

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 24th July 2023 at Tostock Village Hall

- Present:** Cllrs Bauly, Blundell, Callow, Cobbold, Cross, Kearsley, Lebbon, Malcolm, Storey (Ch.)
- Attending:** SCC Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen
MSDC Ward Member Cllr David Bradbury
Mr Peter Dow
12 members of the public
- 23.07.01 **Resolved:**
That Mr Peter Dow be appointed as Clerk to this Meeting, to include the production of draft Minutes
- 23.07.02 **Noted**
That there were no apologies for absence
- 23.07.03 **Noted:**
That when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interest and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent agenda items were invited, Cllr Blundell declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in Agenda item 6.5 as a member of the Village Hall Committee.
- 23.07.04 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2023 and of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19th June be agreed as a true record.
- 23.07.05 **Noted:**
The following when reports from County and District Council Ward Members were invited:
5.1 The Meeting received a report on recent SCC activity from Cllr Andy Mellen.
5.1.1 Cllr Mellen confirmed that the imminent change of Highways contractor from Kier to Milestone Infrastructure means an inevitable hiatus which might delay delivery of various works.
5.1.2 Cllr Mellen warned of the necessary closure of A1088 in summer 2024 to facilitate the replacement of the road bridge on which there is currently a weight restriction. Once repaired, the extant HGV restriction on A1088 will remain with, currently, 103 registered exemptions. Diversions during the road closure are not yet determined.
5.2 The meeting received a report on recent BMSDC activity from Cllr David Bradbury.
5.2.1 Cllr Bradbury detailed his interest in improving local rail goods transport infrastructure to relieve pressure on A14 to wide general benefit.
- 23.07.06 **Noted:**
That discussion took place on matters brought forward from previous meetings with outcomes as indicated:
6.1 Mr Howells reported that the SID unit has functioned well since the recent repair and is rotated on a 2 weekly rota around the 4 agreed locations. He agreed to work with other volunteers to ensure conformity with the SCC requirement for 2 persons present during the re-location process. The possibility of the installation of a blue-tooth connected data logger was referred as a future budget consideration.
6.2 Cllr Storey confirmed that she had met with Tina Newell, a Parish Clerk with considerable local experience, who has agreed to allow her name to be put forward for the vacant post at Tostock where she would also take on the role of RFO and administer the website.

James Storey

- 6.3 Cllr Storey confirmed that liaison with SCC Highways confirms that works are successfully completed to resolve pothole and flooding problems at Church Road, The Green and Flatts Lane.
- 6.4 The Meeting agreed to an arrangement which would allow a Brownie group to meet on Mondays whereby every second month Council would meet on the second Tuesday excepting January which would be the 3rd Tuesday. From November, Council meetings will be every other month unless Planning consultations require intermediate meetings.
- 6.5 With the Meeting's permission, Mr Graham MacDowell gave a precis of the Village Hall Committee's progress towards modernising the facility balancing the priorities identified in public consultation with the realities of funding. Members expressed support for the request in principle to direct CIL funding towards the scheme and Cllr Blundell undertook to bring a formal Proposal to that effect to the September meeting.
- 6.6 Cllr Storey reported on recent correspondence received as follows:
- 6.6.1 A proposal for Tostock and other villages to engage in a similar taxi-bus project as currently trialled with apparent success by Elmswell / Woolpit / Beyton & Thurston in which interest was expressed.
- 6.6.2 Concerns regarding the insecure nature of the notice board at The Croft, the adoption of which by TPC will be the subject of a future Agenda item.
- 6.6.3 Various communications drawing attention to recent scamming emails purporting to come from a TPC Member.
- 6.6.4 An approach from the Royal British legion offering the chance to purchase one or more of their 'Unknown Tommy' statues for Remembrance Sunday which matter is referred to a future meeting.
- 6.6.5 An approach from SALC offering the loan of a thermal imaging camera towards encouraging community awareness of heat loss in domestic dwellings and Cllr Storey's intention to investigate the arrangements in detail.

23.07.7

Noted:

An oral report from Cllr Cross as RFO confirming:

Reserve Account £37,794.72

Current Account £18,201.73

- 7.1 Cllr Cross confirmed that there is some progress towards rationalising the Bank signatory position or the Statement forwarding address but that, given that there are now 2 residual valid signatories, day to day business is not affected.
- 7.2 The following payments were noted and duly authorised:
- 7.2.1 Ned Jones £17.76
- 7.2.2 Oliver Holland £48.75
- 7.2.3 Alan Jones £28.00

23.07.08

Noted:

The following Planning decision as notified by MSDC:

8.1 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/03364 - Condition 15 (Landscaping Scheme)

The Barn North Of Old Rectory Lodge Norton Road Tostock Suffolk IP30 9NU

Application. No: DC/23/02078 Received: Tue 02 May 2023 Validated: Wed 03 May 2023

Status: Granted TPC did not comment

23.07.09

Noted:

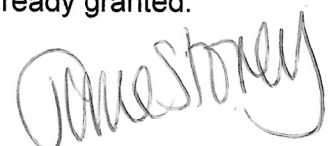
The following Planning Applications as referred by MSDC and actions as appropriate:

9.1 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/03364 - Condition 10 (EPS Licence for Bats), Condition 11 (Ecological Appraisal) and Condition 12 (Biodiversity Compensation and Enhancement Strategy)

Old Rectory Barn Norton Road Tostock PE30 9NU

Application. No: DC/23/03030 | Received: Tue 27 Jun 2023 | Validated: Wed 28 Jun 2023 |

Status: Awaiting decision TPC do not need to comment as PP already granted.



9.2 Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing outbuilding)

3 Park Cottages Church Road Tostock Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9PE

Application. No: DC/23/02486 | Received: Fri 26 May 2023 | Validated: Mon 26 Jun 2023 |

Status: Awaiting decision TPC have submitted NO COMMENT

9.3 Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of new fibreglass flat roof incorporating new roof lantern and associated works as detailed in the schedule of works.

Old Rectory Norton Road Tostock Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9NU

Application. No: DC/23/02497 | Received: Fri 26 May 2023 | Validated: Thu 15 Jun 2023 |

Status: Awaiting decision TPC have submitted NO COMMENT

9.4 Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access Points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale to be Reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Erection of 3No self-build dwellings with garaging.

Land Fronting Flatts Lane Tostock

Application. No: DC/23/02229 | Received: Thu 11 May 2023 | Validated: Mon 12 Jun 2023 |

Status: Awaiting decision TPC have submitted OBJECT

9.5 DC/23/03181 | Application for Listed Building Consent - Renovation works and alterations as detailed in the schedule of works, replacement of windows and doors, construction of external first floor access stair and door, construction of glazed veranda, installation of wood burner flue and installation of AC Unit. | Old Rectory Norton Road Tostock Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9NU

Received: Thu 06 Jul 2023 | Validated: Tue 11 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

The Meeting agreed to make NO COMMENT on this Application.

23.07.10

Noted:

The following when public comment or question were invited on any matter of Council business:

23.07.11

10.1 It was confirmed that Council Minutes would be published in The Chronicle.

Noted:

The following when any other business was invited from Councillors or the meeting Clerk for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda:

11.1 Cllr Callow undertook to make a presentation to a future meeting on his work to compare TPC Standing Orders with those of a parish council of similar size.

11.2 Cllr Storey undertook to query with SCC Highways the status of a newly emerging access on to the highway from a field opposite the Church and to report back.

11.3 Cllr Storey undertook to thank SCC for their recent works at Flatts Lane to resolve a problem of long standing.

23.07.12

Noted:

That the date for the next meeting was scheduled as 11th September 2023 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

23.07.13

12.1 An apology for absence from the next meeting was noted from Cllr Cross

Resolved: That, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be next transacted regarding employment matters the Press and Public be excluded.

The public left the meeting at this point

23.07.14

Resolved: That Tina Newell be appointed as Clerk and RFO to Tostock Parish Council from 01.08.2023 at LGA Spinal Column Point 21, Scale Range LC2, currently set at £15.02 ph, for approximately 8 hours per week to include attendance at evening meetings and that a supplement of £6.00 per week be paid in consideration of home office costs.

14.1 **Resolved: That council purchases a MacBook laptop for use by the Parish Clerk for a sum not to exceed £800.00 net of VAT.**

23.07.15

Resolved: That the Meeting be re-opened to Press and Public.

The Meeting was re-opened to the public at this point.

23.07.16

Noted:

That the Meeting closed at 8.55

