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PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2006

Present: Cllrs Mrs V Malcom (Chairman), Mrs M Beales, Mrs D Plester, D.Cllrs Mrs C Milward,
& D Read, Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).

Ms Tracey Brinkley - MSDC

Apologies: Cllr Mrs E Dunn, Mrs P Parsons, D Livingston, C Buckle, Mrs S Marriott & Pc M Green

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th September 2006 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly with the following amendment:

Page 530 – Item 389 Seat repairs: add “in front of the Croft”

The Chairman welcomed Ms Tracey Brinkley to the meeting to talk and discuss the next item.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Currently there was an initiative to bring forward developments to get affordable housing in villages i.e. review taking place of MSDC's own land holdings and what would be suitable for affordable housing in the villages. There were a number of schemes under way and MSDC were working with Parish Councils to establish the needs of villagers. The Local Plan was being revised to allow an increase in developing such housing. Ms Brinkley spoke of Government requirements for additional housing in Suffolk – 35% of total development had to be affordable housing. Suffolk Acre were able to undertake the local housing need survey. Louise Wilby had questionnaires which could possibly be delivered to villagers via the Chronicle. Cost of the questionnaire would be in the region of £110/£150 and came with replied paid envelopes for people to send back. All information treated as confidential. The report is then analysed and information provided to the Council. MSDC then determines whether to undertake scheme together with housing societies such as Hastoe, Orwell, Flagship etc. Discussions take place with the Parish Council to agree whether there is land available and who should be approached. The Housing Corporation is then approached by MSDC who will establish raising the finance. Time scale would be Autumn of next year once the survey had been done.

The meeting agreed to Louise Wilby contacting the Clerk in due course and the Chairman thanked Ms Brinkley for coming to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL continued

The meeting then recessed for the following item.

REPORTS

D.Councillor Read referred to the Housing Need Survey for Gypsies and Travellers which needed to be completed by the end of February. District Council would then make considered view on the impact on the district and the planning application. Questionnaire being circulated .

Recycling bins – villagers will receive notes about what can be put in them. There was to be a new contract next April for re-compostable items. Bottle banks were a way of raising money for the village. Councillors agreed this should be an Agenda item – “Recycling”.

Elmswell were holding a meeting on the 24th November on Affordable Housing. There had been no formal decision on the planning application in respect of Flatts Lane.

D.Councillor Mrs Milward referred to the Gypsy & Traveller Conference she would be attending. Go East/Fenland were giving presentation on providing sites. Mrs Milward agreed to make enquiries about the caravan/Bramble Cottage since it appeared no-one was living there.

Police: One crime had been reported – investigation progressing.

The meeting reconvened.

MATTERS ARISING

- 151 Road Ruts Old Tostock Hall: Nothing to report.
- 365 Replacement Tree: Councillors noted that the cost of removing the tree was in the region of £700 and agreed to defer the matter until the next meeting.
- 383 The Leys: Cllr Walker had agreed to be responsible for the area – Cllr Buckle had completed and returned form to Countryside Stewardship 25th October 2006.
- 384 Locality Funding: C.Cllr Mrs Storey had been reminded about the request for funding for playground equipment but there had been no response to date.
- 391 Contract of Employment: To be drawn up by the Clerk for approval by councillors at next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were approved by MSDC:

- 0881/06 – LBC** **Park Farm Barns, Norton Road.** Conversion of building to form 2no. dwellings together with erection of 2-storey extension to replace extension previously demolished prior to grant of consent and retention of extension to former stable block to providing garaging to plot 2.
- 0868/06 – FUL** **Park Farm Barns, Norton Road.** Conversion of building to form 2no. dwellings together with erection of 2-storey extension to replace extension previously demolished prior to grant of consent, retention of extension to former stable block to provide garaging to plot 2 and erection of triple cart lodge to provide garaging to plot 1..

FINANCE

- 398 **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>		
701	SALC (training Cllr Buckle)	£ 58.75
702	Haughley Parish Council (1/6 th share of Clerk networking day)	£ 1.37
703	Anglia Office Systems (toner)	£ 99.88
704	Clerk (salary/expenses)	£214.85
705	Haughley Parish Council (Tostock stationery ordered through HPC)	£ 35.53
706	Birketts (part payment for work re The Green/The barn)	£454.50
707	W Jarvis (tree work)	£446.50

Current A/c: £3,323.10

Reserve A/c: £14,566.12

PARISH COUNCIL continued

THE BARNs

Councillors considered the recommendations by the Valuation Officer. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malcom, seconded by Cllr Mrs Beales to request the sum of £45,000 for the easement and additionally Birketts should be requested to include responsibility for the path to be maintained and kept in a reasonable state of repair since they were the main users. The width of the path/track to be clearly defined.

The easement to stipulate that the right is only for those properties sited there now and nothing further. All in favour. Clerk to notify solicitor accordingly.

RISK ASSESSMENT - Currently being updated. Clerk's premises/inspection to be incorporated into report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 399 Haughley A14 petition for circulation although Tostock was not mentioned on the list of councils participating.
- 400 MSDC – Draft taxi licensing policy (Public Consultation) Contact the Chairman if in favour of a public meeting.
- 401 MSDC Parish Liaison Meeting. Notes on meeting 25th September. Tabled.
- 402 SCC – Fridge magnets available. Item for The Chronicle.
- 403 MSDC – precept information. Schedule for January meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 12th December 2006 – to be confirmed by Clerk.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 404 Overgrown hedge in New Road – refer to SCC Highways
- 405 Request for reduced rate for advertising in Chronicle by Norton Pre-School. Councillors agreed to half price being charged (£12.50)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.29 p.m.

MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2006

Present: Cllrs Mrs V Malcom (Chairman), S Walker, D Livingston, Mrs M Beales, C Buckle, Mrs D Plester, Mrs E Dunn, Mrs S Marriot & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).

Apologies: D.Cllrs Mrs C Milward & D Read, C.Cllr Mrs J Storey, Cllr Mrs P Parsons & Pc M Green

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING

Cllr S Walker advised he had presented his apologies for non attendance at the last meeting and with this being noted, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 31st October 2006 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

MATTERS ARISING

- 151 Road Ruts Old Tostock Hall: There were now ruts in the middle of the road. Chase Highways again.
- 365 Replacement Tree: Cllr Buckle advised the cost of removing the tree was in the region of £700. The Chairman reported that whilst the disease was considered extremely serious indications were that at present the tree was fighting back. Consider again at next meeting.
- 384 Locality Funding: C.Cllr Mrs Storey had responded with a request for further details invoices etc along with confirmation of request. The Chairman agreed to chase the Working Party for details.
- 386 Footpath behind Perkins Way: No action had been taken. Clerk to chase MSDC

PARISH COUNCIL continued

The meeting then recessed for the following item.

REPORTS

C.Cllr Mrs Jane Storey – report attached.

D.Councillor Read - advised little had happened since the last meeting. The planning application in Flatts Lane – which had caused problems – had now been withdrawn.

D.Councillor Mrs Milward - reported that Tostock PC should have received a letter from the Planning Department giving information on the new procedures and general news. A meeting has been set for early January for members to be informed on the White Paper (local Government re-organisation) Victim Support had written asking D.Cllr Mrs Milward to approach parishes for a donation - Tostock may already have received this. The Local Plan team held a meeting for members to have their input into major topics. She had attended the Housing and Community Facilities – the findings will go back to the appropriate Panels.

The meeting reconvened.

RECYCLING

The meeting discussed providing recycling facilities in the village along with possible locations however it was felt that when villagers used the bottle banks there might be a potential problem with broken glass in the surrounding area. Cllr Walker agreed to make enquiries as to a suitable location and report back.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was supported by the Parish Council.

1405/06 FUL Barns at Park Farm. Conversion, renovation and change of use of barns to form dwelling.

Clerk to advise MSDC that the right of way was currently under negotiation whereas the plan had indicated linkage to two properties. Also to query why it had taken the Conservation Officer so long to determine the application i.e. 4th August 2006.

The Weekly List of Planning applications currently being received did seem a waste of time, effort and money. Councillors objected most strongly to the new procedure and additionally did not consider an adequate service was being provided.

The following applications were approved by MSDC:

1760/06 FUL The Cottage, The Green. Erection of single storey rear extension.
1696/06/LBC The Cottage, The Green. Erection of single storey extension

The following application has been withdrawn: - **1207/06 Meadow House, Flatts Lane.**

FINANCE

406 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Dunn, seconded by Cllr Walker and agreed unanimously that the following cheques be drawn:

<u>Chq.</u>		
708	Mrs Bottomley (Salary)	£ 120.46
709	Command Pest Control (infestation)	£ 52.88
710	MSDC (grass cuts)	£293.75
Income:	RPA (Countryside Stewardship Scheme)	£ 169.30
	Interest on Reserve Account	£ 76.82
	Precept (2 nd half)	£2,000.00
	Dividend interest	.64

Current A/c: £ 5,854.15

Reserve A/c: £14,566.12

PARISH COUNCIL continued

- 391 Contract of Employment: The Contract for the Clerk was circulated – and following a brief discussion Cllr Walker proposed accepting the following:-

SCP 17 (16 hrs a month) and use of office expenses £5.64 per month (£67.64 pa) with effect from 1st April 2006.

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Beales and agreed unanimously.

- 407 Grass Cutting for 2007: MSDC had calculated a charge of £250 for the 2007 season. Cllr Mrs Malcom proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Buckle and agreed unanimously. The accompanying questionnaire was duly completed agreeing an oak tree which could be delivered to Cllr Buckle. The tree guard would be provided by Cllr Buckle

THE BARNES - The Right of Way currently under negotiation.

RISK ASSESSMENT - Defer to next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

- 408 MSDC – Periodic Electoral Review – number of Parish Councillors. The meeting was pleased to learn there would be no change in the number of councillors which remained at 9.
- 409 MSDC – Draft taxi licensing policy: Response to MSDC was agreed that the Council had given due consultation but if anyone was interested in a public meeting they would contact the Chairman.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 24th January 2007.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Dear Friends,

As you will probably remember Tostock did exceptionally well in the Village of the Year competition in 2006. Last year's co-coordinator is not able to organise the entry this year so we are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate this year's entry. I am assured that the job entails a little form filling, but is not too time consuming or difficult. If you would like to take on the role please contact Vanessa Malcom on (01359) 271272

The election for members of the Parish Council will take place on May 4th. There is a vacancy for a new member of the Council and we would like everyone in the village to consider putting themselves forward for election. We want everyone to feel they can play an important part within the village community and ensure broad representation of all people. Contact any member of the council or the parish clerk, Marilyn Bottomley, (01284 789303) for further details.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY/MARCH 2007

4 th February	10.00 a.m..	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Norton
11 th	10.00 a.m.	The Second Sunday Service
18 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
25 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
4 th March	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
11 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
18 th	10.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service
25 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayers

The 21st February is Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. There will be services of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. at School Close, Norton and at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Pakenham.

Our Lent Study Group will begin on Wednesday, 28th February and the first meeting will be at Appletrees, Perkins Way, Tostock at 7.30 p.m. Our five week Course this year is entitled "Can we build a better world?" learning from *William Wilberforce*. All will be welcome. Further details can be obtained from The Rector, 01359 230287.

The 18th March is Mothering Sunday and there will be a special service at 10.00 a.m. in the church. We would particularly invite you to join us at this service.

Ian Hooper
Rector

St Andrew's Church Social Committee

Here are some dates for your 2007 diaries...

February 13th: Valentine Coffee morning, Tostock Village Hall,
10.30 am.

March 13th : Coffee morning, same place, same time
Coffee mornings also on April 17th and May 15th.

Everyone is welcome.

Watch this space in the next Chronicle, when we hope to have news of a 50/50 Nearly New Sale in March.

Julie Harrison
Tel: 270247

Tostock Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 8 pm at Brookfield Cottage, The Green (Pauline Copeland's) and the book to be discussed will be *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard* by Kiran Desai. Copies have been ordered from the library, any queries please contact Heather Spencer 270395 or Julie Harrison 270247.

PCC news

We would like to thank all our flower-arrangers and decorators for making the Church look so beautiful over the Christmas celebrations. Our huge Christmas tree was kindly provided by Janet and Jonathan Walker and looked wonderful when it was decorated. The Christmas Services were well attended as usual. The Carol Service included the Nativity Play, with Edward Marriott as Isaac the innkeeper's son, Jordan Markell as Joseph, Isobel Dunn as Mary, and Megan Hood and Matthew Walker were shepherds. Thanks to all the kind people who brought presents for the Bury Refuge.

We have altered the format and time of the Family Service so from the 11th February the Second Sunday Service for all age groups will take place at 10.00am.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee discussed our proposals for the water supply to the Church during their January meeting and has agreed to our proposal. We hope to start work as soon as possible.

Church Floodlighting: The lights have been sponsored during January by Mrs Eileen Sulman in memory of her late husband, Reg.

If anyone would like to sponsor the lights, please contact Roger Lister 270179 or Jeanne O'Reilly 270337. Cost is £5 per week.

Poors Estate Charity

We have several allotments available for rent, £8 per annum or £4 for a half-plot. Anyone interested, please contact Jeanne O'Reilly.270337.

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S

With all the decorations packed away and nearly all the pine needles hoovered up, Christmas already seems a distant memory! We once again had a busy time ringing over the Christmas period and once again we were able to find six ringers willing to brave the cold and ring in the new year. Thanks to Margaret and Lionel Grooms, and Ann Gath for entertaining us on new years eve it always get the new year off to a good start.

We have already had our first visitors of the year, a band of ringers from the Suffolk Guild rang a peal on 13th Jan lets hope they're just the first of many.

After our busy time ringing over Christmas and because the church gets so cold, we decided to give ourselves January off from our usual practice nights, but we will be back from 5th February on Monday evenings 7.30 - 9.00 pm. If anyone what's to join us,do come along.

Sue Marriott.Tower Captain.

TOSTOCK PAST and PRESENT SOCIETY

Our Members Evening in December was very enjoyable with an amusing talk on Early Motoring by Tom Tyler and several classic cars appeared outside the Village Hall. Many members entered into the spirit of the evening by dressing up in early motoring gear and providing a delicious picnic style buffet supper.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 5th February at 8 pm with the usual reports from Chairman and Treasurer, election of officers and plans for the year. This year we shall be sad to lose two of our founder members who have been with the Society since its formation in November 1987, namely David and Jackie Livingston. David was our treasurer for many years and Jackie our Speakers secretary for the last six years. In addition they have been stalwart helpers at practically every event or meeting since and we wish them well in their new home. Following on the AGM, there will be a talk on Historic Carpentry by John Walker. We have a very varied interesting programme lined up for 2007, so why not come along and join us. Subscriptions remain at a very modest £8 pp or £15 double.

Clive Paine has been booked for a further series of three lectures, the first being on Tuesday, February 13th at 7.30 pm on 19th century Tostock. Last year the 18th century Tostock talk proved one of the best attended of all our meetings. Entrance fee - £3 Members and £4 for Visitors.

On Monday March 5th, the talk by Michael Weaver will be on The Fascinating River Deben (8 pm) and Clive Paine's second talk on Tuesday March 20th at 7.30 will be entitled Go North You Pauper, concerning migration from Suffolk in 1830's, when many went looking for work.

Any queries, please contact the secretary H Spencer 270395.



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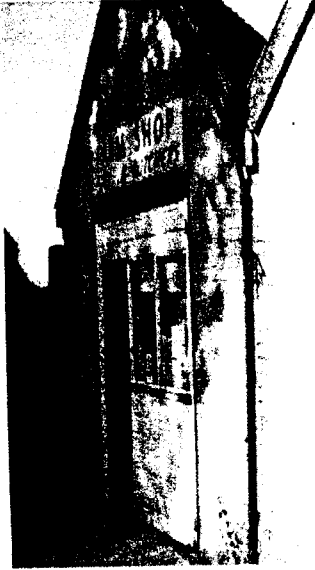
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TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

Our Annual General Meeting and Social Evening will be held on Tuesday 27th February in the Village Hall at 7.30.p.m and we look forward to seeing all our members and friends.

We have around 30 members and newcomers are always welcome and made to "feel at home" so why not come along, have a drink and perhaps help us with our plans for the coming year.

Over the past 12 months we have enjoyed talks on a variety of topics from Bog and Water Gardens to Weeds, Wonderful Weeds and visited some unusual but brilliant gardens at Santon Downham and West Stow.

Sadly our Annual Flower and Vegetable Show, normally held in September, had to be cancelled. The extremes of weather in July and August meant that there were very few entries in any category. This very unusual situation meant that the committee reluctantly had to call it off.

However we have already booked the Hall for this year and hope that all gardeners in the village will note the date..... SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1stand help to make this a bumper year.

Finally we are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Jacky and David Livingston. who have worked hard for the Club and so many other Village Societies over many years.

We wish them much happiness in their new home.

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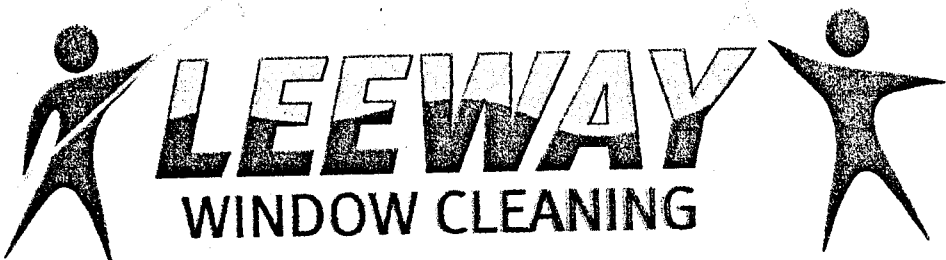
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SNIPPITS FROM PAST TOSTOCK CHRONICLES

Issue No.10 dated December 1958

' At a meeting of the Suffolk Rural Community Council the clerk (Capt.R.Errington) was told to find the Lord of the Manor. With the help of Mr.Reid and Mrs.Redmore and a lawyer, some information was gleaned, but "his Lordship" is still elusive. Who is Lord of the Manor of Tostock? In about 1570 he was the owner of the property where Tostock Old Hall now stands. But about this time "the manor" and "the estate" became separated.'

Capt.Errington persued his quest.

Issue No.11 dated September 1960

'A bundle of old title deeds belonging to Mrs.Anderson of Tostock House revealed some past history dating back to 1761. In that year the property formed one estate and was sold to the Rev.Orbell Ray. Included in the purchase was "All that Manor of Tostock" and also "the Manor of Loricocks in Tostock"

In 1846 there was "a sale by public auction at the Angel Hotel in Bury St.Edmunds and the estate was bought by Rev.William Gilbert Tuck. It next passed into possession of George Girling Capon esq, and in 1921 his personal representatives conveyed the estate "together with the Manors of or Lordships of Tostock or reputed Manors or Lordships of Tostock and Loricocks in Tostock" to John Arthur Haigh Wood Esq.. - now Sir John Wood Bart. and when he sold the property he did not sell the Manorial Rights.. He has now said that subject to any unforeseen difficulties he will present the Manorial Rights to Tostock Parish Council'

Thanks to the persistance of Capt.Errington Tostock Parish Council has the unique distinction of being the only known Parish Council in the country to be Lord of the Manor.