

**MINUTES OF TOSTOCK ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Perks, D Blundell (arrived 7.46 p.m.), Mrs S Mansel, Mrs C Debenham, J Kearsley, R Phipps & Mrs J Le Fleming. D Cllrs Mrs S Mansel & C Cllr Mrs J Storey. Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).  
4 villagers

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Chairman** Cllr Kearsley proposed Cllr Perks. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour. There were no other nominations. Declaration of Acceptance duly signed.

**Vice Chairman** Cllr Perks proposed Cllr Kearsley. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Debenham – all in favour. There were no other nominations.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Alexander

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – BT vans working on broadband are almost ready – May/June.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Blundell - Item 9 Planning

**DISPENSATIONS** - none

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour (by those present)

The meeting recessed for the next item.

**REPORTS**

**County Councillor – Mrs J Storey:** Annual report submitted at the earlier meeting (APM) with update on Broadband installed in the next week or so. Meeting tomorrow with several matters to be debated. Referred to consultation in respect of 999 calls and what changes could happen. Rationalising with the sale of two fire appliances. Details of stations currently operating. Devolution at present was ongoing.

**District Councillor – Mrs S Mansell** – report attached (and circulated) covering the Annual Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April; Joint Strategic Plan refresh; focussed Management review; Neighbourhood Planning; New joint Local Plan and Devolution proposals.

**Village Hall** – not met since 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

**Police** – link for information is <http://www.police.uk/Suffolk/H44/crime/2015-06/akk-crime>

The meeting reconvened.

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FINANCE

702 **Risk Assessment/ Standing/Finance Orders:** defer to next meeting.

713 **Reserve Fund:** Details of applications considered:

Carpet Bowls request for new zip tops 1) £420 inc.VAT 2) £340. Brief discussion followed with councillors agreeing that the applicant should seek a quote from Wells Stitched at Elmswell before the council made a decision.

Village Hall had requested parish council funding for an outdoor table tennis table which had been 50% funded from the District Councillor's Locality Fund. Cllr Mrs Mansel suggested there was s106 money available which could be used for this. Chairman to investigate.

714 **Annual Governance 2015/2016:** Approved. Proposed by Cllr Kearsley seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour.

715 **Accounts 2015/2016:** Approved. Proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour.

716 **Auditor for the year:** LCPAS – proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Kearsley - all in favour.

717 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Perks that the following cheques issued for May be approved. All in favour.

Chq.

1161	SALC (subs)	£235.45
1162	Clerk (expenses)	£111.96
1163	Litter Picker	£ 48.75
1164	ICO (Data Protection)	£ 35.00
S/O	Personnel May	£156.50

Current A/c £8,588.94      Income £4,001.14 (Precept/interest)      Reserve £28,396.13

718 Signatories: Clerk to obtain relevant forms from the bank

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

SALC	All members of the council/Clerk
Planning	Cllrs Blundell, Phipps & Kearsley
Footpath Warden	Mr E Wadsworth
Tree Warden	Cllr Mrs Le Fleming
Poors Charity	Cllrs Blundell and Mrs Debenham

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**SCC\0094\16** Ticehurst Gravels  
PC comment: Support ( proposed by Cllr Phipps, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour.)

County Councillor Mrs Storey left the meeting at 8.21 p.m.

**2051/16** **Croft House, The Green:** Erection of garage with first floor living space, replacement of flat roof with pitch roof. Erection of porch. Cladding and rendering of existing brickwork. Replacement and insertion of windows and doors. Alterations to existing access and insertion of gate. Removal of existing timber outbuilding.

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PC comment: Support – adding additional comment - the improved access will alleviate some of the parking issues that have been reported in the locality. The brick boundary wall to the east of the property forms part of what was the old Workhouse. It is part of the heritage of the village and whilst some repair is required, it would be beneficial for this wall to be retained. (proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks – 6 councillors in favour, 1 abstention).

**2140/16**

**Land at Meadow House, Flatts Lane:** T9 field Maple – fell.

PC comment: Object – adding additional comment – the tree belt forms part of the conservation area and forms a backdrop to the village green. Historically this band of trees has come up as a contentious issue and the community has indicated they do not wish it to be removed for the development of the site. No specific reasons have been given as to why it should be felled. (proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour)

Applications approved by MSDC:

0589/16      2 The bungalow, New Road: Erection of a side extension and a rear extension following demolition of conservatory/outbuilding.

### VILLAGE MATTERS

**Signs on Green**      Keep on the agenda.

**Hollow Lane Signs**      Sign to cost approximately £160 and MSDC will install. Map for the location of the sign has been forwarded to MSDC.

**The Leys**      Article in The Chronicle for volunteers and some villagers have come forward who have expressed an interest in helping the Council decide what can be done.

**Church Road**      Some work has been undertaken and the Chairman will follow this up as the overgrown hedges have not yet been cut.

**Bus Shelter**      Chairman to liaise with villager on repairs to the roof.

**Bench V.Hall**      Memorial plaque £68 engraved in the wood and the bench will cost £894. Funds to come out of Reserve account. Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed £1,000 to be transferred to current account. Seconded by Cllr Blundell – all in favour.

### ACTION PLAN

Site meeting has been arranged with Highways to discuss and agree work.

Transport arrangements to the hospital and Woolpit surgery ongoing.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures

Parish Liaison Meeting – Clerk to advise date.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Cllr Perks' apologies for non-attendance

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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