

**MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs R Perks (Vice Chairman), D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel (D Cllr. MSDC), D Cllr J Levantis & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
16 villagers

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ms S Waitkins & C Cllr Mrs J Storey. Police

Cllr Perks advised the meeting that the Chairman had had an accident and was currently unable to attend any parish council meetings. The August meeting had also been cancelled since at that time the Parish Council was not quorate. Under Section 91 LGA 1972, MSDC had determined that D Cllr Mrs Mansel would attend any future meetings to make up the required number of councillors thereby enabling the council to function.

Councillors wished the Chairman a speedy recovery.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No visible signage for Hollow Lane; query on allocation of vacant bungalows in The Croft referring to a Covenant (Vice Chairman to discuss this with Mr Villars); Highways matter re The Leys; cutting back overgrown foliage on 1088 opposite Elmswell Stud.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8th JULY 2015

It was proposed by D Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Blundell that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 8th July 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

CO-OPTION

The Council had received applications from two villagers and their personal details had been circulated to members. D Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed co-opting both applicants, seconded by the Vice Chairman – all in favour. Mrs C Debenham and B Alexander signed their Declarations of Acceptance and were invited to join the meeting.

D Cllr Mrs Mansel indicated she wished to continue as a parish councillor for Tostock Parish Council and Cllr Perks proposed her co-option, seconded by Cllr Blundell. All in favour. Declaration of acceptance duly signed and Cllr Mrs Mansel joined the meeting.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

County Councillor – Mrs J Storey: report previously circulated to all councillors covering 16th September Cabinet meeting; 17th September Council meeting and a dog owners warning.

District Councillor – J Levantis - report circulated covering MSDC Treasury Management Plan; Food Enterprise zone; Police & Crime Watch and registering via Police.Connect web page; One off Locality Grant Fund; Emerging debate – Devolution of Powers.

District Councillor – Mrs S Mansel read out her report to parishioners.

Police – a review of local policing is underway – often a local officer attends as many as 14 parish meetings

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in a month. Suffolk Constabulary will continue to maintain liaison with Parish Councils but their work is being prioritised. Written reports on local crime issues will continue until the new website goes live in 2016.

Village Hall – not met since the last meeting. Next meeting scheduled for October.

The meeting reconvened.

FINANCE

702 **Review of Risk Assessment/Standing orders:** Clerk to send copies to Cllr Alexander to progress.

706 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Blundell that the following cheques issued for September be approved. All in favour.

Chq.		
1236	Gipping Press (Inv.52178/51696)	£273.00
1237	Post Office (tax)	£117.40
1238	Andys Auto Fix (puncture/tyres)	£201.21
1239	Litter Picker (August/September)	£ 97.50
1240	Clerk (expenses)	£ 56.56
1241	Sarah Place (service)	£ 30.00
1242	SALC (Training)	£120.00
1243	Wel Medical (defib. Box)	£648.00
S/O	Personnel August/September	£156.50

Current A/c £ 8,648.21 Income £4,181.20 Reserve £28,392.54

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SCC proposals for land at Perkins Way. (proposed outline planning permission)

The meeting recessed to discuss further and on reconvening it was noted that Cllr Alexander would draft a suitable response for the Clerk to send to Ms J Reeves. (attached to minutes)

711/15 September House, Norton Rd – lawful development certificate for existing use of land as residential garden land. Already approved.

Planning enforcement case at 8 Wood Close. Noted

Approved by MSDC:-

711/15 September House, Norton Rd – lawful development certificate for existing use of land as residential garden.

2392/15 6 Church Road: Retention of timber framed garage

1701/15 Reynolds House, Church Road: erection of garden room and rear extension

1309/14 Meadow House, Flatts Lane: erection of a dwelling

Refused by MSDC:-

2489/15 Holly Lodge, Church Road: construction of a balcony etc –

VILLAGE MATTERS

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Website: Working Party proposed using Onesuffolk. Cllr Blundell agreed to draw up a simple draft statement for Cllr Perks declaring this would be the official website for Tostock.

Clerk to send minutes and agenda for the past twelve months.

Trees Church Road: The clerk had written to the land owner but received no response so far. Chairman to contact land owner at the end of October if nothing further heard.

Defibrillator: Now installed. Regular check on battery and pads required. Cllrs Mrs Debenham and Perks agreed to monitor this.

The Leys: Daffodils ordered and received. Mrs Nice has kindly agreed to organise working parties to plant them during the school break. Note in The Chronicle.

Trees on The Leys & Norton Road: There are two overhanging branches preventing sight of oncoming vehicles. Cllr Perks to complete MSDC application form for permission to trim back.

BT cabinet: Cllr Perks had met with an officer from BT and suggested an alternative 4 sites - but preferably as near as possible behind the bus shelter. Mark Smith to send Wayleave confirming location finally agreed. £750 plus cable.

Flag Pole: Cllr Perks advised that repairs were required to the pole totalling approximately £282. Cllr Mansel proposed going ahead with the repairs, seconded by Cllr Alexander – all in favour.

Notice Board Replacement required – defer to next meeting to discuss.

Poors Charity Two volunteers needed. The Charity usually met December and April. After a brief discussion Cllr Perks proposed Cllrs Mrs Debenham and Blundell. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour.

Land Leys Road Mr Stephen Cross had written concerning land adjacent to a bungalow – Aurene . Ownership / status of the land is now being queried by him. Planning application 3062/12 was for demolishing the workshop and application 2922 was for continued use of land as domestic garden, erection of detached double garage, alterations to existing vehicular access and construction of driveway and parking area. The Clerk to provide this information to him and suggest contacting Land Registry again since this was considered a legal matter.

Anti dog fouling Signs: Ongoing

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th November 2015.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

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