

**MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2015**

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

4 villagers

APOLOGIES County/District Cllr Mrs J Storey & Police.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – concern expressed regarding potholes on the road over either side of The Leys. Highways would be responsible for this not the parish council in respect of any claims.

Dead hedgerow along Beyton Road.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10th DECEMBER 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Ms Waitkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kemball that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 10th December 2014 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

REPORTS

County/District Councillor – Mrs J Storey – report circulated covering the cabinet meeting on 27th January which mainly covered the Resources Budget 2015/16 and the medium term financial plan. Other matters were the consultation on the closure of 9 children's centres and options report on the Lowestoft Third River crossing, the process around the Beccles Southern Relief road and the debate on the agreement for Ipswich Borough Council to have the Agency for civil parking enforcement in Ipswich. Future agenda items coming up in the future are the future of the Records Office facilities and the setting up of a West Suffolk Operational Hub

District Councillor – Ms S Mansel - report circulated covering additional funding for Housing, Community Infrastructure levy, financial matters, new joint Local Plan, proposed changes to planning duty officer sessions and "yes" to Homes Campaign. Item on Planning dates for the notice board.

Police – no crimes reported during period 4th December 2014 to 21st January 2015. SNT news, scam checklist and a possible council tax scam included in the report circulated.

Village Hall – report sent via the Chairman.

Chairman's report – the dangerous trees have been trimmed back – clerk to write to Mr Hayward and Mr Villars thanking them for their action.

FINANCE

660 **Signatories – update:** ongoing

695 **Precept 20125/2016:** papers were circulated on a proposed budget for next year and discussion also covered future projects with anticipated expenditure. The Chairman proposed a precept of £8,000 which was seconded by Cllr Ms Waitkins – all in favour.

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696 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Herbert, seconded by Cllr Mrs Nice that the following cheques issued for January be approved. All in favour.

<u>Chqs</u>		
1203	Litter Picker	£ 63.18
1204	Clerk (expenses)	£ 41.55
1205	Gipping Press	£143.00
1206	Miss J Wheeler (Chronicle expenses)	£ 82.20
1207	Haughley PC (stationery)	£ 18.83
1208	Sarah Place (services)	£ 30.00
S/O	Personnel January 2015	£156.50

Current A/c £6,300.56 Income £4.79 (Interest) Reserve A/c £28,381.92

697 **E-mails:-** to be restricted to business/parish council matters only and to treat each other with respect. All members agreed

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered by councillors:-

3927/14 Malsters Cottage: change of use & erection of a two bay garage with workshop and home office/study above
PC comment: Support (proposed by Cllr Mrs Kemball, seconded by Cllr Herbert – all in favour)

3934/14 6 Church Road: Erection of timber framed double garage
PC comment: Refuse. (proposed by Cllr Mrs Kemball, seconded by Cllr Ms Waitkins – all in favour)
 Chairman to send following comments:-
 It is believed that the application does not conform with the NPPF B4 1948. There is also a clear building line which this build would go beyond. It was also felt that it would not be in character with the other houses. There is also the possibility that it would end up requiring the removal of the hedge along the road and a new driveway entrance needed.

MSDC refused the following application:-

3543/14 The Barn, Flatts Lane: Use of building as an annexe and as a holiday let.

MSDC approved the following application:-

3175/14 Little Orchard, Norton Road. Demolition of existing garage and erection of new detached garage

HIGHWAY MATTERS – The triangle

Matter ongoing with discussions with the County Councillor.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Ongoing. Leave this item on the agenda

MEETING WITH NATURAL ENGLAND

The Chairman advised members of a meeting that had taken place with Emma Quick (Natural England) and Susan Stone (Suffolk Wildlife) to discuss the current agreement which would end shortly. Members considered the options but finally agreed to withdraw from the ELC/HLS scheme. The Clerk to notify Ms Quick and Ms Stone of the Council's decision by the next day. It was noted that both officers were happy to

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provide continued support and advice to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Kemball, seconded by Cllr Mrs Nice – all in favour.

VILLAGE MATTERS

- Mower** Cllr O'Reilly to contact John Deer and provide quote on suitability for the current work and the cost of a full service of the machine.
- Apple Store** This item could now be removed from the agenda.
- Notice Board** Clerk to forward further web details to councillors of suppliers and prices for notice boards.
- Website** Ongoing.
- Neighbourhood Plan** Members discussed a possible planning application being drawn up and for the applicant to come along to a meeting for it to be considered further. The Chairman agreed to arrange a suitable meeting.
- Speeding** Renting or purchasing a “smiley face” – was considered and to ask C Cllr Mrs Storey if there was any finance available for this.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures – circulated
Thank you letter from The Poores Estate for the donation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11th March 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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