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PARISH COUNCIL

(Parish Clerk: Miss Jean Wheeler, The Post Office, The Green. Tel: 70278)

Seven councillors attended the recent meeting chaired by Mr P Buckle. Apologies were received from Mr Spencer.

Matters arising from the previous minutes included the purchase of Road Name signs. Quotations received were considered to be too high and further enquiries are to be pursued with the possibility of wrought iron signs.

Hopefully, the problem of duplicated addresses has been resolved. The Council has been informed by the Planning Department that the three residents have been contacted and requested to use only the name of the property and to drop the wording of 'The Green' from their address.

Village Hall Window Frame Renewals - three estimates were discussed for renewal in UPVC and it was proposed by Mr Walker and seconded by Mr Buxton to accept the estimate of £922.50 including VAT - all agreed.

Clerk reported that Mid Suffolk Planning Dept. may have misunderstood the reply regarding the outline planning for land adjacent to the Village Hall and that an explanatory letter had been written to the Department to clarify the position.

A site meeting had been held on the old A45 with some residents of New Road and representatives from the Highways Department regarding the sign directing traffic up New Road and which some residents were not happy about. Highways Dept. have agreed to remove the sign on the understanding that if problems still occur with vehicles hitting the gates at the end that the sign will be re-erected.

Grave concern is still being expressed regarding the danger at the corner of Leys Road and The Green and the fact that the boundary fence of the new property appears to have protruded beyond the boundary. Mid Suffolk Planning Dept have replied to our correspondence stating that the matter has been referred to the Highways Dept. This Council has now written to the Highways Dept requesting urgent inspection of the site.

Treasurer requested payment of £71.97 Clerk's expenses for the year. All agreed. It is pointed out that the Clerk refused a salary for the work and only accepts expenses.

Several enquiries have been received regarding the possible supply of Gas to this village. This item will be included on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting and in the meantime the Clerk is contacting British Gas for information.

A petition containing 174 signatures has been received requesting the provision of a bottle bank in the village. This item will also be on the APM Agenda.

The Clerk has details of a Community Alarm system which can be hired from the Mid Suffolk District Council at a cost of £2 per week giving 24 hours a day security in one's own home. Details will be available at the APM or from the Clerk.

The Past and Present Society have requested further financial help towards the Village Survey, particularly with the up-dating of photographs and the reproduction of old photographs. This was agreed upon but as two grants cannot be made in the same financial year, it was left until the next meeting to discuss further.

Mr Harman of 'The Footings' has offered to donate a Copper Beech Tree for planting on the Leys. This was accepted and Mr Buckle will be contacting him regarding the planting.

The Clerk has received three reports from eye witnesses regarding a car which was seen to cross from the trackway on the green, across the green and onto the road. The registration of the car was YBJ 152Y and if the owner lives in the village they are respectfully requested to refrain from doing this in future.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been fixed for Tuesday 30th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. It is hoped to have the County and District Councillors in attendance and some interesting items on the agenda. This is YOUR MEETING and you are invited to come and air your views and raise your questions. Please do not leave it to your neighbour. Come along and help your Councillors to help you.

The Secretaries of all Village Clubs and Societies are reminded that now is the time to submit their annual reports to Miss Wheeler.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

(Rev. Richard Addington, The Vicarage, Church Hill, Pakenham. Tel: 30287)

<u>APRIL:</u>	7th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion at <u>Pakenham</u>
	14th	11.15 a.m.	1662 Communion
	21st	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
	28th	10.30 a.m.	Matins
<u>MAY:</u>	5th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion at <u>Norton</u>
	12th	11.15 a.m.	1662 Communion
	19th	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
	26th	10.30 a.m.	Matins
<u>JUNE:</u>	2nd	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion at <u>Tostock</u>

Informal Services at the Croft at 2.30 p.m. on Fridays; April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th.

"Brush up on Believing": Please give the Rector a ring if you would like to join this series of twelve meetings on Tuesday evenings, beginning on April 9th at 8.00 p.m.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(Mrs Pat Reynolds, "Better View", The Green. Tel: 70341)

7.30 p.m. Wednesday 10th April - Whist Drive
'Afternoon Tea at the Croft' - Tuesday 30th April, Tuesday 28th May
Friday 31st May - Coffee Morning at "Better View"

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Chairman: M.L. Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way. Tel: 70395)
(Bookings: Mr & Mrs P Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane. Tel: 70605)
(Key Holder: Mr S Renolds, "The Hawthorns", Perkins Way. Tel: 70675)
(Secretary: Mrs R Williams, Holly Tree Cottage, Flatts Lane. Tel: 70425)

A meeting of the Management Committee took place on February 20th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, eleven members present.

The three quotations for windows were discussed and would be handed to the Parish Council at their Meeting on February 26th.

Extra Play Equipment was necessary on the Playing Field and the Chairman said we would happily erect anything the Parish Council wanted.

The problem of moles - and weeds - were temporarily in abeyance but would be dealt with at an appropriate time.

The glass panel in the front door of the Hall to be repaired in the near future.

New batteries would be obtained for the telephone to enable it to work.

Members of the Caravan Club would be arriving for their 3 day Golfing Rally on March 14th.

Art Exhibition at St. Andrew's Church, 22nd June for 3 days. A preliminary discussion was held on this. The Committee had not yet decided what, if anything, to hold in the Village Hall at the same time, although a Craft Show was rather favoured. This would be decided at the next Committee Meeting.

The next Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on 17th April at 8.00 p.m., preceded by a short Committee Meeting at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome at 8 o'clock - it is your Village Hall and we hope as many of you as possible will attend to make your views known to the Management Committee.

R.L. Williams
Secretary.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

(Mrs Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way. Tel: 70395)

The February and March meetings were very well attended. Members enjoyed Nesta Evans' lecture on Suffolk Market Towns, with particular reference to Beccles and Sue Andrews's enthusiastic talk on the history of our own houses and the plots on which they are built.

The next meeting on 8th April at 8.00 pm consists of a return visit by Monica Place, who this time will be speaking and showing slides on Queen Elizabeth I's progress through Suffolk.

For something completely different and four hundred years later, we have Mrs Wickham's experiences of life in the Falkland Islands on Monday May 13th at 8.00 pm. Visitors are most welcome at both meetings.

Of more local interest on June 3rd, John Wiley of Woolpit History Group will be telling us how he and others set up one of the smallest museums in the country at Woolpit Institute.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE

Ladies and Girls: 'Self Defence' sounds very physical, but in fact is suitable for both ladies and girls and deals with both the mental and practical attributes which will aid the students' confidence in dealing with threatening situations. This course will be at Thurston starting on Tuesday 16th April at 8.15 p.m. There will be a total of 5 sessions.

Full details of this and other courses are available from:-
Area Office, 83 Risbygate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. Tel: 768793.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

Tostock Youth Club

If you remember from last Summer, our Youth Club uni-hockey team reached the British National Uni-hoc finals. Well a few weekends ago the team took part in the Eastern regional uni-hoc finals, held over a full day and with about seven other teams competing. I am happy to announce we won the Eastern finals, having played six games, scored 17 goals and conceded none. We now qualify to take part in the National Finals in July and we hope to do well again.

As mentioned in the last 'Chronicle' the Youth Club is holding a jumble sale. The date is Saturday 27th April in the Village Hall starting at 2.00 p.m. If anybody would like to contribute any jumble this would be gratefully received and we hope to see you there.

The Youth Club meets fortnightly on a Sunday evening from 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to come along will be happily welcomed and invited to join in with the Uni-hoc, Table Tennis, Volleyball and other games we play.

Any questions etc, please ring either Barney Harrison on Beyton 70247 or Jonathan Sturman on Beyton 71010.

Tostock Tennis Club (Denise Pamment. Tel: 70066)

The A.G.M. was held on Monday 18th March. Denise Pamment stood down and Lorna Delaney is now chairperson. The rest of the Committee remains the same with the addition of Mr Malcolm White.

Subscriptions for 1991 are due on 1st April and remain the same, £5 adult, £3 student, £2 under 16's. Please pay our Membership & Booking Secretary, Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way. Tel: 70395.

Why not start the new season off with a T-shirt with the Tennis Club emblem? They are selling at a reduced price, please see Heather Spencer.

Carpet Bowls (Mrs Doreen Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane. Tel: 70605)

We are now heading towards the end of this seasons league matches with four still to be played - two of which were cancelled due to bad weather. Recent wins were against Woolpit and Rattlesden.

Our club pairs and singles competitions will be played during May/June.

Sunday Club evenings: 14th and 28th April
 12th and 26th May

New members always welcome.

BROWNIES

(Mrs Doreen Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane. Tel: 70605)

Two charities will benefit from the Brownies annual Carol Concert and a recent 'fruit gum suck'. A cheque for £50.00 was presented to Sister Alice Waterman of the Special Care Baby Unit at the West Suffolk Hospital. Before the presentation the pack was given a tour of the childrens ward. Two sisters in the pack recently had twin brothers born in the Special Care Unit.

An Easter party was held on the last meeting of term and each Brownie invited one friend to come along. Our guest of honour was Mrs Ann Hubbard of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association. We were able to present her with a cheque for £50.00. She kindly agreed to judge the Easter Bonnet competition and after much thought she awarded Rachel Carter, Leanne Aldadice and Donna Cocksedge a small prize for their efforts.

"THANK YOU TOSTOCK"

May I, through your column, say a very sincere "Thank You" to the individuals, clubs and societies for the gifts, cards and enquiries I have received during the last six months whilst I have been 'Hors de Combat' so so speak.

My progress has been depressingly slow but I hope before too long to be able to get back to my - somewhat limited it's true - circulation and offer my thanks personally.

You really know how to make a relative newcomer welcome.

Lily Gallagher
3 The Croft

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

APRIL:

Monday 1st : BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 8th : 8.00 p.m. Slide Talk (See Past & Present Notes)
Wednesday 10th : 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive
Monday 15th : Mobile Library - Wood Close 3.55-4.15 pm
Gardeners Arms 4.20 - 4.40 pm
Tuesday 16th : 8.15 p.m. Ladies & Girls Self Defence - Thurston
Wednesday 17th : 8.00 p.m. AGM of Village Hall Management
Committee
Thursday 25th : Anniversary of the birth of Zak the Intrepid
Saturday 27th : 2.00 p.m. Youth Club Jumble Sale
Monday 29th : Mobile Library
Tuesday 30th : 2.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea at the Croft
8.00 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

MAY:

Monday 6th : BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9th : Mobile Barber 1.30 - 4.00 pm - Gardeners
Arms Car Park
Monday 13th : Mobile Library
8.00 p.m. Slide Talk (See Past & Present Notes)
Monday 27th : BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 28th : Last day for material for next 'Chronicle'
Friday 31st : Coffee Morning at "Better View"

ADVANCED NOTICE

The Annual Art Exhibition will be held in the Church on Saturday 22nd-Monday 24th June inclusive.
