



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2009

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None

POLICE REPORT:

No crimes reported in the village during October. Other local areas also quiet. PC Austin reminded of the need to maintain basic crime prevention at home, especially checking and locking domestic oil tanks.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Dave Wood's report submitted for circulation

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Wesley – Clerk; PC Gary Austin; 2 members of the public.

200/PC/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

District Councillors David Wood, Trot Ward; PCSO Trish Gibson

201/PC/09 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

Councillors Lusher and Wilson – Community Hall

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

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

203/PC/09 MATTERS ARISING:

The trees along Holbrook road, reported as dangerous in high winds have been 'brushed' but not removed.

Councillor Baxter has tidied around the war memorial. Some of the slabs are slippery.

204/PC/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Safer Neighbourhoods Police report – September 2009 (Circ)
2. Babergh DC – Refuse collection changes (Circ)
3. Babergh DC – Affordable housing newsletter (Circ)
4. Babergh DC – Annual meeting with town & parish councils
5. Babergh DC – Free swim programme (Circ)
6. Babergh DC – Nomination request for Community Achievement award
7. Suffolk Coasts & Heaths grant application pack (Circ)
8. SALC Annual report and AGM agenda
9. National Grid – information ref. Bramford overhead line project (Circ)
10. Copy of letter from Catherine Kent to Babergh Chief Executive (Circ)

205/PC/09 FOOTPATHS:

Councillor Baxter has almost completed walking the footpaths.

206/PC/09 LIGHTING:

None

207/PC/09 HIGHWAYS:

It has been pointed out that there is no Stutton sign when entering the village from Bentley Lane. Clerk to write to SCC Highways Dept. to request if this can be remedied.

Clerk

School sign obscured by overgrown hedge at nearby property.

Chairman to contact owner to request cutting-back.

Chairman

208/PC/09 ALTON WATER PARKING:

As more events are held at Alton Water, the village is generally experiencing increased traffic volume. In recognition of this, it was felt that AW should provide free or discounted parking for local residents, especially those who need to drive to the reservoir to enjoy the facilities.

Clerk to write to AW.

Clerk

209/PC/09 PLANNING:

Considerations:

B/09/01054/FHA – Ty Y Tarw, Manningtree Road, Stutton

Enlargement of existing rear dormer and creation of balcony.

No objections raised, recommend approval.

210/PC/09 PLAY AREA:

Although there are concerns regarding the underground structure possibly rotting, the annual inspection found nothing untoward.

Suffolk CC Play Officer visited the play area and was impressed with the facility.

Because of this, she does not think that the Playbuilder application will be successful.

However, there is no 'disability friendly' equipment, so there may be some finance available for specific items.

There has been a leaflet drop in the village to determine residents thoughts on the play area.

The Chairman wishes to thank Amanda for her hard work on the committee.

211/PC/09 OAK HOUSE:

John Goodyear, Project Engineer, Rural Pavements at Suffolk CC spoke about the current situation regarding the footpath.

Despite a positive meeting held with the Chief Planner, Babergh DC have not yet offered any financial contribution.

Copy of letters to be forwarded to Tim Yeo and Dave Wood.

Clerk

There is a meeting with the landowner and Catts Trust on 6th November.

212/PC/09 TELEPHONE BOX:

BT have posted a notice, again stating their intention to decommission the phone box.

Chris Foti at Babergh has been informed and will object on our behalf.

Letter to be sent to Chris Foti to back-up the objection.

Clerk

213/PC/09 VILLAGE PLAN:

The final report is at the printers. 125 colour copies, 375 black & white.
This will cost £900, already agreed from the village plan budget.
Presentation of the report will probably be in January.

214/PC/09 COMMUNITY HALL:

The Community Hall committee are spending from funds to modernise and maintain the hall.
They would like further help from the Parish Council next year.
Ken Wilson to provide financial information for discussion before the 2010/11 precept is agreed.

215/PC/09 CLERK:

NALC 2009/10 Pay award agreed from April 2009.

216/PC/09 ACCOUNTS:

Payments:

Clerk: Salary £286.38, postage £0.60, Total £286.98 (chq 876)
Stutton Primary School (Play Area Bark) £202.98 (chq 877)
Community Hall Hire £60.00 (chq 878)
Anglia Inspection Services £85.00 (chq 879)

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

2010/11 Precept
Items for storage in County Archive

218/PC/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 7th December 2009, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....