

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, B Alexander, D Blundell, Mrs C Debenham  
C Clr Mrs J Storey  
6 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs S Mansel & Mrs P Fletcher

**Public Forum:**

Norton Road - pavements breaking up near new development site. Query on installing dropped kerbs prior to roadways. Problem with surface water not draining – plan now seen which provides solution under Document, Section B.

Street Naming - two suggestions made. Item to be placed in the Chronicle inviting villagers to vote on their preferred choice.

CO-OPTION OF APPLICANT

The Chairman had paid the applicant a brief visit to discuss being a councillor and it was agreed he would consider the matter further.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

DISPENSATIONS – None

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It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Debenham that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

WRITTEN REPORTS

**C Cllr Mrs J Storey** – written report circulated covering Cabinet meetings scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> January; Devolution Deal.

**D Cllr Mrs S Mansel** – report circulated covering the Budget 2018/2019; proposed merger with Babergh; plastic bottle returns; Woodland Charter; revised Council Tax reduction scheme

The meeting reconvened.

REPORTS

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

**Chairman's report** - nothing to report

C Cllr Mrs Storey left the meeting a 8.15 p.m.

FINANCE

755 **Precept:** papers had been previously circulated and considered at a WP meeting earlier in the month. Cllr Perks proposed a precept of £8,285, seconded by Cllr Kearsley. Three councillors in favour, two abstentions.

756 **Mole Contract:** Cllr Blundell proposed accepting the quote from C buckle. Seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour.

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

Chq

1362	Tostock PCC (Grass cuts)	£760.00
1363	Ms J Wheeler (The Chronicle)	£ 59.71
1364	Litter Picker	£ 48.75
1365	Temporary Clerk (salary)	£155.00
1366	Clerk (expenses)	£ 51.95
1367	C Buckle (Mole Contract)	£138.44
1368	M Blackford (VH 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Training)	£150.00
S/O	Clerk (January payment)	£130.19

Current A/C £10,605.90

Income £205.19

Reserve A/C £27,412.930.89

- 758 **December minutes 7(v) Page 816: Transparency Code:** Ongoing

- 759 **DPO update:** Information had been received indicating that there would be a conflict of interest if the Clerk were to be appointed as the DPO. Further information was awaited.

PLANNING

There were no planning applications to consider

CROFT HOUSE

With the planning application for Croft House having been granted by MSDC, the Chairman was seeking further advice from SCC legal department on the matter of how to deal with the small piece of green involved at the entrance. Cllr Perks proposed that agreement be sought where the Parish Council retained ownership but granted a wayleave or easement to owners. Seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

Parish Council to also request the owners of Croft House to include solicitor's costs.

NORTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Drainage of surface water was still a concern. A villager informed the meeting that a plan for surface water drainage had appeared on the planning website the morning of the meeting. It was unclear whether this plan offered a satisfactory solution. Cllr Blundell proposed that the Council request the data on which the decision was made to grant approval for this development. Seconded by Cllr Kearsley, all in favour.

VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) **The Leys/Green tracks:** this will be repaired on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> April
- b) **Gateway signage:** ongoing. The licence needs to be signed and the gateways proposed are still in the closing design stage.
- c) **Telephone Box:** Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Brems and asked to proceed with the refurbishment.
- d) **Clearance of ditches Norton Road:** It was suggested writing to both the Village Hall and Mr Villars requesting that they clear the ditches. Proposed by Cllr Perks, seconded by Cllr Kearsley- all in favour. Clerk to organise.
- e) **Service of village mower :** Cllr Perks proposed that the service should proceed providing it was no more than £1,000. This was unanimously agreed.
- f) **Potholes:** villagers were advised to contact SCC or contact their County Councillor if the problem was not resolved. There was a reporting system on the web and it was better to use this facility.
- g) **MSDC – street naming:** As villagers were being consulted on the naming via the Chronicle, and the Chairman agreed to speak with MSDC and request an extension before providing the final choice.

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ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Potholes  
Street Naming  
Tracks

Cllr Alexander left the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

LCPAS – DPO information (circulated to all councillors)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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