



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2009

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None.

POLICE REPORT:

PCSO Trish Gibson reported that there were 6 crimes in Stutton in December.

- Theft of briefcase from car parked at Oak House.
- Damage to steering column of car parked in Stutton Close.
- Arson x 2 – cars parked in Stutton Close.
- Criminal Damage x 2 to windows and doors of unoccupied property in Stutton Close.

Police are carrying out extra patrols in the area to reassure residents.

The Police are keen to implement a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. This will be one of the action points of the Village Plan.

An SNT meeting is being held in Holbrook village hall on Monday 19th January. There will be a purge on speeding in the area commencing early February.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

None.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Wesley – Clerk, PCSO Trish Gibson.

01/PC/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

D/Cllr Dave Wood, Cllr Ken Wilson

02/PC/09 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None.

03/PC/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

04/PC/09 MATTERS ARISING:

Parking of vehicle on grass verge near Larksfield Rd: Owner agreed to park on field next door.

The drainage issues in Lower Street have been resolved.

Genesis have confirmed that the new bench is ready for delivery. Clerk to agree date with Trevor Church.

Clerk

05/PC/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Babergh DC – Training for Councillors: “Complaints and how to avoid them”
2. Babergh DC – For information: ‘Tiwi’ notification of appeal to Secretary of State for the Environment.
3. Babergh DC – *Communities Together* newsletter.
4. Suffolk CC – Invitation to Councillors briefing: Opportunities for Suffolk during 2012 Olympics.
5. Suffolk CC – *Talkabout Suffolk* magazine.
6. Suffolk CC – Report on affordability of a Single unitary council in Suffolk.
7. OPTUA – Letter of request for financial support.
8. Suffolk Accident Rescue Service – Letter of request for financial support.
9. Suffolk Coasts and Heaths – Grant application for project in the parish that supports conservation, access and awareness (max £1000).
10. Suffolk Coasts and Heaths – Newsletter Winter 2008.
11. Suffolk Preservation Society - *Suffolk View* magazine.
12. NALC – LCR Journal Jan 09.

06/PC/09 TELEPHONE BOX

Chairman has contacted Babergh District Council. Neil Henry has left but has not passed any information on to his replacement. Awaiting call from Neil Henry’s Line Manager. May require an e-mail to progress.

Chairman

07/PC/09 FOOTPATHS:

Footpath 37 has been cleared by the Probation Service.

08/PC/09 LIGHTING:

Chairman to speak to Keith Bales regarding possible Catts Trust funding for additional lighting around the bungalows in Stutton Close (for those residents who would like it).

Request to paint white strip on edge of step down to car park area, to aid visibility at night. Chairman to investigate.

Chairman

09/PC/09 HIGHWAYS:

Mud from sugar beet lorries left on Church Field Road. Cllr Lusher to speak to J Suckling.

Cllr
Lusher

10/PC/09 PLANNING:

‘Tiwi’, Church Road. Notification of appeal to Secretary of State for the Environment.

11/PC/09 PLAY AREA:

Some repairs have been made to the play equipment. There may be further problems during the coming year.

Playbuild award – grant of £20-£50k available from Babergh District Council.

Meeting at Stutton School in January to find out more information.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Lusher for all the work done.

12/PC/09 OAK HOUSE:

The suggested meeting dates were considered unsuitable. Chairman to contact Jill Mutter to agree date in February. Other agencies to be invited (Babergh DC Planning, Suffolk CC Highways, Catts Trust).

Chairman
Clerk

13/PC/09 VILLAGE PLAN:

No further information.

14/PC/09 COMMUNITY SHOP:

The shop opened for business on 15th December and has received many favourable comments. There have been plenty of volunteers offering to work in the shop.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Fishwick for his work in helping to get the shop up and running.

15/PC/09 COMMUNITY HALL:

None.

16/PC/09 S106 – BABERGH FUNDING FOR DRAINAGE:

Rik Bond wrote to Nick Elliott at Babergh District Council in November but to date there has been no response. Clerk to follow-up.

Clerk

17/PC/09 ACCOUNTS:

St Peters PCC £500 (Churchyard 2008)

Roundabout £300

Salary £285.58

Rik Bond £285.45 + £1.92 post = £287.37

New dog bin invoice £143.18

Suffolk ACRE – Subscription Direct debit mandate for signature.

Babergh DC – Precept payment forms for signature.

18/PC/09 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

Tree planting – Crepping Hall Drive to Ness riverbank.

Charitable grants for payment.

19/PC/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 2nd February 2009

Chairman:

Date: