



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

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

### **ACTION**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Catherine Kent commented on the Babergh Planning Committee decision to pass the Crowe Hall Ménage lighting application and stated her regret that none of the Parish Council's recommendations for conditions had been taken up. Neither was the opportunity taken by the Committee to view the site during darkness.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

PC Gary Austin reported 1 crime in Stutton during June – theft of 4 kayaks from a secure compound at Alton Water.

Extra patrols are being maintained in the area but residents are reminded to secure windows and doors, especially during the current spell of hot weather. Police will not be available to attend Parish Council meetings during August, due to additional duties throughout the school holidays.

Cllr Baxter reported that a planter has been taken from the War Memorial.

Colin Grogan, Project Officer at Suffolk County Council spoke about traffic management proposals for the Great East Swim on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

1000-2000 participants are expected, plus several thousand spectators. Parking will be at Alton Water and RHS.

The current favoured proposal is to direct all event traffic in a two way system to/from the A137 at Brantham Bull.

Suffolk CC/Police are meeting monthly leading up to the event and PC Austin will confirm final arrangements at the September Parish Council meeting.

Colin Grogan will email a brief article to *Roundabout Stutton* and also inform the Parish Clerk of any further developments.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment that the Parish Council had not been involved or consulted earlier in the process. Colin Grogan said he would feed back these comments to the organising committee.

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

None

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Wesley – Clerk; PC Gary Austin, Colin Grogan; 10 members of the public.

**129/PC/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

District Cllrs. Dave Wood, Trot Ward; PCSO Trish Gibson; Cllrs. Alan Masters, Paul Lusher

**130/PC/09 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**

None

**131/PC/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**132/PC/09 MATTERS ARISING:**

Aerobatics – Chairman has spoken to Gt Oakley airfield, who are trying to find the pilot's current base (still flying). A Stutton resident has the number of the plane and will pass this on to the Chairman.

Cllr. Fishwick attended the Stour & Orwell Estuaries forum and will circulate the information with Parish Council correspondence.

**133/PC/09 CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Clerks & Councils Direct – July 09 (Circ)
2. LCR – Summer 2009 (Circ)
3. Suffolk CC Passenger Transport Newsletter Jul-Oct 2009 (Circ)
4. Stour & Orwell Estuaries Forum 2009 (Circ)
5. Babergh DC – Ganges News No.6 (Circ)
6. Babergh DC – Affordable Housing News June 2009 (Circ)
7. Babergh DC – Disposal of unused paint (Circ)
8. Babergh DC – Local Govt. Review, Secretary of State's approach to decisions (Circ)
9. Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust – Foundation Trust consultation document (Circ)
10. Police – Safer Neighbourhoods Crime Statistics June 2009 (Circ)
11. Holbrook Parish Council – Community Emergency Plan (Circ)
12. Starfish Club – further information to support request for donation. (Circ with next agenda)
13. Suffolk CC – offer of 15 year lease for play area at Stutton School
14. Suffolk CC Highways – acknowledgement of request to cut verge at Freston Crossroads.
15. Stour & Orwell Society – information on corporate membership for the Parish Council (Circ)
16. Moot4 – Information on Scout/Guide camp at Alton Water
17. Copy of letter from ex-resident to Babergh Housing Officer, requesting help to move back into Council rented accommodation in Stutton.
18. Allianz Insurance – instructions to solicitor to reclaim £125 excess.
19. Letter from resident, requesting shrubs are cut back along footpath between bungalows in Cattsfild.
20. email correspondence from Liz Perryman/Chairman ref. Stutton Close (Circ)

**134/PC/09 FOOTPATHS:**

Footpath no.2 from Lewis Lane to Canhams Wood - entrance overgrown. Cllr. Baxter has offered to clear. A temporary irrigation pipe is also crossing the footpath and could present a hazard to partially sighted walkers.

Footpath No.9 from Manor Lane to Argent Manor is blocked by electric fencing. Cllrs. Baxter/Chairman will investigate and discuss possible action.

Cllr.  
Baxter/  
Chairman

**135/PC/09 LIGHTING:**

None

**136/PC/09 HIGHWAYS:**

School parking – this will be monitored from September onwards.

Overgrown hedges at the junction of Bentley Lane and Manningtree Road are causing difficulties for tractors and wide farm vehicles.

A letter has been received, complaining of overgrowing shrubs on the footpath near no.27 Cattsfield. It was decided to write a polite letter to all properties in the vicinity, requesting trimming-back, where necessary.

Clerk

A general reminder for all householders in the Parish to keep footpaths clear of vegetation is to go in next edition of *Roundabout*.

Chairman

Some pavements in Cattsfield require patching. Broken kerbs have been reported in Stutton Close. Repairs to be requested at both locations.

Clerk

Lewis Lane/Manningtree Rd junction – kerb drop is too narrow for pavement access by invalid carriages. Clerk to write to Suffolk CC, requesting extension. Photos provided.

Clerk

Further along, in Manningtree Rd, a hedge has overgrown the pavement and does not give sufficient width for invalid carriage access.

Cllr.

Cllr. Wilson offered to ask the owner of the hedge to remedy the situation.

Wilson

**137/PC/09 PLANNING:**

Considerations:

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

Erection of a two-storey rear extension, erection of a pitched roof over existing single storey side extension and erection of side porch.

Decision: Recommend approval.

Decisions from Babergh DC:

**B/08/01713/FUL/ETR – 29 Stutton Close, Stutton**

Erection of 1 chalet style detached dwelling with detached single garage and vehicular access.

Permission refused.

**138/PC/09 PLAY AREA:**

Playbuild award: Cllrs. Watts and Lusher have submitted a funding application. However, a 21 year lease is required, otherwise the application will be rejected. Suffolk CC have so far only offered a 15 year lease.

Babergh DC will be consulted to see if they can persuade Suffolk CC to extend this in line with the Playbuild conditions.

A meeting will also be held with the two School representatives to discuss the future of the application.

**139/PC/09 OAK HOUSE:**

No further developments regarding footpath.

John Goodyear, Rural Footpaths, Suffolk CC, will be arranging a meeting with locally involved parties.

**140/PC/09 VILLAGE PLAN:**

A committee member is now working on the summary changes.

Presentation of findings TBA.

**141/PC/09 COMMUNITY HALL:**

Prices have been obtained for replacement doors and toilet refurbishments.

**142/PC/09 MOOT4:**

A Scout/Guide camp will be held at Alton Water 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August.

700+ campers will be attending, with activities held at Alton Water and Ipswich High School, Woolverstone over the bank holiday weekend.

There will be a 10.30pm curfew and 24 hour security patrols of the campsite.

Organiser Heather Runacres has offered to answer any concerns via the Clerk.

Further information on website [www.moot4.org.uk](http://www.moot4.org.uk)

**143/PC/09 CO-OPTION of COUNCILLOR:**

No applications were received by the deadline date.

The vacancy will be held open.

**144/PC/09 ACCOUNTS:**

Payments:

Contribution to Community Shop security system: £350.00 (chq 862)

SALC Clerk Course: £28.75 (chq 863)

Clerk: Salary £286.38, postage £1.82, Total £288.20 (chq 864)

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

None

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....