

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2007

## MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2007

Present: Cllrs Mrs V Malcom, S Walker, Mrs D Plester, J Hines, M Burman & Mrs M Bottomley  
(Clerk).  
Mr N Brett -Suffolk ACRE  
2 villagers

Apologies: D.Cllr Mrs C Milward, Cllrs Mrs P Parsons & Mrs M Beales

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE - None

### MINUTES OF MEETING 27.06.07

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly having noted the following amendment:

Page 551 - Public Forum matters: Change to "Councillors agreed to one cut a month...."

### MINUTES OF MEETING 25.07.07

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

### MATTERS ARISING

- 151 Road Ruts, Old Tostock Hall: C.Cllr Mrs Storey had agreed to make enquiries at the June meeting concerning this ongoing problem.
- 365 Tree on The Green: The tree was definitely improving. Continue monitoring.
- 386 Footpath behind Perkins Way: SCC had confirmed to the Clerk that this was in hand .
- 447 Glass Recycling: Nothing to report
- Public Forum: Cllr Burman agreed to initially contacting the gun club regarding their activities close to the public footpath No. 3.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY

A brief summary of the report was provided by Mr Brett. There had been a 52% return which had proved to be a mixed requirement of the needs in the village. He outlined work that the Council was required to undertake - identifying a suitable site by talking to land owners, mention this in the village newsletter, select a Housing Association who would bear the cost of negotiating and purchasing the identified land etc.

A brief discussion followed with Cllr Walker proposing to go ahead with the project subject to the criteria laid down - 4 or 5 houses. Seconded by Cllr Hines, 4 in favour, 1 abstention. Cllr Walker agreed to make enquiries, in his capacity as a District Councillor, as to whether MSDC had any land available in Tostock. The Chairman thanked Mr Brett for his report and agreed the Council would be in touch. Mr Brett then left the meeting.

The meeting then recessed for further discussion as to which land owners could be approached.

### REPORTS

District Councillor -Mrs Milward: Nothing to report  
District Councillor - S Walker: Nothing to report  
Police: No report

# PARISH COUNCIL continued

## FINANCE

458 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Burman, seconded by Cllr Walker that the following cheques be drawn:

Chq.		
739	T W Garden Services & Landscaping (Grass cutting)	£246.00
740	Digital Copier Systems (cartridge)	£ 99.88
741	Mrs Bottomley (sal)	£229.02

459 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malcom, seconded by Cllr Mrs Plester and agreed unanimously to pay the following:-

Chq No. 742	Mr Loveday (Softwood/bench repair)	£27.08
Chq No. 743	Mr Walker (misc item/bench repair)	£15.45

It was also proposed that a thank you letter be sent to Mr Loveday for undertaking the repair work. Proposed by Cllr Malcom, seconded by Cllr Mrs Plester. All in favour.

460 Letter to be written to the Housing Department of MSDC pointing out that it was their responsibility to maintain/repair the bench at the Croft and they were to be given 10 working days to carry out the repairs. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Malcom seconded by Cllr Walker. All in favour.

461 **Village Hall:** Request for financial assistance to purchase and install some play equipment. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Malcom, seconded by Cllr Burman and agreed unanimously to purchase and donate the equipment up to a value of £7,000.

## PLANNING

MSDC notification regarding application 1650/05 – Two Oaks, Norton Road, Elmswell. Proposed gypsy caravan site for 18 families with 2 caravans per pitch including retention of 3 day rooms and hard standing. Report available on MSDC website. 21 days from 2.08.07 to respond with any comments. Any relevant comments please notify the clerk.

The following application was granted by MSDC

1667/07 **Garden to Park House.** a) remove Douglas Fir b) 15% canopy reduction to one oak tree and light thin.

## THE BARN

The easement had been finalised and a sum of £44,507 deposited in the Parish Council's reserve account. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Malcom, seconded by Cllr Burman. All in favour.

RISK ASSESSMENT - Defer to September meeting.

## COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP & REPRESENTATIVE FOR POORS ESTATE

Poors Estate                      Cllr Mrs D Plester  
Stewardship                      Cllr S Walker

## CORRESPONDENCE

- 462 MSDC Parish Liaison meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Tabled.
- 463 MSDC Best value performance plan 2007/08. Circulate.
- 464 SCC – bus changes. Circulate/Newsletter
- 465 MSDC Licensing Authority's statement of Licensing Policy. Tabled
- 466 SCC – Review of SCC's accommodation for older people. Unable to complete as no councillor had personal experience in respect of questions asked.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 467 The Leys had been cut but the grass had been stacked in inappropriate places resulting in several villagers complaining. MSDC to be requested to remove cuttings
- 468 Cllr Burman discussed the possibility of holding a Bonfire Night on The Leys and agreed to make enquiries with the insurers.

### Tostock Past and Present Society

We had a record attendance at our September meeting on Wartime Airfields, including many ex-servicemen.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday October 1st at 8 pm when we have a return visit by Pip Wright, this time talking about the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

The subject of the talk at the November meeting on Monday November 5th will be the History of the Woolpit Room by Margaret Cook. This place of worship has very strong links with Tostock, as it was erected in 1841 as a Plymouth Brethren Chapel, financed by Mrs George Brown of Tostock Old Hall. Many Tostock families regularly attended the Room for 150 years. Visitors always welcome at our meetings.

We have recently been in touch with a family who lived at the lodge in New Road (now known as the Granary, and before that the Mushroom) in the late 1930's. George Winsall was chauffeur to the Master of Kinloss. His daughter has given us some interesting memoirs and old photographs. She remembers guards being on duty at the lodge during the early part of the war when Tostock Place was taken over by the military. There was no mains water or electricity and the 'privey' was across the yard. Water was collected in two pails on a yoke from a well in the Park. This is another valuable addition to our collection of memories of Tostock in the 20th century.

Any queries, please contact Heather Spencer, tel. 270395.

### TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will on Tuesday, 2nd October at 8 pm at Pine Acre, Norton Road. The book to be discussed will be *Melted into Air* by Sandi Toksvig. For the following month we hope to be reading *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Any queries, tel. 270247 or 270395.



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## St Andrew's Church Social Committee

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the September 11<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning which raised a much needed £178 for church funds.

The next event on the social calendar is the Harvest Supper, on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the Village Hall. The menu will be a delicious pork and apple casserole followed by apple pie or treacle tart. If you need a vegetarian option, please ask when you buy your tickets. These are on sale from Jeanne O'Reilly (270337) or Julie Harrison (270247) price £7.50 for adults, £3.50 for children aged 12 and under. Please bring your own drink.

In November the popular Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. This year we hope to have some new attractions, with the opportunity to do some of your Christmas shopping. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the day, as well as beforehand to win a Christmas hamper and other prizes.

Julie Harrison



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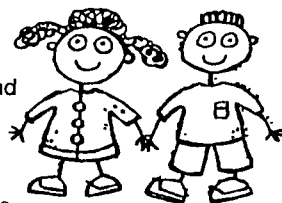
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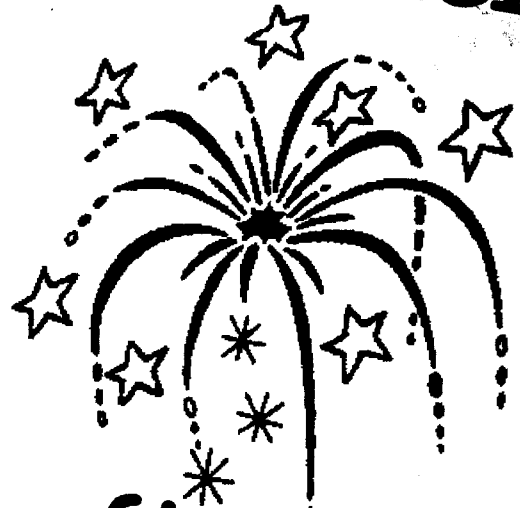
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# Tostock Parish Council



## Village Bonfire

And

# Firework Display

To be held on The Leys, Tostock  
at 6.00 pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November



No tickets necessary donations will be appreciated on the night.

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK**

**CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007**

October 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m..	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.45 a.m.	<i>Remembrance Sunday Service</i>
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

On Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October we have a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 10.00 a.m. in the church and on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October we shall have the opportunity to share together in the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall.

Please note that the 11<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday and the service will commence at 10.45 a.m.

We would be pleased to welcome you to these and any of services.

**Ian Hooper**  
**Rector**

## ***PCC NEWS***

The Suffolk Historic Churches Fund Cycle Ride was held on September 8<sup>th</sup> and this year there were three entries from Tostock. Our grateful thanks to Nesta Evans who walked from Church to Church, to Rod Myatt, who cycled for us and especially our congratulations to Hattie Welham, aged four, who raised an amazing £60 by cycling from Thurston to Tostock Church!

The Church Bazaar is on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Village Hall. This is a preliminary notice to all children in the village that there will be a competition to design a Christmas card, or a Christmas stocking. So, you will all have time to think about it, and produce some great ideas - paint, pencil or felt tip, it is up to you!!

The PCC would like to thank John Walker for his work on the water supply. He has very kindly boxed the stand pipe in, for frost protection and security, and it looks much better. It is wonderful to think after all our fund raising, we now have a supply of water.

## TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

The Village Flower and Vegetable Show held at the beginning of September was a great success, well supported by old and new exhibitors and not marred by the weather this year. Our thanks are due to everyone who contributed in any way.

The main prize winners are as follows :-

The Parish Challenge Cup.....Barney Harrison

The Pineacre Runner-up Cup.....Simon Reynolds

The Cowdell Cup for Homecraft.....Heather Spencer

Floral Art.....Gail Moyle

George Taylor Plate  
(for the most promising gardener under 25) Megan Hood

Runner Up.....Maddie Parsons

### CHILDRENS CLASSES

These are always a joy and all the entrants deserved a prize but the very best were:-

Under 5s.....Hattie Welham

5 to 6s.....Maddie Parsons

7 to 8s.....Isabel Dunn & Freddie Hood (joint winners)

9 plus.....Katie Parsons, Megan Hood,  
and Louise Harcombe(all joint winners)

### GARDEN CLUB TALK

If you feel that you would like to be a prizewinner next year then come along to the Village Hall at 7.30.p.m on Tuesday 9th October and listen to Mr.Sidney, one of our judges.  
He is to tell us how to grow and show vegetables and so please come along whether or not you are members of our Club. Everyone is always welcome.