



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2010

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

ACTION

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None.

POLICE REPORT:

Three crimes were reported in the village during December.

2 x possession of Class C drugs (persons were from outside the Shotley Peninsular).

Theft of electric meter from building site.

Generally, the Christmas period has been quiet in the area.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

During the current spell of bad weather, priority for gritting is given to A and B class roads. Other roads and streets are attended to as resources allow.

David Wood hopes that he may have a small amount of additional funding available for the Oak House footpath project. Meeting with John Goodyear next week.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Wesley – Clerk; PC Gary Austin; District Councillors David Wood & Trot Ward.

1 member of the public.

1/PC/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Alan Masters

2/PC/10 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None

3/PC/10 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4/PC/10 MATTERS ARISING:

The request for a village road sign along Bentley Lane is being progressed by Suffolk County Council. More information should be available at the next meeting.

5/PC/10 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Babergh DC – Allocation of S106 contributions (£7467)
2. Babergh DC – Notice of meeting with Parish Councils (Circ)
3. Babergh East Local strategic Partnership grant programme (Circ)
4. Suffolk Accident Rescue Service – Request for financial support.
5. Boundary Committee advice to Secretary of State – alternative proposals for Suffolk (Circ)
6. SALC results of annual survey 2008/9 (Circ)
7. The Local Councillor (Circ)
8. Freston Parish Council – confirmation of meeting to discuss problems at Freston X roads (12th Jan, 7pm)
9. Suffolk View (Circ)

6/PC/10 FOOTPATHS:

The barriers at the end of Hyams Lane have been removed. New barriers are at Manor Farm, ready to be put-up.

Overgrowing trees are causing a hazard on the footpath from the Gardeners Arms to North Lodge. Request for Suffolk Probation Community Payback to assist. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

7/PC/10 LIGHTING:

Street light is out at the corner of Church Lane, by the Post Office. Clerk to report.

Clerk

8/PC/10 HIGHWAYS:

The hedge opposite the school was reported as overgrown and hazardous to traffic, possibly causing vehicles to swerve towards the centre of the road.

Clerk to write to land owners.

Clerk

Overhanging trees are obstructing the road near to the industrial units in Bentley Lane. Cllr Fishwick to enquire regarding land ownership.

Cllr.
Fishwick

9/PC/10 PLANNING:

Considerations:

B/09/01249/FUL – Land south of High Lodge, Church Lane Stutton

Site meeting was held on 12th December. Parish Council have recommended refusal based on: The scale of the development; building line; level of the site relative to neighbouring property and overall size of the plot possibly being smaller than claimed by the developers.

At the Parish Council's request, Babergh Planning Committee will hold their own site meeting.

Decisions from Babergh District Council:

B/09/01319/FHA Stanton House – Erection of garden shed – permission granted

B/09/01274/LBC Grove Cottage – listed building consent granted.

10/PC/10 PLAY AREA:

A meeting was held in December with the school play area committee.

An application is to go ahead for an Aiming High grant. This would provide funding for a Swing Basket and Super Nova play equipment, suitable for disabled use.

Further site meeting in January to consider access and surfacing of the play area.

S106 available funding was noted.

11/PC/10 OAK HOUSE:

The footpath construction is scheduled to commence on 15th March.
Further funding from Housing 21 and David Wood should limit the Parish Council's contribution to £3.5k maximum.
Councillors thanked the Chairman for his hard work in bringing a successful outcome to the project.
An article is to be published in the next edition of *Roundabout*.

Chairman

12/PC/10 VILLAGE PLAN:

A presentation of the plan combined with a neighbourhood watch meeting will be held on 26th January 2010.
Flyers advertising the event are to be delivered to each household, if deliverers are available.

13/PC/10 COMMUNITY HALL:

The Community Hall committee are working to increase the number of lettings.

14/PC/10 ACCOUNTS:

Form P2 signed, confirming 2010/11 precept to Babergh DC.

Payments:

Connexion Partnership, (VAT element of fees) £43.98 (chq 882)

R Mortimer, (Replacement dog waste bin) £57.50 (chq 883)

Clerk: Salary £296.23, stationary £1.94, Total £298.17 (chq 884)

Pyramid Printer Supplies, (Printer ink) £38.82 (chq 885)

Receipts:

£139.47 Connexion Partnership, (Insurance excess recovered)

15/PC/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

Village of the year award application

16/PC/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 1st February 2010, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....