

**MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel, B Alexander, R Phipps & Mrs J Le Fleming. D Cllr Mrs S Mansel (arrived 7.45 p.m.) & C Cllr Mrs J Storey. Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).  
4 villagers

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs C Debenham

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – fire hydrant outside the Public House has been knocked over by a lorry. Clerk to report this to SCC Highways.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

**DISPENSATIONS** - none

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Le Fleming that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July be approved. All in favour by those who attended.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

**REPORTS**

**County Councillor – Mrs J Storey:** verbal report provided but stated it had been a quiet August. Updated on situation re Broadband/cellnet coverage and problem of poor reception in certain areas; Devolution update; general data regarding rogues in Suffolk – bogus Blue Badge Websites, Unsafe Baby Cribs and Product Recall via major supermarkets and retailers such as B & Q and Dunelm. Cabinet meeting. Network Rail crossing closures (consultation). Onesuffolk website moving from SCC to CAS. C Cllr Mrs Storey then left the meeting.

**District Councillor – Mrs S Mansel:** report covering Accommodation and Public Access; Development along A14 corridor; finances; Review of Sheltered Housing; New Joint Local Plan; Assets; Electoral Review for MSDC.

**Village Hall Committee** – nothing to report.

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

The meeting reconvened.

**FINANCE**

702 **Standing Orders:** Public Participation to remain at 15 minutes but for the individual permitted to speak should be changed from 2 minutes to 3 minutes. With these noted, acceptance was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks. All in favour.

**Financial Orders:** Acceptance proposed by Cllr Perks, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

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**Risk Assessment:** ongoing.

718 **Signatories:** ongoing.

720 **Code of Conduct:** Document amended in line with the Standing Order changes. Proposed by Cllr Perks, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

722 **Website/CAS changeover:** The Onesuffolk site was moving from SCC to CAS as from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. However it was not clear what level of support there would be for parish Councils. SALC was offering an alternative website called Suffolk.cloud and also that under the Transparency Code parish councils would be able to obtain grant funding if their income was under £25,000 pa. Councillors discussed the situation at length and Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed setting up with Suffolk.cloud – seconded by Cllr Perks, all in favour.

723 **Precept:** It was suggested by the Chairman that the Resources WP meet to consider the precept for 2017/2018. WP to consist of Cllrs Kearsley, Alexander, Blundell and Perks.

Meeting to be agreed some time before 9<sup>th</sup> November.

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

Chq.

1174	Tostock Carpet bowls (donation)	£300.00 <sup>s137</sup>
1175	Gipping Press (Chronicle)	£143.00
1176	SALC (Audit)	£148.80
1177	Litter Picker	£ 97.50
1178	Clerk (expenses)	£ 69.31
1179	S Place (services)	£ 46.01
1180	Post Office Ltd. (tax)	£ 89.00
1181	MSDC (signage)	£119.58
S/0	Personnel (August/September)	£313.00

Current A/c £11,376.57    Income £4,475.40    Reserve £28,405.53

725 **Amendment to Standing Order:** Following the tax overpayment on the Clerk's salary it was proposed by Cllr Phipps, seconded by Cllr Perks that the bank standing order for the Clerk be amended. All in favour. Letter to the bank duly signed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Croft House – progress report on easement:-**

The appointed solicitors were continuing with their enquiries regarding access across the Green were also consulting with Birketts who had previously been involved in another easement on the Green. Situation ongoing.

**(0700/16) Appledors Farm/Church Road Report:-**

MSDC Planning dept had refused planning permission. SCC Highways/floods ( Steven Hawes) were taking enforcement action. Other issues should be raised with Enforcement agency. A number of emails received by Cllr Mrs Mansel to be circulated to members.

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VILLAGE MATTERS**Signs on****Green** Ongoing.**Hollow Lane** Installed. Remove this item from agenda.**Signs****The Leys** A Planning party has been set up and a number of suggestions made on the pond, removal of trees etc. Site meeting being arranged for the end of this week. It was also pointed out that the track across The Leys needed repairing and this matter is to be discussed with the farmer currently using it.**Church Road** Further enquiries by Cllr Mrs Le Fleming had established the trees in question belonged to the Forestry Commission. Enquiries continuing with the Clerk to contact Highways.**Bus Shelter & bench** Bench placed on order. Work on the bus shelter progressing.**Gateway Signage** Discussion on exact location of “welcome to the village” signage. (New Road/Church Road, Norton Road and The Leys). The Resources WP to consider the various proposals and to liaise with Highways and contractors.**Carpet Bowls** Donation agreed under Finance. Remove from Agenda.**Chronicle** Funded by the parish council, edited and produced by Mrs Shirley Nice. It was agreed that an article seeking additional help with Chronicle production would be included in the next issue. Also agreed that an agenda item would be included on agenda for each Parish Council meeting indicating items the Parish Council might wish to include in the Chronicle.**The Croft** The Chairman was invited to attend a meeting where The Croft residents were able to discuss proposed changes from sheltered housing to general housing with local councillors. It is hoped that MSDC will take on board the concerns of The Croft residents.CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman advised the meeting that the previous Chairman for the Parish Council – Ms Sheena Waitkins – has passed away following a brief illness.

SCC notices re grass cutting &amp; fostering (circulated)

MSDC/Babergh – Devolution/business survey (circulated)

Memorial request – S Reynolds. Progress this further following a Village Hall meeting.

Various brochures for circulation

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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