



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st JUNE 2009

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Catherine Kent and Cavan Browne both spoke in opposition to the revised floodlighting application at Crowe Hall, referring to concerns about losing dark night sky in an AONB and possible future commercial use of the manege. The planning restrictions recommended by the Parish Council in the original application were discussed and the letters of objection and comments received from members of the parish were also noted.

District Cllr. Ward confirmed that Babergh DC Full Planning Committee are holding a site visit at Crowe Hall ménage on 10th June, to which Chairman Chris Leach would be invited. This would not be an open meeting for members of the public to attend. Time of meeting TBA.

Complaints have been made to councillors regarding aircraft performing aerobatics over the area. The Chairman believes he knows where the offending plane is based and will try to pursue this complaint with the airfield.

POLICE REPORT:

None

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

None

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Wesley – Clerk; District Cllr. Trot Ward; 9 members of the public.

110/PC/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

District Cllr. Dave Wood, PCSO Trish Gibson

111/PC/09 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None

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

Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

113/PC/09 MATTERS ARISING:

None

114/PC/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Clerks & Councils Direct – May 09 (Circ)
2. Suffolk View – Spring 2009 (Circ)
3. Suffolk Coasts & Heaths – Invite to Stour & Orwell Estuary Forum (Circ)

4. Babergh DC Surf & Turf Sinfonietta (Circ)
5. Starfish Club – Request for donation.
6. Elizabeth Aldous, Chair, Freston P.C. – copy of letter to Babergh ref. Freston X Roads (Circ)
7. Cavan & Pamela Browne – copy of letter to Babergh DC, objecting to revised Crowe Hall floodlighting application.
8. Philip Nicholson – copy of letter to Babergh DC, objecting to revised Crowe Hall floodlighting application.
9. Valerie Nicholson - copy of letter to Babergh DC, objecting to revised Crowe Hall floodlighting application.
10. Mary Bailey – comments to Parish Council regarding revised Crowe Hall floodlighting application.
11. Catherine Kent – copy of letter to Babergh DC, objecting to revised Crowe Hall floodlighting application.
12. Catherine Kent – copy of email correspondence with Michael Barham ref. floodlighting application.
13. Caroline Waller - copy of letter to Babergh DC, objecting to revised Crowe Hall floodlighting application.
14. Martin Delacamp – request for contribution towards community shop burglar alarm.
15. Babergh East – Grants for Voluntary and Community groups (Circ)
16. SNAP – Housing related support service (Circ)

115/PC/09 FOOTPATHS:

The Chairman has walked footpaths at Holly Farm and Lewis lane and confirmed these are clear.

Footpath 8 near Argent Manor Farm is in the wrong place. Chairman will speak to Farmer.

Chairman

Footpaths 40 & 41 ok.

Overgrowing hedges of properties near to the Holbrook Road Alton Water entrance are narrowing the footpath. Cllr. Lusher offered to speak to the property owners.

Cllr.Lusher

Dog mess continues to be a problem around the village. Cllr. Baxter has more signs to put up. District Cllr. Ward confirmed that Babergh have a policy of prosecuting irresponsible dog owners.

Cllr. Baxter

116/PC/09 LIGHTING:

None

117/PC/09 HIGHWAYS:

None

118/PC/09 PLANNING:

Considerations:

B/00/01318/RES – Former HMS Ganges Site, Shotley Gate, Shotley

Further information about proposals for off-site highway works along the B1456 between the application site and Wherstead.

Comments to Babergh DC: The proposed improvements to the Freston Cross Roads are totally inadequate for this accident blackspot. Stutton Parish Council consider a roundabout to be more appropriate at this junction.

B/09/00095/FUL – Crowe Hall, Lower Street, Stutton

Installation of floodlighting to ménage. Amended drawing and lighting proposal.

In making this difficult decision, the Parish Council has been mindful of many villagers concerns regarding this application, which have included a 38 signature

petition, 6 letters of objection and verbal objections made at the Parish Council meeting by residents of neighbouring properties.

After much discussion and the opportunity for each councillor to put forward his view, the Parish Council voted in favour by 6 votes to 2 to recommend approval of the application, with restrictions.

Should the application be approved, the Parish Council would like all previously recommended restrictions to be enforced, especially regarding use of the floodlighting for maximum 1 hour per day, 3 days per week.

As an additional restriction, the facility should be designated for private use only, safeguarding against future commercial operation.

B/09/00588/FUL – Stanton House, Manningtree Road Stutton

Erection of detached dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished). Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden. Retention of existing outbuildings. Recommend Approval.

B/09/00492/FHA – 9 Stutton Close Stutton

Erection of two-storey rear extension and extension to front porch.

Plan states this is a single storey extension. Clerk to seek clarification from Babergh Planning Dept. and request consultation date is put back to enable consideration at July meeting.

Clerk

Decisions from Babergh DC:

B/09/00362/FHA/GD – Stutton House, Church Field Road Stutton

Two-storey building to provide garaging for 5 vehicles.

Permission granted.

119/PC/09 PLAY AREA:

Playbuild award: Cllrs. Watts and Lusher are meeting before the end of July to put together an application.

120/PC/09 OAK HOUSE:

A site meeting has taken place between Chairman and John Goodyear (Suffolk CC Project Engineer, Rural Pavements).

3 Options for a footpath have been proposed, costing between £20-£30k.

Funding would come from Housing 21/Stutton Parish Council/Babergh DC/Suffolk CC.

Chairman to email Babergh DC with details.

Chairman

121/PC/09 VILLAGE PLAN:

No further developments.

122/PC/09 COMMUNITY HALL:

The soakaway has been completed. Thanks expressed to the Parish Council for their contribution towards this work.

123/PC/09 COMMUNITY SHOP:

Request for contribution towards cost of burglar alarm system.

Agreed to fund £350.

124/PC/09 STARFISH CLUB:

Request for donation.

It was agreed to review the request, along with other charitable donations in October. In the meantime, Clerk to write to Starfish requesting further information.

Clerk

125/PC/09 CO-OPTION of COUNCILLOR:

Adverts for applicants have been posted on notice boards, shop, website and in *Roundabout*.

Deadline for applications is 1st July, with co-option at the 6th July meeting.

Clerk to check co-option procedure.

Clerk

126/PC/09 ACCOUNTS:

2008/9 accounts unanimously approved and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

Annual BDO return approved and signed by Chairman & Clerk.

Cllr Masters agreed as third signatory for cheques. Clerk to arrange with Bank.

Clerk

Payments:

GR Lawson (Internal Audit fee): £115.00 (chq 860)

Clerk: Salary £286.38, 6 mths Broadband £25.00, stationary £13.03, postage £2.97, Total £327.38 (chq 861)

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

None

128/PC/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 6th July 2009, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman:

Date: