



TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

Season's
Greetings

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DECEMBER 2006 - JANUARY 2007

PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Friends,

At the last Parish Council meeting a long discussion took place regarding the publication of the minutes and the depth in which these should be published. It was expressed to the council that people in the village liked to see the minutes published in full to keep informed those who are unable to go to the meetings. Balanced against this is the potential for dispute if the minutes are published before being approved. In consequence it was decided that a full copy of the minutes will be published in the Chronicle and on the notice board once these have been approved by a meeting of the Parish Council. For this month there will not be a report of the last Council meeting in the Chronicle, as the Parish Council meeting at which the minutes will be approved/amended doesn't take place until after the publication of the Chronicle. As soon as the minutes are approved a copy will be placed on the village notice board. Hope this explains what is happening,

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vanessa Malcom, Chair, Tostock PC

MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: Cllrs Mrs V Malcom (Chairman), S Walker, Mrs M Beales, C Buckle
Mrs D Plester, Mrs S Marriott, D.Cllr Mrs C Milward &
Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).

3 villagers

Apologies: Cllr Mrs P Parsons & D Livingston

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Nomination for the position had been deferred from the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Mrs Malcom proposed Cllr S Walker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Plester. All in favour.

MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th August 2006 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

PARISH COUNCIL continued

MATTERS ARISING

- 151 Road Ruts Old Tostock Hall: Highways had undertaken an inspection and advised no further action at this time.
- 365 Replacement Tree: The electricity authorities had confirmed there were no underground cables affecting the proposed site for the new tree and it was suggested putting an item in The Chronicle asking for comments on the suggested location of the tree. Discussion then focused on the state of the existing tree – whether to fence it off or take it down soon since its condition was rapidly deteriorating. It was suggested taking it down in the Spring but to fence off in the meantime. A further item was to be placed in the Chronicle asking villagers not to stand under the tree. The meeting agreed that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting once prices for its removal had been obtained.
- 384 Locality Funding: C.Cllr Mrs Storey to be reminded about the request for funding for playground equipment.
- 385 MSDC Meeting re Rookery Farm: The Chairman reported on the meeting she had attended – referred to the dedicated line for people to report smells etc to the District Council - the phone number was being publicised MSDC was proceeding with the prosecution and there was a strong possibility the Parish Council would be approached as the matter fell within planning terms. There was an outstanding application to the court but there were doubts it would succeed.
- 387 Footpath: Behind Perkins Way, the path is being eroded into the ditch. Clerk to chase MSDC/SCC
- 388 Church Road, Van Sales This had now ceased.
- 389 Seat Repairs: MSDC were arranging for the repairs to the seat.

Police: No report submitted (apologies for absence subsequently received on the 21st September – Pc Green is on sick leave)

D.Councillor: D.Cllr Mrs Milward outlined the changes in the Planning Department. All applications would go into Committee A or Committee B and there would be meetings every two weeks now. Spoke of pre planning applications and that the Parish Council would now get a weekly list of applications. Three new planning officers had started at MSDC. In respect of the application for Meadow House, various concerns had been expressed but no decision had yet been made. MSDC had produced a document on Cross-boundary Gypsy and Traveller accommodation and invited comments by 27th October 2006.

The meeting reconvened.

Cllr Mrs Dunn presented apologies for her late arrival (8.15 p.m.)

THE BARN

Councillors agreed to discuss this item earlier than as per the Agenda.. The Chairman recessed the meeting to update councillors on the easement application and on reconvening councillors agreed in principle to proceed once the Valuation Officer's amended report had been received. However there would be a slight delay as it was understood that the Valuation Officer was currently on leave until 25th September. Copies of the report would then be sent by the Clerk to the Council's solicitors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1207/06/FUL **Meadow House, Flatts Lane:** The Parish Council had asked for a copy of the letter from Highways as this had not been included in the papers originally sent with the planning application. Letter from the Architects attaching a copy of the requested letter – circulated to all councillors.

The following applications were approved by MSDC:

1518/06/FUL **Tostock House, Leys Road.** Demolition of part of existing stable and extension of stable building. Replacement of cover to stable yard.

1519/06/LBC **Tostock House, Leys Road.** Alteration and extension of stables. Demolition of timber extension. Replacement of cover over stable yard. Restoration of glazing to original pattern.

PARISH COUNCIL continued

Rookery Farm: Application for certificate of Lawful Development. Recommend refusal on the grounds previously stated – proposed by Cllr Malcom, seconded by Cllr Mrs Plester and agreed unanimously.

FINANCE

390 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Beales, seconded by Cllr Mrs Malcom and agreed unanimously that the following cheques be drawn:

<u>Chq.</u>		
697	Mrs Plester (Paper for The Chronicle)	£ 22.91
698	Suffolk ACRE (Insurance)	£477.53
699	Command Pest Control (Infestation)	£ 52.88
700	Clerk (sal/exp)	£118.14

Current A/c: £3,994.56

Reserve A/c: £14,566.12

391 **Clerk's Contract of Employment:** Guidance information from SALC along with copies of the new agreement were handed to the Chairman for consideration and reporting by the Employment

Committee. Contract to be typed up by Clerk from presentation to Committee.

Cllr Mrs Marriott presented her apologies and left the meeting. At 8.35 p.m.

383 **Countryside Stewardship signatories:** Cllr Walker agreed to be ^{jointly} responsible for the management of The Leys. Clerk to notify CS accordingly and arrange change of signatory.

THE CHRONICLE

The editor had asked for a longer and more detailed editorial from the Parish Council to appear in the Chronicle. Up until now draft minutes of the meeting were placed on the Notice Board with a brief resume going to the editor. SALC had advised displaying draft minutes was not acceptable and should only be on display after ratification by councillors at the following meeting. The Chairman suggested once the minutes were agreed and signed, a copy could be passed to The Chronicle in addition to being put on the Notice Board.

RISK ASSESSMENT - Cllrs Mrs Malcom and Mrs Dunn agreed to update the Risk Assessment.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 392 Various Brochures
- 393 SCC Bus Timetables – Notice Board/Newsletter
- 394 CAB – invitation to AGM on 20th September 2006. No councillor able to attend.
- 395 SCC – Minerals – specific site allocation. Tabled.
- 396 Letter from Mr Patterson Buxton regarding location of the village sign. It was also noted that no letter of appreciation for his work had been sent. Clerk to check minutes and respond advising that the Parish Council had considered various sites but agreed the final location was preferable. Letter to be sent thanking him for his work.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 31st October 2006.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

397 As Tree Officer, Cllr Mrs Parsons asked if the Clerk could ask the solicitor for confirmation of the boundaries of The Leys at the North end. (reference to a property currently known as Oak Apples on the northern section of The Leys)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.



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- Brie, Feta & Spinach Parcel (V)

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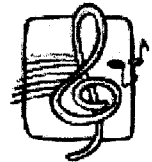
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Sunday 17th December

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* Take Your Pick

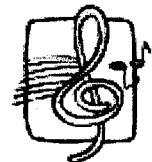
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Future Live Music Events:

January 19th - Roosters

February 23rd - Backtrackin'



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK
CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2006 - JANUARY 2007

3rd December	10.00 a.m..	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
	3.00 p.m.	Christingle Service at Pakenham
10 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
17 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	3.00 p.m.	Carol Service
24 th	3.00 p.m.	Crib Service
	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion Service at Norton
25 th	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion Service
31 st	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Common Worship) at Tostock
7 th January	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
14 th	10.00 a.m.*	Family Service
21 st	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
28 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

*** Please note the time of the service on 14th January**

The start of the season of Advent begins the preparations for Christmas. In our world today there are still anxieties and uncertainties and we are reminded of this daily on our television screens and when listening to our radios. It is into this situation that God speaks to us through the sending of His Son - the Prince of Peace - born in a Bethlehem stable. Each year hope is expressed in the angel's song of praise and goodwill to all people.

I hope you will be able to celebrate with us at St. Andrew's the true message of Christmas. As you will see the Carol Service will be on 17th December at 3 p.m. and the Crib Service - particularly for the children - will be on Christmas Eve at 3 p.m.

The midnight communion service this year is at Norton commencing at 11.30 p.m. and on Christmas Day there will be a Family Communion Service at Tostock at 10.00 a.m.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all joy and blessing this Christmastide.

Ian Hooper
Rector



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MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

Tetra Paks...who needs them?! Well until such time as any alternative is found then we all probably do. Tetra Paks are those waxy cartons used for milk, fruit juices and the like. Some confusion has been generated about how to dispose of them. This started with the Councillor at MSDC responsible for 'Community and the Environment' who, back in September, announced that the Paks could now be recycled. This news was jumped upon with some joy given queries from residents. Further checks and several MSDC meetings later it transpires that the news was premature. If we have inadvertently added to any confusion then we apologise but we seek to pass on information as soon as it is to hand.

Even so, it has been confirmed by the Waste & Environmental Services Manager that recycling bins will not be rejected for collection if they contain Tetra Paks.

If you have any queries about household waste recycling then we would point you towards either the MSDC Web site (www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/Environment/Refuse/TwinBin/) where you should find everything you might need to know and/or the telephone Helpline (01449 778678).

On a different subject we are, obviously, very aware of the interest concerning the planning application (Ref.: 1207/06/FUL) regarding Meadow House in Flatts Lane. At the time of writing, we can only confirm that no formal decision has been made by planning officers at MSDC.

Finally, may we wish everyone a very happy Christmas and peaceful new year.

As ever, if you have any problems with MSDC then please contact us as District Councillors.

Either myself

Doug Reed, Second Thoughts, Church Road, Elmswell IP30 9DY (Tel.: 241009;

e-mail: doug.reed@midsuffolk.gov.uk).

or

Carol Milward, 32 Pretyman Avenue, Bacton IP14 4NY (Tel.: 01449 781810;

e-mail: carol.milward@midsuffolk.gov.uk);

or myself

St Andrew's Church Social Committee

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar on 18th November... the unconfirmed total raised was £809.92!

Our gratitude goes to all who helped man the varied stalls, all who contributed items for sale or to the raffle, and everyone who spent their money so generously.

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 12th December at 10am in the Village Hall. The usual cake stall and white elephant stall will be there, but the overall theme will be Christmas. See you there.

The committee will meet in January 2007 to discuss fund raising and social events for the year... if you have any good ideas, please tell Rosemary Lister, Jeanne O'Reilly, or Julie Harrison (270247)

Julie Harrison

TOSTOCK PAST & PRESENT SOCIETY

Our Members Evening on Saturday 2nd December will be based on the theme of early motoring. A very popular speaker, Tom Tyler, will be giving a talk entitled "When Motoring was fun" - what a lovely thought! This will be preceded by a buffet supper supplied by our members, plus our famous punch. Time - 7 for 7.30 pm. Friends are very welcome, for a small charge of £3 but please let us know if you would like to come, tel. 270395.

There will be no meeting in January but the A.G.M. will be held on Monday February 5th at 8 pm, followed by a talk on Historic Carpentry by John Walker.

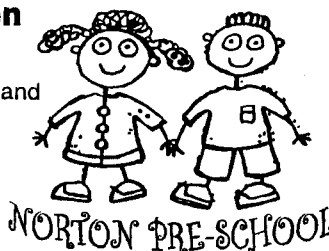
Our Speakers secretary, Jackie Livingston, has arranged an excellent range of speakers for next year so why not come and join us. Subscriptions remain at a very reasonable £8 pp or £15 for a double.

We are very grateful to Stan and Jackie Richards at the Gardeners Arms for selling our book, *Tostock Past and Present*. For the benefit of the newcomers to the village, this is a 168-page book about our village, past and present, with many old photographs, black and white and coloured, written by members of our Society for the Millennium and reprinted in 2003. Copies are available at £8.50 from the Gardeners Arms, or secretary at 5 Perkins Way or Committee members. It would make a good Christmas present!

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PCC News

We are currently applying for Diocesan permission to carry out the work of putting in the Church water supply, and hope to carry out the work in the Spring.

The PCC has been given a superb electric organ, to be sold in aid of Church funds. If anyone is interested in the organ, please contact Mrs O'Reilly on 270337. We would suggest a price of £150 or near offer!

The Christmas Services at St Andrew's Church are listed in the Chronicle – do come and join in, everyone is welcome, young and old!

The PCC next meets on Jan 30th 2007 at Jasmine Cottage, by kind invitation of Prof. Gath.

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S

Well here we are at the end of another year! It may not have been the best year for all you gardeners, but I think on the whole it's been a very good year for bell ringing in Tostock!

Once again we've had a steady flow of visitors to the tower, from all parts of the country, and each band has said how much they've enjoyed ringing our lovely little bells and what a delightful church St. Andrew's is.

Once again we must thank Winston, Carol, Carl and Elizabeth for their continued support, I think we all feel we have improved under their guidance. We must also thank Elizabeth for the lovely kneeler she so kindly made and presented to us as part of "kneeler project". on going in the church.

We have had one new recruit over the last couple of weeks and that's Edward Marriott, who is just getting to grips with the first stages of learning the art of ringing, as his mum I find it hard to watch and find myself holding my breath each time he takes hold! I'm sure in a few weeks I'll be able to relax!

Well I think that's about it for this year, I must say a big thank-you to all the ringers who turn up each Sunday to ring and Monday to practice, and if anyone out there would like to come along and have a go don't be shy, we really are quite a nice bunch and we make a good cup of tea!

On behalf of all The Tostock Ringer's, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Sue Marriott, Tower Captain.

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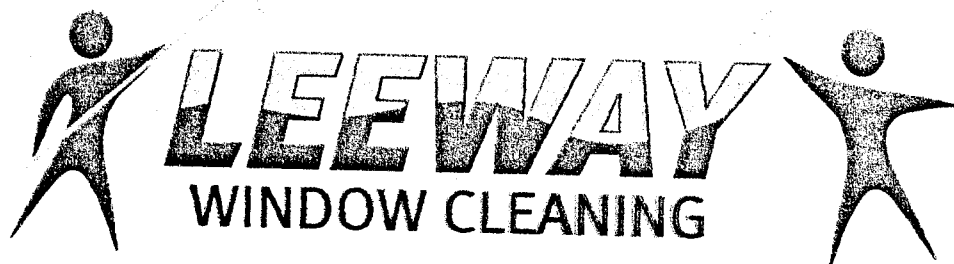
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CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

On behalf of the Cancer Research Campaign I would like to thank all those who gave to the recent collection. Total raised was £121.36.

Thanks to Mrs P Borley, Mrs J O'Reilly and Mrs J Swallow for giving up their time to do the collection.

Doreen Buckle



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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

November 2006

Many thanks for your very kind support again this year.
A total of £404.88 was raised from the various collections in the village.

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Pippa Swallow, Stan, Jackie and Catrin at the Gardeners Arms.

Richard Duvall
Honorary Local Organiser



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