

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 17th April 2019

Present: Cllrs J Kearsley (Vice-Chair), D Blundell, N Cytacki and P Fletcher
Mrs S Brown (Temporary Clerk)
Three Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES: Received and accepted from: Cllrs: R Perks, C Debenham, J Debenham and S Mansel

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. DISPENSATIONS: None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th MARCH 2019:

Cllr Cytacki proposed and seconded by Cllr Blundell, all in agreement that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th March 2019, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

5. REPORTS:

a). County Councillor **Cllr J Storey:** Apologies had been received and the April report had been circulated to Councillors which included: Take part in the 2019 Suffolk Walking Festival, Suffolk Record Office achieves national accreditation, Suffolk's recycling centres opening hours, The countdown begins – 100 days to go until Suffolk Day, Beccles and Stowmarket confirmed as host venues for 2019 OVO Energy Women's Tour Grand Depart in Suffolk.

b). District Councillors **Cllr S Mansel:** Apologies had been received and the April report had been received and circulated to Councillors which included: 5year land supply, Neighbourhood planning, Community Infrastructure Levy, Community Strategy, Homes and Housing Strategy, Shop front grant scheme and End violence at work charter. It was noted the Local Plan is due to be published in June and the two new local Neighbourhood Plans a brief discussion took place on Neighbourhood Plans.

c). Village Hall: No Report had been received.

d). Chairman: Nothing to report

e). Litter Picker: The March report was circulated it was noted what a good job was being carried out.

6. Public Forum: A resident felt any flooding was due to a number of residents having filled in their ditches. A resident also felt the speed stickers were unsightly, Cllr Fletcher advised it had achieved an effect on Norton Road with a significant reduction in the speed of cars.

7. TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

MSDC had advised a CIL payment of £10,833.92 would be credited to the Parish Council. Cllr Perks had sent a list of projects to the Officer to confirm which were eligible to be purchased using C.I.L. funds and time frame, awaiting a response. It was felt it would be helpful to be able to identify what the criteria is for using the funds and to know which projects would be best to take forward. Although there was a village plan it was felt it was worth developing a more comprehensive plan for the village. Cllr Blundell suggested a thatched gazebo on The Green, this was briefly discussed and Cllr Blundell to put some outline costs and where it would be sited to be added to the list of ideas. It was hoped to have an open discussion with residents on exploring external funding and looking at developing plans and ideas for the future enhancement of the village. It was resolved to place a notice in The Chronicle asking for suggestions and ideas from residents for the village. To see what suggestions come back and to possibly consider an open meeting/summer social to put forward ideas.

8. TO CONSIDER PARISH CLERK VACANCY:

No applications for the position of clerk had been received. It was resolved for the temporary clerk to place a notice in local newsletters: Elmswell, Norton and Woolpit. To place on next agenda.

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9. FINANCE:

Finance Report: The Clerk advised the reclaim for VAT for year 2018-19 amounted to £3014.06 and had been sent to HMRC. Internal Audit is booked to take place at the end of April with LCPAS. The payment schedule for April had been circulated. The summary of accounts was circulated to Councillors and briefly discussed.

785 Payment of Cheques: All in agreement for the payment of cheques as below:

Cheques:

1384 – Suffolkbiz website provision £100
 1385 – Litter picker March £49.26
 1386 – SALC subscription £250.56
 1387 – SCC Legal Fees £252.44
 1388 – Gipping Press April/May £166.10
 Total expenditure £776.29 + £42.07 VAT
 Total income £2.77

Current Account at 1.4.19 £18,022.71 - Reserve Account at 1.4.19 £17,439.33

10. PLANNING:

- i. Applications decided by Planning Authority: DC/18/05144 Discharge of Condition 9 (Energy Strategy) Land North of Village Hall, Norton Road – Approved
- ii. Appeal: Land adjoining Foresters, New Road – outline planning application - Noted

11. VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a). Norton Road – Ditches and Trees: The Clerk advised SCC had been informed of flooding in the area. Cllr Fletcher advised the ditch below the development had been cleared. It was felt nothing further could be done by the Parish Council. To take off the agenda.
- b). Speed Indicator Displays: Cllr Perks had advised this should be actioned very soon.
- c). Speed Stickers – It was advised there were a small number of stickers left which will be available for any residents who wished to have them. To take off the agenda.
- d). Home Security Presentation: Cllr Cytacki advised the Police Officer giving the presentation had highlighted a number of ways to prevent burglaries, it was felt it was very worthwhile and would be useful to place the bullet point tips in the Chronicle. Cllr Blundell highlighted a recently planted hedge had been stolen. To take off the agenda.
- e). Village To Do List: This had already been highlighted under the Community Infrastructure Levy item. To take off the agenda.
- f). Flower boxes at gateways: This was being progressed and an invoice for materials would be given to the Parish Council on completion. To take off the agenda.
- g). Tree planting: Cllr Fletcher felt this linked very well with the Meadow on Norton Road and would be an ideal opportunity to take up the offer of free trees. It was briefly discussed and it was hoped the Poor's Charity would be prepared to have a number of trees planted on the land. It was also felt there was a need to think about maintenance and the adjoining land what plans they may have and if there was a common cause. To link with the item below on the next agenda.
- h). Poor's Charity Meadow Norton Road: there had been no objection from residents who attended the Annual Parish Meeting to the Parish Council leasing the Meadow as a benefit to the village. This was discussed including planting of trees, a kissing gate and fence. To ascertain the legal obligations and to provide for it in the budget for regular checks and if necessary, a qualified tree surgeon's expense. Cllr Kearsley proposed in principle to lease the land from the Poor's Charity at £60 a year subject to the proper legal formalities being carried out seconded by Cllr Cytacki all in agreement. Cllr Blundell to contact the Poor's Charity. Cllr Fletcher to contact Suffolk Wildlife to inform them the Parish Council maybe taking on the neighbouring land as they may well offer help with tree planting etc.
- i). Photo Frames for Village Hall: Defer to next agenda

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- j). Cleaning equipment for village tidy days: It was advised the cleaning equipment would be procured on Tuesday, the invoice to be forwarded to the Parish Council for re-imburement. To take of the agenda.
- k). Remote control car club: Defer to next agenda.
- l). Feral cats: This was on village hall land, Cllr Fletcher to advise the village hall committee that this was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. To take off the agenda.
- m). Neighbourhood Plan: It was advised there had been no enthusiasm for a Neighbourhood Plan at the Annual Parish Meeting. To defer the item until the Local Plan has been published.
- n). Flooding on The Green: It was advised Cllr Perks had reported the matter to SCC who had responded that nothing could be done. County Councillor Jane Storey had been asked to help with the matter in the hope she can achieve a more favourable outcome. To take off the agenda.

12. ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE:

Bullet points from home presentation
Ideas and suggestions for CIL monies
Refurbished footpath

13. CORRESPONDENCE: Circulated to Councillors

14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Cllr Fletcher advised a footpath which had been getting dangerous had now been refurbished by SCC to add to the Chronicle items. It was proposed a vote of thanks was given to Cllr Perks for all his hard work as Chairman of the Parish Council over the last four years this was agreed by the whole meeting. A vote of thanks was also agreed to go to the two Councillors who were standing down Cllr Christine Debenham and Cllr Sarah Mansel.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting, as Wednesday, 15th May 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

16. To Resolve to close the meeting to the public to progress staffing issues:

No further update.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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