



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2009

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

A question was raised as to why the Parish Council should contribute towards the Oak House footpath. The Chairman replied that Suffolk County Council would pay 50%, Housing 21 would pay a share and the Parish Council's outlay remained relatively small. The footpath would also benefit the whole village.

Low flying Army helicopters were mentioned as a nuisance. It was suggested that complaints should be put in writing to the C.O. at Wattisham airfield.

Dead Elm trees alongside Holbrook Road were seen wavering dangerously in the recent high winds. Letter to landowner to request removal.

Clerk

There were no reported traffic problems during the Great East Swim and the event was generally well received.

POLICE REPORT:

None

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

District Cllr. Trot Ward reported that Babergh DC are conducting an investigation after it was revealed a Planning Case Officer is resident in the village.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Wesley – Clerk; District Cllr. Trot Ward; 7 members of the public.

182/PC/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Nigel Watts, Alan Masters; District Councillor David Wood.

183/PC/09 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None

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

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

185/PC/09 MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Lusher reported that 27 volunteers had participated in the annual beach clean. 16 bags of rubbish weighing 117kg total were collected. Among the items found was a horse drawn plough share.

The street light in Lewis Lane has been repaired.

186/PC/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Safer Neighbourhoods Police report – August 2009 (Circ)
2. Babergh DC – Core Strategy & local development framework (Circ)
3. Babergh DC – Delivering affordable housing in rural Suffolk (Circ)
4. Suffolk CC – Street lighting and maintenance costs & inventory 2009/10
5. Suffolk CC – Active Wellbeing: possible funding opportunity for village halls (Circ).

187/PC/09 FOOTPATHS:

Councillor Baxter has the dog fouling signs to put up.
The recent dog fouling article in *Roundabout* was noted.

188/PC/09 LIGHTING:

A light outside the Methodist Chapel is out. The Clerk will report.

Clerk

189/PC/09 HIGHWAYS:

Nothing to report

190/PC/09 PLANNING:

Considerations:

B/09/01022/FHA – Crowe Hall, Lower Street, Stutton

An observation was made as to whether the area was being over-developed. However, it was also noted that the new application represents a small area within the complex.

No objections were raised. Approval recommended unanimously.

B/00/01318/RES – HMS Ganges, approval of reserved matters

Circulate documents with correspondence for comment at next meeting

191/PC/09 PLAY AREA:

A meeting and consultation with 11-13 year-old children will be held during October.

The new wood chips have bedded-in well.

192/PC/09 OAK HOUSE:

Suffolk CC, Housing 21 and the Chairman are due to meet in October.

It is possible the path could be completed as a two-stage project. It is aimed to complete agreements before the financial year end.

193/PC/09 VILLAGE PLAN:

The amendments have been made and the final summary document is ready for printing and issue by Christmas. Quotes to be sought.

194/PC/09 COMMUNITY HALL:

New storage heaters have been fitted at a cost of £2000.

Quotes are being obtained for new front doors (Aluminium).

195/PC/09 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

Arrangements are in hand. Councillor Baxter will tidy the area.

196/PC/09 BDO AUDIT OPINION and ISSUES ARISING:

The report highlighted matters noted as 'not covered' by the internal audit. Clerk to take this up with Auditor.

Clerk

Annual return approved and accepted by Council.

197/PC/09 ACCOUNTS:

6 month budget monitoring report submitted.

Payments:

Suffolk CC (6 months street lighting) £770.19 (chq 871)

BDO Stoy Hayward (Audit) £155.25 (chq 872)

Clerk: Salary £286.38, postage £0.60, stationary £24.65, Total £311.63 (chq 873)

W Pritchard (Parish Plan printing sundries) £13.99 (chq 874)

St Peters PCC (Grass cutting) £250.00 (chq 875)

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

2010/11 Precept

Residents parking at Alton Water

HMS Ganges reserved matters – planning

199/PC/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 2nd November 2009, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....