

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2008

Parish Council

MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2007

Present: Cllrs Mrs V Malcom (Chairman), S Walker, Mrs D Plester, M Burman, Mrs P Parsons,
Mrs M Beales & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr J Hines

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING 31.10.07

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: There had been no repairs undertaken by Highways. Clerk to contact Highways again.
- 365 Tree on The Green: The meeting agreed to continue monitoring the situation.
- 386 Footpath behind Perkins Way: SCC had confirmed the path was to be rebuilt however there did not seem to be much progress at present. Clerk to chase.
- Public Forum: Cllr Burman advised that members of the shooting club were allowed during the season to be active close to the public footpath and dog owners should ensure their dogs were kept under control.
- 460 Bench at The Croft: Councillors were pleased to note that the seat had been repaired and was back in situ.
- 468 Firework Night: The fireworks had been purchased, insurance arranged and it had been confirmed by the Countryside Stewardship that there were no objections to the event taking place as long as the area being used was reinstated. Invoice for additional insurance had been sent to the Clerk.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY (Item 434)

It was confirmed there would be a meeting on the 20th November with Flagship and Orwell Housing. Chairman agreed to organise suitable notices of the meeting.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

District Councillor – S Walker: Station Road, Elmswell was being closed for maintenance on 10th November. Snoasis decision would be through on 31st January 2008. Rookery Farm – court costs were mounting and it was unclear what progress could be made.

The meeting reconvened.

FINANCE

477 **Cheques:** The following cheques were not correctly entered in the minutes for 19th September

<u>Chq No.</u>		
744	Suffolk ACRE (insurance)	£484.88
745	Cancelled	
746	T W Garden Services (grass cutting)	£100.00
747	Command Pest Control	£ 52.88
748	Heelis & Lodge (audit 2007)	£ 47.00
749	Clerk (salary/exp)	£181.43

478 The following cheque was drawn prior to but ratified by all councillors at the October meeting:-

750 VHMC grant (play equipment) £7,000.00

479 It was proposed by Cllr Walker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Beales that the following cheques be drawn. All in favour.

<u>Chq.</u>		
776	Lubbock Fine (audit 2007)	£141.00
777	MSDC (election costs)	£383.56
778	Mrs Plester (stationery)	£ 23.38
779	SALC (clerk's network)	£ 11.75
780	Stonham Parva PC (1/6 th costs of Thetford Conf. & Workshop)	£ 11.67
781	Suffolk ACRE (Firework evening insurance)	£ 90.00
782	Haughley PC (stationery)	£ 24.42
783	Clerk (sal/expenses)	£175.75

480 **Grass Cutting contract:** All grass cuttings from The Leys had now been removed. And following a brief discussion the councillors resolved to reconsider the contract with MSDC next year.

481 **NatWest:** Although the Clerk had asked for a transfer of funds to cover cheques being drawn, the bank had failed to action her request resulting in an overdrawn situation with costs being charged to the Council. Letter of apology from the bank dated 16th October tabled and a refund of all costs had been actioned by the bank.

PLANNING

The following planning applications were recommended for approval by the Parish Council

2509/07 Plot to rear of **Highmore House, Norton Road.** Retention of change of use of land for siting of residential caravan during construction of new dwelling
PC add.comment: Need to justify the size of the house on the basis of it fitting in with the size of the plot. The PC question ownership of the paddock

2671/07 **Highmoor House, Norton Road** Erection of 2 storey four bed dwelling with detached double garage inc. a change of use of paddock to domestic

The following applications were granted by MSDC

2240/07 **Bramble Croft, Norton Road.** Retention of 2 storey dwelling, garage and alterations to vehicular access
1608/07 **Barns 1 & 2 Park Farm Barns, Leys Road.** Change of use and conversion of building to form 2no. dwellings with garaging.
2276/07 **The Park House, Leys Road.** Erect 2 storey side ext. Erect 4no. stables 2no. feed rooms 2no machinery rooms and 3 bay garage.
1609/07 **Barns 1 & 2 Park Farm Barns, Leys Road.** Conversion of building to form 2no. dwellings with garaging.

Notification from MSDC that application 1857/07 Land at Meadow House, Flatts Lane, had been reported to the Planning Committee meeting to be held on 31st October 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures

482 MSDC – Strategic Plan 2007-2011. Circulated

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 12th December 2007.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK
CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008

3 February	10.00 a.m..	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
10	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
17	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
24	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
2 March	10.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service
9	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
16	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
23	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day Family Communion
30	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (CW1) at <u>Norton</u>

Ash Wednesday, 6th February marks 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, 13th 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 "The Lord's Prayer - Praying it, meaning it, living it". All will be welcome. Further details can be obtained from The Rector, 01359 230287.

On Mothering Sunday, 2nd March, there will be a special service at 10.00 a.m. in the church. There will be a Devotional Service on Good Friday morning, 21st March, at 10.00 a.m. and we then celebrate the joy of the resurrection on Easter Day at the Family Communion Service beginning at 10.00 a.m.

We do hope you will be able to join us at some of these services. A warm welcome awaits you.

Ian Hooper
Rector

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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT MEADOW HOUSE
FLATTS LANE

There was an overwhelming response when 72 residents attended the recent open meeting in the Village Hall to discuss this proposal. 25 apologies were also received from residents unable to attend.

Mark Jull outlined the position and there was much discussion from those present. As a result it was unanimously agreed to form the

TOSTOCK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Officers appointed were

Chairman	Mark Jull
Finance Officer	Richard duvall
Recording Clerk	Jean Wheeler
Membership Secretary	Val Kemball

volunteers to serve as committee members were

Belinda Bauly	Judith Morley
Michael Bauly	Mike O'Reilly
Matthew Burman	Guy Richards
Sharon Burman	George Smith
Corinne Jull	Pat Wadsworth
Roshidy Guerguis	
Steve Walker	

A committee meeting has now been held and a further flyer will soon be delivered to every resident with updated information,

Neighbourhood Watch



Due to the high price of crude oil thefts from fuel tanks is on the increase both domestic and cars.

Residents are advised to be extra vigilant and to increase security.

If any suspicious behaviour is witnessed do not hesitate to call the Police 01284 774100 and/or notify the Neighbourhood Watch representative for your area

TOSTOCK PAST and PRESENT SOCIETY

Our Members Evening in December proved a most enjoyable event with a good meal followed by John and Kate Howson entertaining us with banjo, melodeon and dancing puppets, plus a display of step dancing by John.

As usual our Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Monday in February, i.e. 4th at 8 pm with reports from Chairman and Treasurer and Election of officers. This year will be particularly crucial, as all three main officers wish to stand down. New blood is required urgently so we hope members will come forward to help our Society continue into its 21st year. A varied range of speakers have been booked for 2008, including three outings. Subscriptions will have to be increased to £10 per person, in view of higher speakers' fees but still good value.

Following on the AGM, we have a speaker from Newmarket, Geoffrey Evans who will talk on the subject of Life of a Racehorse. Visitors £3.

On March 3rd, Steve Knight will be talking about British Post Box Design - the first 100 years. Apparently Steve Knight has a large collection of post boxes and has made a lifetime study of them.

Clive Paine is returning for a further 3 lectures, firstly on Tuesday, March 11th at 7.30 pm he will focus on the History of Norton, with whom we have very strong links. Visitors £4.

The Society will be entering a stand at Societies Day at Mendlesham Community Centre on Saturday, 15th March, with the theme of our 20 years.

Any queries, please contact the secretary, Heather Spencer 270395.

TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be held at Apple Trees, 4 Perkins Way (Julie Harrison's) at 8 pm on Tuesday, 26th February. The book to be discussed will *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. The following month the Book Club will meet at The Dhiewings, Norton Road (Julie Routledge) on Wednesday, 19th March at 8 pm to discuss *The Island* by Victoria Hislop. The latter book will shortly be available from Julie Harrison. Any queries, telephone 270247 270395.

PCC Report

All our services were well attended over the Christmas celebrations and the Church was beautifully decorated.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the gifts for the children at the Bury Refuge, at the Carol Service on December 16th. The Administrators of the Refuge were delighted to receive so many parcels!

The Advent Posada was also very successful. Our figures of Joseph and Mary & the donkey travelled to many homes in Tostock and Mary's 'Diary' showed how they were welcomed. The Posada brings the message of Christmas to each home. The figures arrived in Church at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, just as we had hoped! Carol Singing on December 20th was very enjoyable and raised £80 for The East Anglian Childrens' Hospice. Thanks to Rosemary Lister for organising it.

Mary Simpson has now left the village and she wishes to thank everyone for their friendship and support during her years in Tostock.

Minutes of a PCC meeting held on Jan.28th 2008 at Spring Cottage by kind invitation of Miss J Sherwood;

1. The Annual Report was presented and discussed.
2. the Annual Accounts were also presented by the Treasurer. Both reports were accepted. Mr Lister was thanked.
3. A letter setting out the Church's financial position will be sent to all on the Electoral Roll.
4. on March 2nd, Mothering Sunday Special Service at 10am to be taken by Mr Harrison.
5. Deanery Synod Report was given by the Rector.
6. The Deanery Plan and parish reorganisation to be discussed at a special PCC meeting.
7. Date of Church AGM March 26th @ 7.30pm at the Church.

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TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

Those who were able to visit Great Barton in December in order to learn the art of making Christmas Wreaths felt the evening to be a great success and were able to take away and show off their efforts.

Our next meeting is the AGM when we shall need to discuss the future of the Club and the program for the next 12 months. This is always a very lighthearted affair which ends with a glass or two and nibbles. It is open to everyone and we are always delighted to welcome newcomers.

This will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday February 19th at 7.30 p.m

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

November 2007

Many thanks for your very kind support again this year.
A total of £1,466.36 was raised from the various collections in the village.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the collectors:-
Liz Duvall, Mark and Corrinne Jull, Jane Sherwood, Mick and Heather Spencer,
Pippa Swallow, Stan, Jackie and Catrin at the Gardeners Arms.

Richard Duvall
Honorary Local Organiser.

St Andrew's Church Social Committee

Happy New Year to all. The first coffee morning of the year will be on Tuesday 12th February at 10.30 in the village hall. Just before Valentine's Day, so that will be our theme! Sarah Scully will be there with her greetings card stall, along with the usual cakes, bric-a-brac and raffle

Our March coffee morning is on Tuesday 11th, same time & place. Not long before Easter, so there might be some Easter biscuits on the menu, or Easter eggs in the raffle, and Easter cards on sale.

All are welcome at these social events...
Do join us.

Julie Harrison 270247

Lights For Lives Appeal 2007
At Wayside Norton Rd.

I would like to thank all of you who gave donations to the Air Ambulance appeal. As you all know we have been putting up Christmas Lights for many years and this year I decided to put a box out and do a collection for a worthwhile charity. The Air Ambulance is something that we all might need at sometime in our lives so what better Charity.

The grand total was £61.00.
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Janet, Jon & Matthew Walker.

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ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

TUESDAY
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7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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OR
DIANE PLESTER - 01359 271652

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TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES
FOR 2008

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Village Hall	23rd January 2008	7.30 p.m.
	12th March 2008	
	23rd April 2008	
	28th May 2008 (APC)	
	9th July 2008	
	20th August 2008	
	1st October 2008	
	5th November 2008	
	17th December 2008.	

Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April 2008

PLEASE NOTE Items to be included in the next Chronicle must reach
Jean Wheeler at The Old Post Office by **22nd MARCH 2008**