

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH 2017

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, Mrs C Debenham & B Alexander.
C Cllr Mrs J Storey,
3 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs S Mansel, D Cllr J Levantis, Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk)

Public Forum: - In response to a public question, it was pointed out that the affordable housing to be provided as part of the proposed Norton Road development would provide first refusal to Tostock residents wishing to apply for a tenancy. It would, however, be some time before these properties became available.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25th JANUARY 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded by Cllr Mrs Debenham that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly with the following amendment:-

Village Matters (b): D Brown £875 plus VAT (not £300 plus VAT)

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING 15th FEBRUARY 20167

It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Blundell that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

The meeting recessed for the next item

WRITTEN REPORTS

C Cllr Mrs J Storey- C Cllr Mrs Storey reported that the County Council budget was passed in February. There had been a 40% take up of broadband in areas which have been covered in the current rollout, which included Tostock. This was double the level which had been assumed in the County budget which will provide funding towards superfast broadband which should be completed by 2020. This will not provide complete coverage of all parts of the County. Those not included would have the option of using satellite to access broadband. In addition, future developments of 30 or more houses will receive broadband from BT.

The scale of housing developments planned for Elmswell, Woolpit and Norton would create a shortfall in school places in the area.

The County Council elections would take place on 4th May and a period of “purdah” would commence from the end of the month in the run up to these.

D Cllr Mrs S Mansel: D Cllr Mrs Mansel’s report was noted.

Village Hall – nothing to report.

The meeting reconvened.

Chairman’s report – nothing to report.

County Councillor Mrs Storey left the meeting at 7.56 p.m.

FINANCE

702 **Risk Assessment:** to be actioned by the Chairman and Cllr Alexander.

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- 718 **Signatories:** Chairman to contact the bank regarding a further signatory. (Cllr J Kearsley)
- 727 **Online banking:** Clerk to draft a letter for the Chairman to send to the bank to action online banking.
- 733 **Clerk's Contract** – ongoing.
- 735 **Grant Aid:** The clerk to write to the Village Hall Chairman to formally confirm the Parish Council grant of £1,400
- 736 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Alexander that the following cheques issued for March be approved. All in favour.

Chq/BACS

1322	Litter Picker (Feb/March)	£ 97.50
1323	Clerk (expenses)	£ 27.79
1324	Gipping Press (Chronicle)	£ 143.00
1325	Communicorp (magazine sub)	£ 12.00
1326	SCC (amended legal bill)	£ 242.50
1327	Glasdon (bench)	£1,107.27
S/O	Personnel (February/March)	£ 267.62

Current A/c: £9,142.93 Income: (£85.24 Newsletter/interest Reserve A/c: £27,408.84

PLANNING - No new applications have been received.

ACV STATUS FOR PUBLIC HOUSE – work is ongoing

VILLAGE MATTERS

a) **Signs on the Green:**

The sign is to read “No Parking on the Green.” Cllr Blundell is to provide drawings and costs for the next meeting.

b) **The Leys/WP proposals:** A planning application has been submitted for the tree works.

c) **Bus Shelter/Bench:** Work in progress.

d) **Bench outside the Village Hall:** This has now been installed.

e) **Gateway signage:** All the information has been submitted to the Highways Engineer, and following his approval the Parish Council will be provided with a list of contractors. The arrow on the HGV sign is pointing the wrong way. The Highways Engineer will inspect and report back.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Following the resignation of Cllr Mrs J Le Fleming, there are now three vacancies and a further article requesting volunteers will be included in the Chronicle and a notice placed on the village Notice Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation of councillor.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 19th April 2017. Consideration to be given to moving the subsequent meeting to 10th May.

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