

**MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Herbert (Chairman), Ms S Waitkins, Mrs V Kemball, M O'Reilly & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk). D Cllr Ms S Mansel & Police (arrived 8.50 p.m.)

10 villagers

APOLOGIES Cllr Mrs S Nice, County/District Cllr Mrs J Storey.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – light not working in the phone box, defibrillator training suggested , report on fireworks profit.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 28th JANUARY 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Ms Waitkins, seconded by Cllr Herbert that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 28th January 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

REPORTS

County/District Councillor – Mrs J Storey – report received and read out by the Chairman covering Council meetings on the 12th and 19th March, Cabinet meeting on the 24th, Scrutiny meeting including review of the Childrens Centres Cabinet decision and the election on 7th May.

District Councillor – Ms S Mansel - report circulated covering CIL consultation ending 3rd March, financial matters (2015/16 budget) new Joint Local Plan, Community Heroes and the election moratorium.

Police – no crimes reported during period 13th February to the 4th March. Advice provided on protecting sheds and other buildings, warning to shoppers on purse theft, workshops for motorcyclists and five people jailed for phone scams. Report attached.

Village Hall – no report received by the Clerk.

Chairman's report – a meeting with the land owner regarding the prospective building plan for the site next to the village hall has clarified that his intention is to keep control and not to sell. A thank you to Mr Wadsworth for sorting out a couple of problems with the ROW officer – the village now has two new signs.

FINANCE

660 **Signatories – update:** once the result of the 7th May elections is known, new signatories will be obtained.

698 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Herbert, seconded by Cllr O'Reilly that the following cheques issued for March be approved. All in favour.

Chqs

1209	Litter Picker	£ 48.75
1210	Clerk (expenses)	£ 46.21

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1211	Haughley PC (SALC)	£ 9.60
1212	Gipping Press	£119.00
1213	Haughley PC (cartridge)	£ 47.35
1214	Communicorp (subs)	£ 12.00
1215	C Buckle (mole infestation)	£200.00
S/O	Personnel February/March	£313.00

Current A/c £8,372.46 Income £546.00 (Grant) Reserve A/c £28,379.55

Cheque for £25 (advertising) handed to the Clerk at the end of the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered by councillors:-

0554/15 **Wood Close:** erection of single storey rear extension, reconstruction of existing garage and construction of front porch.
PC comment: Support (proposed by Cllr O'Reilly, seconded by Cllr Ms Waitkins – all in favour)

1309/14 **Meadow House:** erection of one and a half storey dwelling.
 Chairman had discussed this with the Planning Officer. A number of issues remained outstanding and previous PC comments still stood. Chairman to submit any further comments to MSDC. D Cllr advised that this application may go to Committee for a decision

Discussion also centred on a report that an electric cable had been attached to the fence belonging to a property on The Green and which seemed to be connected with one of the properties to The Meadow site.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Matters ongoing - discussions with the County Councillor and additionally the problem of potholes by The Leys.

EMERGENCY PLAN

No response received to request for volunteers and it was agreed to advertise again in the Chronicle.

The parish council had been offered a defibrillator but needed to purchase a box to store it in. Acceptance of the offer was proposed by Cllr Ms Waitkins, seconded by Cllr Herbert. All in favour and enquiries to be made for a suitable container.

WITHDRAWAL FROM NATURAL ENGLAND

Withdrawal actioned by the Clerk – advice on the site from officers Ms Quick and Ms Stone ongoing. Leadership/ volunteers were needed to undertake the future work required.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Mower Due to be serviced within the next week.

Apple Store Although requested to be removed from the agenda it had been noted that not only tyres but gas canisters were stored there. Councillors understood an inspection was due to be made and hoped a representative from the PC could also be present.

Notice Board Information to be forwarded to councillors.

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Website The Clerk advised that under the Transparency Code specific information on the financial accounts for the year had to be displayed on a Council's website. If there was no site available the information was to be placed on MSDC's website. The information should be displayed before the beginning of July.

Cllr O'Reilly to contact Ms J Harrison and report back at the next meeting as to who will be operating a new village website.

Discussion then centred on the problem of computer speed currently being received and villagers needed to check this with their service providers.

Neighbourhood Plan Chairman agreed to contact the agents regarding the planning application mentioned in his report above.

Speeding Ongoing – Cllr Ms Waitkins will find out more on the availability of signage.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures – circulated

Election & BDO information - tabled

Request from Elmswell Library Friends for a donation. Noted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15th April 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

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