

**TOSTOCK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2019**

Present: Cllr R Perks (Chairman)
S Brown (Temporary Clerk)
14 villagers

Apologies: David Blundell, Pip Fletcher and Julian Kearsley

MINUTES OF MEETING 18 APRIL 2018

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2018 were read by those present and approval proposed by J Langlois, seconded by R Perks all in agreement. It was asked what progress had been made with the ditch on Norton Road. The Chair advised the Parish Council had written to the landowner a number of times and some of the ditch had been cleared. It was advised rats had been seen in the area where the feral cats were being fed. This was briefly discussed to place on the next Parish Council agenda.

HOME SECURITY PRESENTATION

PC Stefan Henriksen attended and gave a short talk on home security highlighting some simple things a householder can do to help prevent being a victim of burglary. The main points being:

- Make perimeter area seen by neighbours and passersby with fences/hedges low at front and high at rear.
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is good to have.
- If you see anything suspicious report to the Police.
- Lock gates and sheds and keep them secure.
- Keep outside door locked even if you have a locked interior door.
- Do not leave windows open when out unless the window is lockable in the open position.
- If going away let neighbours know
- Suggest using a timer if going away – do not leave curtains closed.
- Alarms always good but don't just get one that is audible but one that let advising you.
- CC TV has only limited capability.
- Motion activated lights don't recommend as only limited capability.
- Exit/entry areas keep a low light on at all times.
- Don't leave tools/bricks etc. outside which could be used to gain entry.
- Mark all property & take photos of jewelry etc. (website available on leaflet which can be used to upload serial numbers/photos)
- Burglars do not normally get into safes
- Chains on doors helps
- Ring technology is good
- Secured by Design is a good website
- Modern windows/doors are quite secure

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- Will always carry out a crime prevention survey if requested after a burglary has been experienced.
- Limited number of leaflets but more information can be found on Suffolk Constabulary website on police connect and Facebook etc.

REPORTS

C Cllr J Storey – copies of her report were circulated at the meeting. Cllr Storey highlighted locality monies would be available if Tostock needed anything for example wi-fi in the village hall.

D Cllr S Mansel – copies of her report were circulated at the meeting. Cllr Mansel will now be representing Elmswell and Woolpit ward and was sorry to longer represent Tostock. The Chair thanked Cllr Mansel for all her work for Tostock not only as District Councillor but also as a Parish Councillor. The floor proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mansel. A resident thanked Cllr Mansel for the locality monies given to the pre-school group who had found it very encouraging. It was advised any village organization can apply for locality monies.

REPORTS FROM LOCAL GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS

Reports received and circulated to all present from:

- Tostock Village Hall Chairman
- Past & Present Society
- Poors Estate was read to the Meeting

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Accounts circulated to all present. A number of queries were answered including on the CIL monies.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Copies of the report circulated to all present. Cllr R Perks also explained the use of CIL monies and reserves. It was also advised the Clerk had now left and the post was being advertised if anyone was interested in applying.

PARISH MATTERS

Poor's Charity Meadow Norton Road: The Chairman advised the Charity had approached the Parish Council for ideas for the use of this small meadow which is approximately 1 acre and of poor soil with no water. It was hoped this land could benefit the village with the possibility the Parish Council could rent the land which is currently £60 a year. One idea was planting trees and wildflowers creating a path and could be used for dog walkers, to possibly add picnic table. It was asked if anyone had further ideas. It was asked if they could be used as extra allotments, it was confirmed all the allotments were currently rented but there was no one on the waiting list. It was thought the tidy group or a community group could help clear and plant the area. To possibly link up with Suffolk Wildlife. To place in The Chronicle asking for ideas to also place on the next Parish Council agenda.

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Neighbourhood Plan: It was advised this had come up mainly due to the possible development of 40 houses. Cllr Mansel explained what a Neighbourhood Plan is and what it involved. The Chair highlighted a Neighbourhood Plan did not stop planning but identifies areas within the village which can be used for development. This was briefly discussed it was felt it would need someone very interested and committed to take this forward.

It was asked when the grass will be cut on The Green. The Chair advised the mower had been sent for a service 3 weeks ago, the company had not carried it out and it has been asked for the mower to be returned and other arrangements would be made for the service. It was hoped the grass would be cut as soon as possible.

It was advised the 'Mermaid Fresh Fish' sign had been left out the Chair will contact the owner.

It was advised a resident had reported a number of potholes around the village and all appeared to be repaired within 2 weeks. A letter of thanks had been sent to Highways.

It was advised the flooding on The Green had been reported a number of times, Highways have said nothing can be done. It was asked if Cllr Storey could follow this up as it has been an ongoing issue, to send Cllr Storey a copy of the reply that had been received from Highways.

The floor proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair for all his hard work over the last four years, all in agreement.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: it was advised the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday, 17th April. The date of the next Annual Parish Meeting to be confirmed at a later date.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9 p.m.

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