



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 2008

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm. He also expressed sincere condolences to Cllr Kennell on the recent loss of his wife. Congratulations were extended to Freddie and Peggy Way on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Derek Cook recently received a Mori national opinion poll, and queried the cost effectiveness of appointing an external company to carry out this survey. D/Cllr Wood replied that this was part of Suffolk Speak, a partnership between Suffolk Police and all District Authorities, and is sent to 3000 people across the county. The cost to Babergh DC is £1000 per year, compared to £15,000 - £20,000 if done internally.
- Branches have been left at the side of the road. This was done by the bus companies who are within their rights not to remove the cuttings.
- War memorial hedge – Cllr Baxter will cut in the next two weeks.
- New dog bin on Crepping Hall Drive is full and appears not to have been emptied with other bins on round. Clerk to ensure it is added to collection round.
- New noticeboard outside Community Hall has now been erected. Clerk to write to Alan Hinton & Trevor Church to extend thanks for their assistance.

Clerk

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POLICE REPORT:

- No crimes reported for September. Fuel crimes are still occurring in region with thefts from both heating oil and car tanks.
- An SNT team meeting is to be held in Holbrook Village Hall on Wednesday 8th October. Cllrs Baxter and Knight to attend.
- SNT team would like to be notified of any forthcoming Firework / Halloween parties and Christmas Events.
- PCSO Austin has also been to visit the Primary School.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

- The Local Government Review has now been submitted.
- Public Questions are now able to be asked at SCC full council meetings. Questions (which may then be followed by a supplementary question) must be submitted 4 days before the meeting, commencing 4th December 2008
- Suffolk's Big Weekend (11th & 12th October) will celebrate the launch of the Cultural Olympiad
- Suffolk Police Authority Survey online at www.suffolk.police.uk
- New Library / Resource Centre now open at Holbrook High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rik Bond – Clerk, PCSOs Trish Gibson and Gary Austin, D/Cllr Dave Wood

190/PC/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

D/Cllr Trot Ward.

191/PC/08 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None.

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

Proposed Cllr Baxter, Seconded Cllr Knight – signed by Chairman as a true record.

193/PC/08 MATTERS ARISING:

- Letter written to SCC requesting FP37 cleared. Also asked for update on current situation.
- Stutton Hall Farms – emailed re Trees in Alton Hall Lane.
- Bench – Genesis phoned re progress of order – will be complete this week
- Planning System – An Overview – Cllrs Leach & Fishwick booked on – Holiday Inn, Ipswich 16 Oct 6.30 pm
- Beachwatch - -22 volunteers helped clear 21 bags of rubbish weighing 100 Kg. The top items collected were Glass, Plastic Bags, Plastic Pieces and Drink Bottles. Data sheets have now been sent off to the Marine Conservation Society
- Village Sign – Clerk to chase quote for replacement post
- Phone Box – Confirm situation with Kiosk and non-functioning phone. Clerk to write to BT and Babergh

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194/PC/08 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. SCC – Suffolk Local Involvement Networks
 2. Babergh – Town & Country Planning
 3. SALC – 2009/10 Subscriptions & Annual Report
 4. Babergh – Community Achievement Awards 2009
 5. Suffolk ACRE – Annual Review & Membership List
 6. Standards Board – Town & Parish Standard
 7. Stutton Grows – Request for Grant £ 139.00 (**Precept for Nov**)
 8. Stutton Community Council – Village Sign
 9. Housing 21 – Footpath 37
 10. Suffolk Preservation Society – Community Planning
 11. Suffolk Hedgerow Survey – Summer 2008 News
 12. BT – Adopt a phone box
 13. Babergh Communities Together – The Changing World of Funding
- Local Government Review**
14. Babergh
 15. SALC
 16. Ipswich BC
 17. Suffolk CC

195/PC/08 FOOTPATHS:

FP38 behind Cattsfield will be dug out by the Probation Service this week. FP 37 will also be cleared as far along as is possible.

196/PC/08 LIGHTING:

None

197/PC/08 HIGHWAYS:

Hedge behind Parish Noticeboard – Clerk to ask school to cut back hedge and brambles as it is difficult to cut the grass.

Clerk

198/PC/08 PLANNING:

B/00/01318/RES – Former HMS Ganges Site, Shotley Gate, Shotley –
Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission B/88/01560/OUT – the siting, design and external appearance of, the means of access to and the landscaping of the site for a retirement community development of 404 dwellings, nursing home and associated facilities, as amended.

Further evidence of infrastructure to support a development of this size, in terms of water, power, sewerage, drainage, and flooding. Also an increase in facilities – shops, dental and doctors surgeries etc. Of considerable concern is the extra impact on the single access road to Shotley and the increase of traffic that this must bear. This road has been described as ‘10 mile cul-de-sac’. Though these developments are for retired individuals and it can be expected that car usage will be lower than for normal residential dwellings, there will still be an extra burden of traffic on this road from visiting relatives, delivery services and the like. Of greater concern is the accessibility for Emergency Services to access this development. Stutton Parish Council would like to see the cross roads at Freston better laid out in order to cope with this increased flow of traffic.

B/08/01110/OUT - Land rear of 29 Stutton Close. Outline - Erection of 1 no. detached single-storey dwelling. Construction of new vehicular access. -
Approved by Babergh

199/PC/08 PLAY AREA:

- A meeting will take place on 15th October 2008 with the Play Group sub-committee (Amanda and Mr Scott Barrett)
- Suffolk Foundation has small grants available (and the minimum lease requirement is 5 years). Application must be made by a community based body (e.g. Community Council)
- Sit inspection will be made on 8th October 2008 by Anglia Inspection Services who will report on the current condition.

200/PC/08 OAK HOUSE:

Further to letter from Housing 21 (above), Clerk to respond asking if they have considered creating a pavement from the entrance of Oak House and across frontage towards the Manningtree Road.

SCC is in touch with Keith Bales of Catts Trust, and are looking at 2 or 3 routes across allotments.

Clerk

201/PC/08 VILLAGE PLAN:

The plan is in the process of being written up and will be due to be published after Christmas

202/PC/08 COMMUNITY SHOP:

The shop has now been painted inside and out. Building regulations required a wider ramp to provide more generous access. Electrician has mostly completed internal wiring, after which staff area can then be completed, with final completion being the end of October.

Complications have arisen however with the connection to power grid by EDF who are quoting a maximum wait of 12 weeks (worst case scenario), so this could drastically delay opening date.

203/PC/08 COMMUNITY HALL:

The AGM will take place in November, when a new Secretary will take over. Future improvements to be discussed are to refurbish floor, insulation, stage curtains, and foyer areas. Fund raising will undoubtedly be necessary, and a submission will be made in November to the Council for precept funding.

204/PC/08 CODE OF CONDUCT:

Clerk spoken to Kathryn Saward – Monitoring Officer, Babergh DC. Advert required and copy sent to Standards Board, which will cost £133.41 in EADT. Proposed: Cllr Watts, Seconded: Cllr Masters – all agreed.
New 2007 Standards Board forms to be signed by councillors.

Clerk

205/PC/08 RISK MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL CONTROLS:

Document was presented to the Council by Cllr Masters. 'RoSPA' in the text to be changed to 'approved body'.
Adoption of controls Proposed: Cllr Fishwick, Seconded: Cllr Wilson – all agreed.

206/PC/08 ACCOUNTS:

Result of National Audit. Proposed: Cllr Lusher, Seconded: Cllr Masters – all agreed.
Income – Precept 2nd Payment £5000, Bottle Bank £98.29
Salary £285.45, Post 0.52, Stationery £5.98, Broadband £12.50, Phone £5.00 = £309.45

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

School Hedge, Telephone Box, Dog Bin by shop, Clerk Resignation, PCC regular gardener – grant?, Remembrance Service, New 2007 Standards Board forms to be signed by councillors, Village Hall – Drain works in excess of £2000 (request for grant)

208/PC/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 3rd November 2008

Chairman:.....

Date:.....