# MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2016

<u>PRESENT:</u> Cllrs R Perks, D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel, Mrs C Debenham, J Kearsley,

R Phipps, B Alexander & Mrs J Le Fleming. D Cllrs Mrs S Mansel & C Cllr Mrs

J Storey. Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).

9 villagers

APOLOGIES: D Cllr J Levantis

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - no matters raised

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none**

**DISPENSATIONS** - none

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th MARCH 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Phipps that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March be approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

### **REPORTS**

**County Councillor – Mrs J Storey:** report covered the cabinet meetings on 19<sup>th</sup> March and no papers were available for the 19<sup>th</sup> April meeting; £1bn Devolution deal for East Anglia; new road safety measures for Suffolk's town and villages; new health campaign launched. (attached)

**District Councillor – Mrs S Mansell** – report attached covering Devolution; new joint Local Plan; Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); Joint Food Safety and Health & Safety Service plans; Community Achievement awards.

**Village Hall** – no report provided.

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

The meeting reconvened.

**Chairman's report** — mentioned the village fete on 14<sup>th</sup> May and the need to undertake a risk assessment. Councillors were agreeable to setting up a working party to consider resources. Cllrs Kearsley, Alexander and Blundell confirmed they were willing to join the Chairman in this.

Councillors would also like to thank M Bauley for withdrawing the planning application.

### **FINANCE**

- Review of Risk Assessment: visit to the Registered Office has been scheduled for next week. Just the grass cutter/signs on the green will then remain outstanding.
- 714 **Cheques**: It was proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded by Cllr Phipps that the following

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cheques issued for April be approved. All in favour.

Chq.			
1154	Post Office (Tax)		£117.40
1155	Gipping Press (Chronicle)		£143.00
1156	Clerk (expenses)		£ 48.31
1157	SALC (training)		£414.00
1158	Sarah Place (services)		£ 96.00
1159	Litter Picker		£ 48.75
1160	Stonham Parva PC (SLCC 1/5th sub)		£ 29.80
S/O	Personnel April	£	156.50
Curr	rent A/c £5,232.00 Income £613.41	[ ]	Reserve £28,396.13

Reserve Fund: there had been 5 applications to date and these would be considered in order of priority at the next meeting.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2 The Bungalow, New Road: Erection of a side extension & a rear extension following demolition of conservatory/outbuilding.
PC comment: support – (proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Mrs Debenham – all in favour)

**Appledores Farm Ltd, Tostock:** erection of an agricultural workers dwelling PC comment: Object. (Draft comments to be circulated to councillors before submission. "the parish council considers there is insufficient information regarding access and drainage. Access is immediately before a narrow bridge and opposite a passing place for the bridge. Both Church Road and the 1088 are often liable to flooding and the council believes that the drain under the access may be insufficient. For these reasons the parish council objects to what has been proposed."

# <u>DEVEOPMENT OF LAND OFF NORTON ROAD</u> Ongoing.

### **ACTION PLAN**

The Working Party felt this should be updated and to check progress with Highways being at the top of the list. The priorities for the WP were discussed. Cllr Mrs Mansel to obtain maps from MSDC to assist in producing a village map and directory. Cllr Perks hoped to complete the "Welcome" leaflet by the end of May. Julie Harrison had offered to manage the website although the Chairman would look after all parish council information. Other matters discussed were gating access to the village, 30 mph signs, possible re-opening permissive paths - dog walks/Bridle paths - bottle bank siting at the Village Hall or the pub although due to access / space was not feasible, and installation of the dog bin at Ticehurst.

## **VILLAGE MATTERS**

Signs on	The signs have been removed.	Councillors felt that	only one sign should be o	on
Green				

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the green and it was suggested placing that under the notice board. Proposed by Cllr Perks, seconded by Cllr Blundell – all in favour. Notice to state "No Cars"

### **Hollow Lane**

Signs

MSDC had requested a map indicating the exact location of the required sign and to indicate the state of the ground etc. Cost of providing the sign would be approximately £60 - £100. Cllr Perks to provide map of required location to the Clerk

Pond on

the Leys

It was suggested that a working party consisting mainly of parishioners rather than councillors should be formed to agree what work needed to be carried out .

Church

Road

The overgrown hedges apparently belong to the Forestry Commission. Although reported, the work has not yet been undertaken.

Bench

Norton Rd Ongoing

**Bus Shelter** 

Roof repairs Ongoing

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Brochures** 

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

APM 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016. APCM 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Apologies for the next meeting from Cllr Alexander.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

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