TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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282 JUNE - JULY 2007
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PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2007

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

1 villager

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs V Malcom. Mrs P Parsons. Mrs S Marriott

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th February 2007 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Plester. seconded by Cllr Mrs Beales. All in favour

MATTERS ARISING
151 Road Ruts Old Tostock Hall: With the recent road works on the A1088 and subsequent diversion taking place. the promised repairs had not yet taken place. Clerk to chase Highways.

365 Replacement Tree: The Vice Chairman confirmed that the tree was improving and the situation would continue to be kept under review.

384 Locality Funding: At the Annual Parish Meeting which took place earlier. C.Cllr Mrs Storey had confirmed the Locality Funding request for £2.000 had now been submitted for approval following receipt of the estimates for the play equipment.

386 Footpath behind Perkins Way: MSDC had confirmed they would be dealing with the problem.

REPORTS - Already provided at the Annual Parish Meeting.

FINANCE
436 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Walker. seconded by Cllr Mrs Beales and agreed unanimously that the following cheques be drawn:

Chq.		
722	Mrs Bottomley (sal/exp)	£ 308.85
723	Cancelled	
724	SALC (sub)	£ 180.00
725	Digital copier system	£ 123.38
726	Lubbock Fine (audit 2005 & 2006)	£ 282.00
727	MSDC (V.Hall refuse bin charges)	£ 58.16
728	Mr C Buckle (V.Green expenses)	£ 31.28
729	Village Hall (hire charges)	£ 12.60

Income: £38.25 (advertising fees)

Current A/c: £ 694.12
Reserve A/c: £14.826.85

PARISH COUNCIL continued

PLANNING APPLICATIONS
The following planning application was recommended for approval by the Parish Council.

1713/06 **Gable End, Leys Road.** Replacement of rear dormers with gable end balcony. Relocation/erection of garden shed.

Application for Meadow House, Flatts Lane – withdrawn.

THE BARNS

The owners were pressing for completion of the easement by the end of March but the Council's solicitor had advised various procedures had to be undertaken and it was doubtful this deadline could be achieved.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY

Cllr Mrs Plester had the circular letter for printing which would then be delivered to every household by the end of the week. Arrangements would be made to collect responses and draw up the information establishing whether or not there was a need. Suffolk ACRE would then attend the next suitable meeting.

DRINKSTONE GUN CLUB – NOISE PROBLEM

Papers received from Mr O'Reilly had been previously circulated to all councillors for their information. Except for March, the club met every 4 to 5 weeks and the Council had not received any complaints to date from other people in the village. The location was not in Tostock but councillors agreed to keep the matter under review.

CORRESPONDENCE
437 Various brochures
438 DCA – memorial safety – to be circulated.
439 Suffolk Preservation Society – circulate
440 MSDC - Village of the year – tabled.
441 SCC Exercise/Activity courses – circulate

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, 16th May 2007.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS
442 Website is out of date. Cllr Walker agreed to check and see what needed to be done.
443 Care of the Playing field. – consider arranging for Command Pest Control to add to the contract. Agenda item next meeting
444 Wood Close – grass needed cutting as soon as possible. Check with MSDC Streetcare to add to Contract.
445 Replacement of woodwork on the seat at the top of New Road was to be undertaken by a volunteer who had agreed to carry out the work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m..

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the Church Annual Meeting on April 10th, the Churchwardens and the PCC were elected. The Churchwardens are Miss J Sherwood and Mrs J O'Reilly. PCC members are Mrs J Walker, secretary; Mr R Lister, Treasurer; Mrs G Moyle, Mrs S Marriott, Dr A Gath, Mr B Harrison. The first PCC meeting of 2007 was held on May 2nd at Spring Cottage.

1. the proposed visit of Canon Pendorf to discuss finances has been postponed.
2. organisation of the Summer Fete has begun – July 14th & 15th Fete on the Green, Past and Present Exhibition in the Village Hall, a 'celebration of Flowers' in Church, and Scarecrows in the Churchyard.
3. Fairweather Civil Engineering has now completed the pipe-work for the Church water supply. We now await Anglian Water to connect the pipes.
4. A letter of thanks was sent to Mr & Mrs Parsons for the donation from The Easter Egg Hunt.
5. There was discussion about the format of Service on the 2nd Sunday of the month. When James, our curate, leaves in July, it will be a problem for Ian to take our service.
6. the next meeting will be Wednesday 25th July at 'Wayletts', Church Road.

There will be no Coffee Morning in June and July. We shall be catering for the 'Art Exhibition' on June 16/17th , and for the Fete in July.
There will be the 'Annual Afternoon Tea' on Wednesday 18th July at 3pm at 'Rookswood' , New Road. – all welcome – there will be a 'Bring & Buy' stall and a raffle.

The Floodlights will be sponsored in June by Mr & Mrs Piggott to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary, in July by Miss J Sherwood for her family and in August by Mr & Mrs O'Reilly for Niamh O'Reilly's 6th birthday and Danny Sutcliffe's 1st birthday!

July 14th and 15th – our Big Weekend – we shall be grateful for any help or contributions to the stalls. There will be plants, bric-a-brac, toys, books, cakes, a big raffle, Teas, games and competitions on the Green. We need lots of Scarecrows around the village and especially in the Churchyard, so please start planning your entry!

St Andrew's Church Social Committee

The April and May coffee mornings in the village hall were both well supported, raising £106.10 & £150.88 for church funds, and £33 & £51.59 for fair-traded goods. It was delightful to see all generations well represented at the May event... ages from 0 to 90+! Many thanks to all who supported our fund raising.

The big event in June is of course the annual Art Exhibition, so there will not be a coffee morning in this month, nor in July, as ,weather permitting, Jeanne O'Reilly invites all to her garden at Rookswood, New Road, for afternoon tea. Do join us.

Julie Harrison 270247

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TOSTOCK'S FETE, FLOWERS AND SCARECROWS!

JULY 14TH AND 15TH

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.

As I reported in the last chronicle, we are planning to hold our second Scarecrow and Flower Festival in and around the church, a traditional village fete on the green, while The Past and Present Society have kindly agreed to display their wonderful exhibition in The Village Hall over the weekend.

But to make this happen we need the support of the whole village. So if you can donate a raffle prize, some bric-a-brac, any good quality second hand toys and books, make a cake, some biscuits or anything you think would sell on the cake stall then please bring them along on the Saturday morning to the green. We will of course need people to set up and run stalls and games so if anyone can spare the time please come forward and volunteer.

Meanwhile down at the church we need your scarecrows, last time we managed 36, so lets see if we can double that number and make a really good show! They don't have to be works of art just a little imagination lots of stuffing and a few old clothes. We are once again inviting local groups clubs and organizations to take part but there's plenty of room for everyone to join in.

Likewise we have invited the local groups to create a flower display for our Celebration of Flowers to be held in the church so if anyone feels that they would like to use their talents in that way just let either myself Sue Marriott 270143 or Jeanne O'Reilly 270337 know and we'll find you a space, you don't have to be a professional florist, the whole weekend is about having fun and joining in!

The church will be open for people to create their flower displays on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July from 10.00 am and scarecrows can be brought to the church on both days as well, so you can choose the best spot to display your wonderful creations.

The whole weekend is being rounded off on the Sunday evening with an informal Songs of Praise Service in the church at 6.30 pm

So come on Tostock don't let us down, join in the fun and help us to complete our kitchen project!

THANK-YOU

Salsa Party Evening

with

Len & Christina

30 June 2007 Tostock Village Hall

Doors open 8.00
8.30 warmup line dance salsa style
9.15 Routine for couples
10.00-12.00 Freedance Salsa & Pop

Bring your own drink & snacks
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CHURCH SERVICES JUNE/JULY 2007

3 June	10.00 a.m..	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
10	10.00 a.m.	Family Service and Baptism
17	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
24	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
1 July	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Service at Pakenham
8	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
15	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) Songs of Praise
22	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
29	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Pakenham

Please note that on 15th July at the conclusion of the Village Fete weekend there will be a Songs of Praise in the Church.

On Sunday, 29th July we will say farewell to our Curate, The Revd. James Longe at a Joint Benefice Service at Pakenham. James will be taking up his post as Non-Stipendiary Associate Priest in the St Edmund Way Benefice at the end of September.

We would welcome you to these and all of our services.

Ian Hooper
Rector

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We are making good progress with the refit of the childrens' play area and now have an agreed design and some cost estimates. We are applying for grants from three grant authorities and hope the Parish Council will also contribute. We continue with our own fund-raising activities and would ask everyone to help, please!
The final cost is about £48000.
If successful, we plan to start work with a new 'Toddlers play area' in the autumn. It will be necessary to remove the old equipment and there will be a time when no access will be possible to the existing area. Also we will need some Mum's and Dad's to help with working parties if possible to clear the site and enlarge the 'bark chippings area'.

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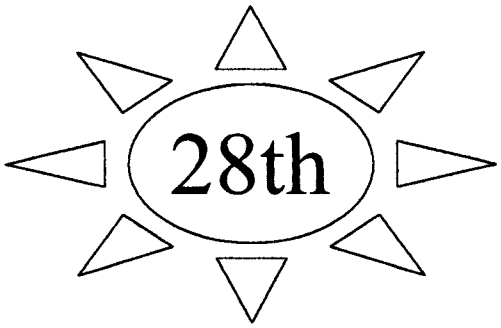

ART EXHIBITION

Tostock Church

Sat 16th June 10.30am-8pm

Sun 17th June 11am-8pm

Mon 18th June 11am-5pm

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TOSTOCK PAST and PRESENT SOCIETY

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 4th at 8 pm with a talk by David Holmes on Garden Antiques. Back in 2001 David Holmes spoke to us on Antiques, which is his special subject.

Our outing this year is to Otley Hall, home of the Gosnold family, who have been in the news over the last few weeks with the 400-year celebrations of the settlement in Virginia. Bartholomew Gosnold was one of the prime movers in the enterprise. A guided tour of the house and gardens has been booked for 3 pm on Sunday, July 8th. It is not too late to join our members, but please contact the secretary H Spencer, 270395. We shall be travelling in members cars. Cost £10 per person, plus afternoon tea.

We shall be participating in the Tostock Village Fete and Scarecrow Festival on the weekend of July 14/15th with an Exhibition in the Village Hall, plus the Village Survey, which now consists of 16 files of photographs, documents past and present. Since the last display of the Survey, there have been more changes in the village and we have been donated some new aerial photographs and reminiscences from an ex-resident, born in the Drift 92 years ago, which should prove interesting. Our society is also celebrating a birthday this year, but a mere 20 years since its inception in November 1987.

The Society is always most grateful for any old photographs of Tostock properties, people and events, which we can copy and return to owners.

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

After a well attended AGM and Social evening in February our season started with a talk by local Nurseyman Roger Harvey.With some excellent slides he showed us and spoke about Perennials for hot dry conditions.....very topical in view of what happened last summer and possibly this one!
By a strange quirk of fate our May evening visit had to be cancelled at the last minute due to heavy rain.We should have gone to Methwold Hythe to see an Alpine Nursery but the downpour that we were all hoping for arrived at the wrong moment.
In June we hope for better luck when we are invited to Blacksmiths Cottage Nursery near Dickleburgh.This will be another evening trip AND MEMBERS SHOULD PLEASE MAKE A NOTE THAT THE DATE IS WEDNESDAY JUNE20th AND NOT THE 26th'

Further details will follow but once again we shall be meeting in the Village Hall Car Park at 6.30 p.m to travel in members cars.

Other events planned are a Stall selling plants at the nextVillage Fete on The Green —— Saturday July 14th——— and it is certainly not too early to be planning your entries for our Annual Flower and Vegetable Show to be held on Saturday 1st September.

NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ANY OF OUR MEETINGS

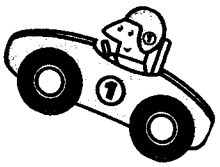
What's On at The Gardeners Arms

Live Music

The Roosters - Friday 8th June
The Outlaws - Friday 6th July

Family Fun & Charity Fund Raising

Treasure Hunt & BBQ - Sunday 27th May
In Aid of Tostock Village Play Area



Fun Quiz Every Fortnight at 8.30pm

Tuesday 12th & 26th June and 10th & 24th July

Early Bird Meal Deal

Starting Bank Holiday Monday May 28th until 31st August
Monday to Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm various meals only £5

Senior Citizen Lunches

Every Tuesday 12 until 2pm - 2 courses £5

Morris Dancing

Wednesday 30th May - Green Dragon & Bury Fair Dancers
Monday 18th June - East Suffolk Dancers

PART-TIME BAR STAFF REQUIRED - Call Stan or Jackie for details.

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Tostock Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Wednesday 27th July, 8pm, at Gable End, Leys Road, by kind invitation of Diane Grimes. We will be discussing Kate Mosse's novel "Labyrinth".... Library copies are available from Julie Harrison (tel. 270247). The date and venue for the following meeting are yet to be decided, but the book chosen is "Cold Comfort Farm" by Stella Gibbons. Again, library copies will be available for anyone who would like to join this informal group.

Noise pollution in our village

The local Drinkstone gun club has been very active this year and have had shoots or practice on twelve Saturdays so far this year. Our Local Councillors and the Parish Council have been asked to help control this totally unacceptable noise pollution. Surrey Council have formulated some useful rules following problems there, and these have been copied to Mid Suffolk Council.
Their advice can be summarised as follows:
There should be a 'buffer zone' of 1.5 Kms around the firing range with no residential properties in that area. Many Tostock houses are well within the 1.5 Km catchment.
Shooting should be limited to 3 hour sessions with a gap of 28 days between sessions.
We must tolerate 6 hour sessions and a 2 week gap if we are lucky.
The noise level should not exceed 60Dba at our property – it always exceeds that figure.

The activity will only be curbed if Mid Suffolk receives complaints from Tostock residents. Any one wishing to complain should contact Mr David Harrold on DavidHA@midsuffolk.gov.uk phone 01449 724718 , making a formal complaint and asking for noise measurements to be made.

PLEASE NOTE - Last day for items to be included in the Tostock Chronicle to reach Jean Wheeler at The Old Post Office by 22nd JULY.

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