



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 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. Clerk confirmed this has been chased on at least three occasions but Suffolk CC say they are waiting for EDF to attend. This will be progressed again.

POLICE REPORT:

1 crime reported in Stutton during February – theft of motorcycle from unsecured garage.

There has been an increase in heating oil and metal theft on the peninsular. Lead was taken from church roofs at Freston & Wherstead. Police advise any metal is at risk and should be secured where possible. Crime prevention advice is available for churches. Anyone who sees a suspicious vehicle should note the registration, direction of travel and dial 999.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Report to be circulated with correspondence. The Chairman thanked David Wood for finding additional funding for the footpath.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Wesley – Clerk; PC Gary Austin; District Councillor David Wood.
4 members of the public.

36/PC/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Carl Baxter, District Councillor Trot Ward

37/PC/10 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None

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

Agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

39/PC/10 MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Lusher has contacted the school regarding the date of the school fete. This would have coincided with the Great East Swim on 19th June but a new date will be arranged.

40/PC/10 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. OPTUA News & Views (Circ)
2. Peter Harris – re. hedge and land opposite school
3. Anglian Water – re. car park charges (Circ)
4. Stutton Community Council – request for contribution towards rickshaw insurance. Councillors agreed to support this request by contributing £185 (50%). This will be reviewed annually.
5. BT Openreach – reply to complaint re. footpath closure (Circ)
6. Babergh DC – Enterprising Communities Scheme funding opportunities (Circ)

41PC/10 FOOTPATHS:

Cllr. Baxter has completed walking the paths. There are one or two issues to discuss at the next meeting.

42/PC/10 LIGHTING:

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

Clerk

43/PC/10 HIGHWAYS:

Proposals for new signage presented to councillors.

Bentley Lane/Manningtree Road junction: Agreed to replace 'Methodist Chapel' with 'Community Shop', cost £100.

Bentley Lane village boundary: Agreed new 'Stutton, Please Drive Carefully', cost £60. Position preferred opposite Whitehouse kennels - to be determined with Suffolk CC.

Clerk

44/PC/10 BUS STOP OUTSIDE STANTON HOUSE:

Request from Alison Nichols to re-position bus stop away from new driveway. Councillors agreed to recommend moving the pole nearer to Crepping Hall Drive by approx. 3 metres. Clerk to respond.

Clerk

45/PC/10 PLANNING:

Considerations:

B/10/00097/FUL – Unit 7 Manor Farm Business Centre – Change of use from agricultural workshop to commercial workshop. Recommend approval.

B/10/Retention of temporary unit for existing playgroup purposes.

Recommend approval.

B/10/00136/FHA 4 Cattsfield Stutton – Erection of single storey front extension. Recommend approval.

B/10/00171/LBC Crepping Hall – Application for listed building consent, internal alterations. Recommend approval.

Decisions from Babergh District Council:

B/00/01318/RES Ganges reserved matters. Refused. Circulate with correspondence.

46/PC/10 PLAY AREA:

Quotes for groundworks received from Monster Play systems, Proludic and Mark Duff. Trevor Church quote awaited. Play Area committee meeting next week to discuss and finalise S106 application.

The new wood chippings are reported to be wearing well.

47/PC/10 OAK HOUSE:

The footpath construction work is scheduled to be completed on 2nd March.

Concerns have been raised regarding a lack of emergency phone number and contact procedures for Oak House. Housing 21 are investigating.

48/PC/10 VILLAGE PLAN:

Priority 1 action: Neighbourhood Watch – Co-ordinators required for various areas in the village. Advertise in *Roundabout*.

Chairman

49/PC/10 COMMUNITY HALL:

New front doors have been fitted. Internal locking & security to be reviewed. A new floor will cost ~£20k. May be possible to get a BIFFA award but this will be conditional on 10% of the cost being met by a third party. Agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr. Wilson will get an electrician to check the settings of the storage heaters, following complaints that the hall is cold in the evenings.

Cllr
Wilson

50/PC/10 SPRING CLEAN SUFFOLK:

The county-wide campaign will take place 1st March – 11th April.

Equipment is available for hire from Babergh DC.

Cllr. Lusher has agreed to set a date and co-ordinate.

Cllr
Lusher

51/PC/10 APPOINTMENT of INTERNAL AUDITOR:

Agreed to appoint Richard Lawson.

52/PC/10 RISK MANAGEMENT/INTERNAL CONTROLS REVIEW:

The Risk Management and Internal Audit procedures were reviewed and agreed as satisfactory for the Parish Council's requirements.

53/PC/10 ACCOUNTS:

Payments:

Babergh DC Dog/Litter bin charges Jan-Dec 09 £259.12 (chq 889)

Age Concern charity donation £50.00 (chq 890)

East Anglian Air Ambulance charity donation £50.00 (chq 891)

Suffolk Accident Rescue Service charity donation £50.00 (chq 892)

OPTUA charity donation £50.00 (chq 893)

Clerk: Salary £296.23, stationary £2.89, Post £1.50 Total £300.62 (chq 894)

Receipts: Glass recycling credits: £81.76

It was agreed that Suffolk CC would pay £6000.00 to Stutton Parish Council, who will then pay Trevor Church invoice (£6000.00) in respect of the brick wall constructed at Bentley Lane footpath. Suffolk CC are unable to pay Trevor Church directly.

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

Community Hall Floor

55/PC/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 12th April 2010, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm