



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

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

### **ACTION**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

The street light at Post Office corner is still not working

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

No crimes reported in Stutton during January.

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

The planning application for land south of High Lodge will be heard at Babergh District Council on 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Wesley – Clerk; PC Gary Austin; District Councillor Trot Ward.  
5 members of the public.

#### **17/PC/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors Ray Fishwick and Nigel Watts, District Councillor David Wood

#### **18/PC/10 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**

None

#### **19/PC/10 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **20/PC/10 MATTERS ARISING:**

None

#### **21/PC/10 COLIN GROGAN – GREAT EAST SWIM 2010:**

The Great East Swim held at Alton Water last year was generally hailed as a great success by the organisers.

1252 swimmers participated, with approximately 4500 spectators attending.

The event was estimated to have contributed £392k to the local economy in Suffolk, with £85k raised for charities by sponsorship.

The impact on Stutton was considered very low, mainly due to free parking and good traffic management on the day.

This year's event will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June, with a target of 2000 swimmers. (Check with the school that this does not clash with the fete).

The organisers will put up more posters in advance, to increase local publicity.

There may be opportunities for village organisations to benefit from this year's event by holding a tombola or draw.

Colin Grogan will report on expected numbers, nearer to the date.

Cllr.  
Lusher to  
phone  
school

**22/PC/10    CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Babergh DC – Consideration of merger of services with Mid Suffolk (Circ)
2. Babergh DC – Community Achievements awards (Circ)
3. Babergh DC media release – Sudbury litterbug (Circ)
4. Babergh DC media release – Hadleigh & Sudbury walking sessions (Circ)
5. Babergh DC – Changes to Babergh’s Adopted Local Plan of 2006 (Circ)
6. Suffolk CC – Reply to request for Aiming High Play equipment grant

**23PC/10    FOOTPATHS:**

The Cut between Stutton Close and Holbrook Road was recently blocked by BT works. There was no advance warning of this and the closure caused inconvenience to several people. Clerk to write to BT.

Clerk

**24/PC/10    LIGHTING:**

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

Clerk

**25/PC/10    HIGHWAYS:**

Suffolk CC Highways Engineer has promised to make a site visit in February, to look at the proposed village signpost in Bentley Lane.

Request to remove Methodist Church sign and replace with Community Shop sign, opposite Bentley Lane junction.

Clerk

**26/PC/10    PLANNING:**

Considerations:

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

Amendments to application received.

The development does not fit in with the street scene, it is too high and an overdevelopment of the site. Recommend refusal.

Babergh Planning held a site visit on 27<sup>th</sup> January and will be considering the application on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Decisions from Babergh District Council:

**B/09/01391/FHA** Grove House, Lower Street – Construction of tennis court and chain link enclosure – permission granted.

**B/09/01022/FHA** Crowe Hall – Erection of single storey cartlodge and plantroom – permission granted.

**27/PC/10    PLAY AREA:**

The request for an Aiming High grant has received a positive reply from Suffolk County Council, who have indicated £6k maximum funding would be available. An S106 application is underway, awaiting quotes for groundworks.

**28/PC/10    OAK HOUSE:**

The footpath construction work is scheduled to commence on 15<sup>th</sup> February. It is anticipated that the Parish Council financial contribution should be minimal.

**29/PC/10 VILLAGE PLAN:**

A presentation of the plan combined with a neighbourhood watch meeting took place on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Around 60 members of the public attended. The Parish Council will begin working through the action points, starting at the next meeting.

**30/PC/10 COMMUNITY HALL:**

Work on the new front doors will begin within two weeks. There is a craft and tabletop sale organised for 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**31/PC/10 VILLAGE OF THE YEAR:**

Colin Matthews of Babergh DC Communities is meeting with SALC on 10<sup>th</sup> February. The competition will be formally launched on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Stutton is on the mailing list for an application pack.

**32/PC/10 CHARITABLE DONATIONS:**

Councillors decided to make charity donations of £50 each to the following:  
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service  
East Anglian Air Ambulance  
OPTUA  
Age Concern

Stutton Seals – Councillors read the letter from the Chair of Stutton Seals. After discussion, it was felt that making a relatively small donation to their general funds would not be of much benefit. However, once there was a specific project in progress, the Council would prefer to consider making a more significant contribution towards this.

**33/PC/10 ACCOUNTS:**

Payments:  
Suffolk County Council lighting (Oct-Mar) £739.57 (chq 886)  
Community Hall PC meeting charges £40.00 (chq 887)  
Clerk: Salary £296.23, stationary £3.30, Post £0.90 Total £300.43 (chq 888)

Suffolk CC has indicated a 20% rise in lighting energy costs for 2010/11. Clerk to Clerk investigate via SALC if this can be sourced more competitively.

**34/PC/10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

None

**35/PC/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 1st March 2010, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....