

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL 2017

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel.
C Cllr Mrs J Storey,
4 villagers

Apologies: Cllr B Alexander

Public Forum: - discussion on reasons for felling of Sequoia tree (application 1073/17)
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

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It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Perks 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- with the forthcoming County Council elections on the 4th May, no report had been submitted.

D Cllr Mrs S Mansel: D Cllr Mrs Mansel's report had been circulated covering the Government consultation of Industrial Strategy; First Neighbourhood Plan in Mid Suffolk; new Website; CIL payments; New Constitution. Referring to the move to Endeavour House, D Cllr Mansel added that MSDC were endeavouring to sort out customer access points but Stowmarket would certainly be one. Move anticipated to take place in September.

Village Hall – nothing to report.

The meeting reconvened.

Chairman's report – nothing to report.

County Councillor Mrs Storey left the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

FINANCE

702 **Risk Assessment:** defer to May meeting. Cllrs Alexander and Kearsley to assist.

718 **Signatories:** ongoing.

727 **Online banking:** completed form for Clerk authorisation to undertake internal transfers between current and reserve accounts. Councillors agreed not to progress Online banking arrangements.

733 **Clerk's Contract** – ongoing.

735 **Grant Aid application:** grant form sent to Village Hall in respect of purchasing the chairs and tables.

737 **Mole Contract:** Councillors agreed for the contract to continue with C. Buckle.

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1330	Post Office (tax	£100.20
1331	Litter Picker	£ 48.75
1332	Clerk (expenses)	£ 90.59
1333	Gipping Press (Chronicle)	£166.52
1334	SCC (legal fees)	£291.00
1335	Cancelled	
1336	AMT (Shelter/bench)	£444.00
1337	Stonham Parva PC (SLCC subs)	£ 27.80
1338	SALC (Payroll charges)	£ 57.50
1339	C Buckle (Mole contract)	£109.00
S/O	Personnel (April)	£133.81

Current A/c: £7,871.31 Income: (£3,982.73 Newsletter/interest/ Precept) Reserve A/c: £27,409.28

PLANNING

Application considered by councillors:-

1207/17 **Westwood, Leys Road:** Erection of 2no. single storey detached dwellings, retention of vehicular access and one new access, following demolition of single storey detached dwelling.
PC comment: The new proposals are not significantly different from the original application No. 3568/16. The new proposal doesn't seem to address the reasons for the original refusal and the Parish Council therefore feels unable to support this application. (proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour).

Application refused by MSDC:-

4672/16 **6 New Road:** Erection of two storey dwelling house.

Application 1073/17 Felling Sequoia tree. A TPO was about to be issued on this tree. The property owner was concerned about the safety of the tree after a recent storm which caused three large branches to break off. Members of the public attending the Annual Parish Meeting had not objected to the tree being felled. The Council therefore supported the owner's wish to fell the tree on condition a suitable replacement was planted.

Application 0819/17

The Chairman had been approached by the owner of Cherrymead regarding the trees in this application. It was hoped that the Ash could be pollarded and saved. The Cherry tree had succumbed to "storm Doris." The owner was anxious to replace any trees removed and replant with other native specimens. The Council supported the decision and planting.

ACV STATUS FOR PUBLIC HOUSE – work is ongoing

MATTERS RAISED AT THE APM

Dog Bins - Villagers felt that more dog bins were required. Three suggestions as to location – Flatts Lane, somewhere on The Leys (possibly on the footpath towards Beyton), The Green next to The Croft/Rec ground)

Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed purchasing two bins. Seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour. Cllr Perks to provide map of suggested sites.

Telephone Kiosk – needed rubbing down and repainting. Cllr Blundell to contact three contractors for quotes.

NORTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

This planning application has been subject to ongoing amendments and councillors expressed their concern below and agreed that a letter should be drawn up covering the significant changes in the plans.

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- 2) Place Services who are contractors for MSDC should advise them on the layout of the development, corridor of green area space, planning houses facing the road whereas they are sideways. There is a danger of parking on the road which could prove dangerous.

The surface water still remains an issue. Comments by Flood Planning reflects the council's concern about the suitability of the ditch which is currently overgrown.

Draft letter of suitable comments to be drawn up by Cllr Kearsley which should be sent to MSDC for consideration.

PERKINS WAY DEVELOPMENT

Highways comments state more visitor parking will need to be provided. The Parish Council shares their concern about parking access.

VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) **Signs on the Green:** Cllr Blundell circulated plans and suggested locations. Costs as under:-

Green Barnes £184 - will reach top of Notice Board
£220 - for wider panel

Cllr Kearsley proposed the wider panel at £220. Seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour.

- b) **The Leys/WP proposals:** Planning permission approved – Jarvis & Sons waiting for dates. Cllr Perks to ensure suitable availability.
- c) **The Track: has not been looked after and is rutted. Something needs to be done and an offer has been received to share the cost with the leaseholder. Chairman proposed that when discussing the gateways, a quote be obtained to sort out this problem.**
- d) **Bus Shelter & Bench outside the Village Hall: work completed and this item to be removed from the Agenda.**
- e) **Gateway signage:** Measurements to be checked but appear o.k. Highways to be asked to grant license for this work.

License needs to be agreed and work can then proceed. Cllr Perks and Cllr Kearsley to sign. Chairman and Clerk will receive documentation.

TRAINING

Ms D Matthew (Perkins Way) expressed interest in going on training course for the Web site.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Signs on The Green

Dog Bins – hoping to agree locations for them.

License to proceed with the signage.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures for circulation

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 31st May 2017. Annual Parish Council meeting.

Item for Agenda – money collected for suitable memorial for Ms Sheena Waitkins – past Chairman of the Council.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.