communities Together - Summer 2008 Newsletter
  19. The Suffolk Foundation - Grass Roots Grants (Nigel)
  20. Suffolk Preservation Society - Suffolk View
- Local Government Review**
21. Babergh
  22. Stour & Orwell Society
  23. Suffolk Acre
  24. Suffolk Together
  25. SALC

**175/PC/08 FOOTPATHS:**

Footpath 37 - The question of whether we should ask for it to be cleared was raised. Clerk to write to Suffolk CC to inform them that this footpath is overgrown, and to find out what further action is being taken (referring to previous letter) **Clerk**

**176/PC/08 LIGHTING:**

Two lights out have been reported by Clerk - Larksfield by Bus Shelter and halfway down Cattsfield.

**177/PC/08 HIGHWAYS:**

The pavement between the War Memorial and opposite Bentley Lane has become significantly overgrown. Clerk to ask Stutton Hall Farms to cut back. **Clerk**  
The Drift has become significantly overgrown - Clerk to contact SCC to clear **Clerk**

**178/PC/08 PLANNING:**

**B/08/00935/FHA/AS - The Retreat, Holbrook Road - Erection of part two-**

storey and part single-storey rear extension. Erection of detached garage.  
***Permission granted by Babergh***

**179/PC/08 PLAY AREA:**

A new school representative (Mr Scott-Barrett) has been appointed, and he will meet with Amanda and Cllrs Lusher and Watts later in September. All are keen to get things moving. The arrival of new bark is imminent.

**180/PC/08 OAK HOUSE:**

An article appeared in the Evening Star on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, to which there has been no further response. (Article reproduced on [www.stutton.org.uk](http://www.stutton.org.uk))  
A minor accident occurred on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, when a resident of Oak House fell off the grassy verge onto the road, which further highlights the need for a proper pavement.

**181/PC/08 VILLAGE PLAN:**

The final report is now at the proofreading stage.

**182/PC/08 COMMUNITY SHOP:**

Martin Delacamp is arranging suppliers, getting quotes for freezers/dairy units etc. Final requests concerning accessibility awaited from Building Regulations. Refurbishment also commencing, with M&M Building starting on the interior. All funding is in place, with the major amount now paid in account.

**183/PC/08 COMMUNITY HALL:**

None.

**184/PC/08 BEACHWATCH - 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:**

Babergh will collect waste from Community Hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. The gate will be open for vehicular access. Volunteers needed!

**185/PC/08 CLERK'S CONTRACT:**

Proposed: Chairman, Seconded Vice Chairman - All approved.

**186/PC/08 CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Deferred to next meeting in light of Cllr Master's absence and awaiting result of enquiry from Monitoring Officer.

**187/PC/08 ACCOUNTS:**

Salary - £285.45, Post £1.56 = £287.01  
Street lighting invoice £773.66  
Hire of Hall invoice £60

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

Code of Conduct

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Chairman:.....

Date:.....