



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 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 had been two further arson attacks on vehicles in Stutton Close. Police investigations are continuing, as are regular evening patrols in the village.

Police are asking all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious characters or vehicles to them.

The Royal Mail is to leaflet-drop each property in the Parish.

There have been some horse tack thefts in the Babergh area during December. A Horsewatch evening is taking place at Copdock Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> February. The mobile Police station will be in Stutton from midday on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

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

D/Cllr Dave Wood has been in touch with the Police, Babergh DC and Suffolk CC regarding the arson incidents in Stutton Close.

There is money in the locality budget for improvements to the car park area.

An HGV lorry reporting scheme is now in operation via the Suffolk CC web site, to report nuisance issues such as overnight parking in rural areas.

Suffolk CC has announced a 2.45% council tax increase. Babergh DC may be more.

There should be some further news shortly regarding the Local Government Review.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Wesley – Clerk, C/Cllr Dave Wood, PCSO Trish Gibson.

#### **20/PC/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

D/Cllr Trot Ward, Cllr Carl Baxter

#### **21/PC/09 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**

None.

#### **22/PC/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **23/PC/09 MATTERS ARISING:**

The installation of the new village seat is in hand.

**24/PC/09 CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Clerks and Councils Direct Jan 09 (Circ.)
2. The Local Councillor Issue 4 (Circ.)
3. Essex County Council – Minerals and Waste Development Framework (Circ.)
4. Suffolk Preservation Society Programme of Events 2009 (Circ.)
5. Forest Heath/St Edmundsbury/Waveney – update of Local Govt. Review (Circ.)
6. Rural Services Network (Circ.)
7. SALC – e-planning course – National Planning Portal and District Online Plans (Circ.)  
SALC – Councillors Next Step course (Circ.)  
SALC – Leadership course for Chairman and Vice Chairman (Circ.)
8. Suffolk Hedgerow Survey newsletter (Circ.)
9. Babergh DC, Affordable Housing newsletter (Circ.)
10. Babergh DC, Local Govt. Review and Community Boards working group (Circ.)
11. Babergh DC, Proposal for improvements to Stutton Close car parking area.(Circ.)
12. Stutton Community Council, request for funding – Rickshaw Service.
13. St Peters PCC, estimate of churchyard maintenance costs 2009.
14. Age Concern, request for donation.
15. M Delacamp, request for reimbursement £14.38– village plan expenses.

**25/PC/09 TELEPHONE BOX**

Babergh DC has vetoed closure of all phone boxes.

Clerk to write to BT requesting Stutton phone box is re-installed and maintained. Clerk

**26/PC/09 FOOTPATHS:**

None.

**27/PC/09 LIGHTING:**

Report of possible faulty street light in Stutton Close, Cllr Kennell to check and inform Clerk, if action required.

Cllr Kennell  
Clerk

**28/PC/09 HIGHWAYS:**

B1080 flooding between Bentley Lane and Community Hall. Request SCC Highways to clear gulleys.

Clerk

**29/PC/09 PLANNING:**

**B/08/01892/FUL – Stanton House, Manningtree Road, Stutton.**

Erection of detached two-storey dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished).  
Change of use to of field to garden and retention of outbuildings.

**Approved, with reservations regarding the scale of the building.**

**30/PC/09 PLAY AREA:**

Repairs completed according to Inspectors recommendations.

1 post and 1 beam still need replacing. Cost to Parish Council so far is £130. Expenditure was approved up to £250 (Parish Council share), from reserves.

Playbuild award: Meeting held at Stutton School. The children are to be consulted regarding which play equipment they would like. A report will be issued to progress towards a grant.

**31/PC/09 OAK HOUSE:**

Meeting arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> February, at 11am.

Invitations sent to Babergh DC Planning, Suffolk CC, Catts Trust, Housing 21, East Area Rights of Way.

**32/PC/09 VILLAGE PLAN:**

The final report is to be proof read by the Steering Group, then printed.

A public meeting to present the findings will follow.

**33/PC/09 COMMUNITY HALL:**

Cllr Wilson explained that expenditure on the Hall should be prioritised on drainage (£1500) and new front doors (£2500). This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

**34/PC/09 STUTTON GROWS:**

Stutton Grows has requested a donation to cover public liability insurance.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund £139 as a 'one off' donation.

**35/PC/09 STUTTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL - STUTTON RICKSHAW SERVICE:**

A request was made from the Community Council to contribute towards funding for Stutton Rickshaw Service.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund up to £350 towards insurance costs.

**36/PC/09 ST Peters PCC:**

Churchyard maintenance costs for 2009 have been estimated at £900.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £750.

**37/PC/09 S106 – BABERGH FUNDING**

Babergh DC have confirmed that they currently hold contributions to the value of £11320 for Stutton. However, this will not be made available until the last property on the Orchard House development is sold.

**38/PC/09 TREE PLANTING:**

The Secretary of Stutton Grows has suggested that planting trees along the river bank from Crepping Hall Drive to The Ness, may speed-up erosion and is therefore not worth doing.

It was suggested that the Parish Council write to Stutton Hall to offer assistance with any actions they may be willing to take.

Clerk

**39/PC/09 CHARITABLE DONATIONS:**

The following donations were agreed:

£50 each to: Suffolk Accident Rescue Service  
East Anglian Air Ambulance  
OPTUA  
Age Concern

**40/PC/09 ACCOUNTS:**

Clerk Salary £285.58, Post £2.43, Stationary £23.52 = £311.53 (chq no. 835)  
SALC – Clerk Training Day £51.75 (chq no. 836)  
M Delacamp – Village Plan Expenses £14.38 (chq no. 837)

**41/PC/09 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

Improvements to Stutton Close Car Parking Area

**42/PC/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 2nd March 2009

Chairman: .....

Date: .....