

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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JUNE - JULY 2008

## Parish Council

### MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008

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

Mr T France – First Response

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs P Parsons & J Hines

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Burman - Item 7 Finance (TVA donation)  
Cllr Mrs M Beales - Item 7 Finance (TVA donation)

#### MINUTES OF MEETING 23.01.08

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: Clerk to speak with Highways regarding the high volume of lorries travelling through the village up to the Fox & Goose, Church Road and The Leys. Additionally to speak with them regarding the ruts and checking the potholes at the bottom of the hill in New Road. Clerk to confirm with MSDC the agreed route for Rookery Farm.
- 365 Tree on The Green: Seems to have survived the recent high winds and the meeting agreed to continue with the monitoring.
- 386 Footpath behind Perkins Way: Work had now been undertaken as directed by the Rights of Way officer however councillors were now concerned at the state of the path further up.

#### FIRST RESPONSE

Mr T France from First Response had come along to thank the parish council for their recent donation and to explain in detail the workings of the locally based group. The people received training from the East of England Ambulance Service and were named "Community First Responders." Each responder scheme consisted of a team of volunteers trained to attend emergency calls received by the ambulance service. The principle aims were to improve the number of patients living in rural areas to survive cardiac arrests and other life threatening conditions such as choking and respiratory arrest. Anyone interested in joining the team, donating funds or helping support the team were invited to contact [zoe.thompson@eastamb.nhs.uk](mailto:zoe.thompson@eastamb.nhs.uk) or Ian McKenna at the Woolpit Surgery.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING SURVEY (Item 434)

A meeting had taken place with Orwell Housing, Suffolk Acre and the architects where they had walked around the village to identify suitable sites for the housing. Various sites had been located and it was a question as to whether they were feasible for development and were available to purchase etc. The meeting discounted some sites but agreed the relevant land owners should be approached for 1) piece of land in Norton Road and 2) a strip of land at the back of the railway bridge and electricity sub-station. Preference to retain the land next to the village hall for future potential development was agreed. Cllr Mrs Plester to advise Orwell Housing with the Council's comments and what had been suggested.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

## REPORTS

**District Councillor:** - Very little to report since councillors were aware of recent events. Referred to the planning application for land at Norton Road being used for private development as opposed to affordable housing. The meeting expressed concern over inconsistencies in recent applications being considered by MSDC Planning Department.

The meeting reconvened.

## FINANCE

499 **Cheques:** It was resolved the following cheques should be drawn:-

<u>Chq.</u>		
797	T W Garden Services (cutting)	£150.00
798	Drinkstone P.Council (share Rookery enquiry costs)	£ 60.72
799	Command Pest Control (infestation)	£ 52.88
800	Suffolk ACRE (membership)	£ 25.22
826	Clerk (salary/expenses)	£178.20
827	Stonham Parva PC (1/6 <sup>th</sup> share CILCA reg/Clerk)	£ 11.67

Income: Advertising £25.00

471 **Risk Assessment:** It was hoped to finalise this by the end of March.

500 **Printer expenses:** Since purchasing the new digital copier councillors commented that the running expenses had increased considerably. It was pointed out that 1 toner cartridge printed 4,000 copies which equated to two issues of the Tostock Chronicle. Additionally at 18,000 copies a new roller had to be purchased. Advertising costs from outside bodies did however contribute some way towards the running costs but it was acknowledged that despite recommendations, this copier was not as cost effective as the previous copier.

501 **Tostock Village Association** - to consider donation. Councillors asked for a copy of the newly amended Constitution and agreed the matter should be deferred to next meeting

## PLANNING

The following applications were supported by the Parish Council:

- 0590/08 Land adjacent Malsters Cottage, Road near Ticehurst Farm. 1 ½ storey detached pitched roof granary style garaging/workshop and change of use of land to domestic cartilage.
- 0597/08 Land at Malsters Cottage, Road near Ticehurst Farm. Erection of stables and change of use of land for the keeping of horses.

The following application was refused by the Parish Council:-

- 0432/08 Plot to rear of Highmoor House, Norton Road. Proposed erection of two-storey, four bedroom dwelling with detached double garage.
- PC comments:
1. The proposed development is out of character and scale with the existing properties and its surroundings. Policy H13 and Policy H16
  2. The size of the proposed building will have an adverse visual impact on the surrounding countryside. Policy H13 and Policy H16
  3. Adjacent properties will have a detrimental impact on their residential amenity, caused by an overbearing proportion of the proposed property. Policy H16
  4. The development does not enhance the character of the site as it is too large for the plot. Policy GP1
  5. The proposed development contravenes Policy SB2 as it affects character and appearance of the settlement and the privacy and amenity of neighbouring properties.
  6. The access is in a dangerous location with zero visibility.
  7. The proposed development is backfilling and against the guidelines laid down for development in small villages in the local plan.

Two councillors expressed their unease in respect of the access and Cllr Burman asked for Mr Nunn (SCC Highways) to meet and discuss the problem.

Cllr Burman left the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Applications granted by MSDC:

- 3888/07 The Park House, Leys Road. Erect 2 storey and single extension. Erect 4no. stables 2no. feed rooms, 2no. machinery rooms and 3 bay garage (alternative to design approved under 1798/07)
- 3889/07 The Park House, Leys Road. Erect 2 storey and single extension. Erect 4no. stables 2no. feed rooms, 2no. machinery rooms and 3 bay garage and pool house/summerhouse.
- 3691/07 Gardeners Arms, Church Road. Erection of timber framed canopy to form external dining area within pub garden.
- 3795/07 Gable End, Leys Road.: Retention of extension & balcony not built in accordance with planning permission 1238/04. Extension of shed as approved under planning permission 1238/04 to summerhouse.

Notification of Appeal in respect of  
2671/07

Plot to rear of Highmoor House, Norton Road. Proposed erection of two-storey, four bedroom dwelling with detached double garage including a change of use of paddock to domestic cartilage.

MSDC Planning Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 & Site inspection meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008:

- 3916/07 Land at Norton Road. 1) Four new dwellings behind 2 to 4 Norton Road with access via new drive between 2 & 3. 2) Erection of new retaining walls with fencing on top at the frontages of 1 & 4 and part frontages of 2 & 3 Norton Road. 3) Formation of new vehicular access at the frontage of 1 Norton Road.

Application withdrawn:

- 585/07 Land adj. Foresters, New Road. Severance of land and erection of two detached houses with garages and new separate vehicular access

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures

- 502 Audit Commission – notification of new auditor. Tabled
- 503 Patrick Taylor, MSDC – Tostock Conservation Area Appraisal. Invite to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- 504 Visit to The Leys by Ms Stone, Suffolk Wild Life on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Cllr Mrs Beales had met the lady on site and discussion followed by councillors on the various endangered species habiting on and around The Leys. There were advantages in belonging to the Stewardship scheme but the current agreement would be ending shortly – should this be renewed; problems had been experienced during the previous year in cuttings not being taken off site; there was a need to explore in detail the advantages of being involved with Suffolk Wild Life/SCC.

Cllr Walker left the meeting at approximately 9.40 p.m.

- 505 MSDC – Annual Play Grant – Chairman to pass on to V.Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008. Suggested earlier start at 7 p.m. for the APM with the APC following at approximately 8 p.m.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 506 Proud Manhole cover on the Green reported.
- 507 Tostock Village Footpaths – new map marking paths that had been inspected.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

Seven members of the Tostock Village Association were also present at the above meeting

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

23 parishioners attended the Annual Parish meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd April. The meeting was chaired by Vanessa Malcom. Also present were Marilyn Bottomley (clerk) Maureen Beales, Matthew Burman, John Hines, Diana Plester and Steve Walker (Parish Councillors) Carol Milward District Councillor and Jane Storey County Councillor. Each gave a report of the past years workings by their respective councils.

Mr.P.Taylor from Mid Suffolk District Council presented details of the Tostock Conservation Area Appraisal. There was much discussion and questions from the floor, but he informed the meeting that there would be no alterations in the area as it stands at present. There was a general feeling that the area should be extended and he urged residents to complete and send in the adoption forms after which the document would then be officially recognised and should be used by the Planning Department as a guide for future planning applications. This was expected to be finalised by the end of May 2008. The document would also be a valuable guide for the Parish Council when dealing with planning applications and also the T.V.A. Any further comments would be appreciated and considered in any future reappraisals. Mr.Taylor was thanked for his attendance.

No report was received from the Police. The chairman read the report of the activities of the Brownies but reports from the Tostock Past & Present Society and Tennis Club although submitted had not been brought to the meeting. The chairman assured the meeting that these would be placed on file.

Jeanne O'Reilly submitted the accounts for the Poors Estate Chariry showing an opening balance of £679.49 with an income of £210.68. Seven residents received £30.00 each last Christmas leaving a closing balance of £680.17. She also said that all the allotment plots had been taken. The Poors Estate report although submitted was not read at the 2007 Annual meeting it meant that the committee had been working minus two members. She requested another member from the Parish Council and one from the public. Steve Walker volunteered on behalf of the P.C. and Lynn Jones said she was willing to stand for the residents. Both were thanked for their interest.

There were no reports from any other organisations.

The unaudited balance sheet was circulated showing an opening balance of £15623.49 with an income of £50709.92, which included £44507.00. easement. Expenditure was £14672.55, including £7000 to the Village Hall leaving a closing balance of £51659.58, reconcillated in the current account, reserve account and consollitaded stock.

The chairman gave her report and thanked everyone who had helped in the village in any way during the past year and all the councillors for their support during the year. She pointed out that there was still a vacancy for two Parish Councillors. This notice should have been included in the last Tostock Chronicle but had not been submitted to the editor for publication. Two other items has also not been submitted and the chairman said this would be rectified.

Concerns were expressed with regard to the ongoing erosion of the verges of the Village Green and The Leys due to large lorries and farm machinery using these routes. The Parish Council has promised to look into this and also the problem of excess water on the Green and by the Leys pond, The possibility of a broken pipe in this area will be investigated.

There being no further public business the chairman thanked everyone for their interest and attendance and the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

J.E.W.

# Tostock Village Association

Seven members of the TVA attended the Parish Council meeting on 12th March although this was not recorded in their minutes. Some councillors were under the misapprehension that the TVA was only formed to deal with the issues of the Meadow House site.

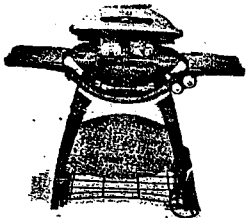
Mark Jull, chairman of the TVA informed the councillors that this was incorrect and that the TVA were actively involved and concerned with any proposed developments anywhere in the village that were inappropriate and not compatible with the visual appearance of the area. At the present time there were issues regarding the highway matters regarding the proposed development behind the council houses in Norton Road.

This was the aim of the association and the reason why it was called Tostock VILLAGE Association.

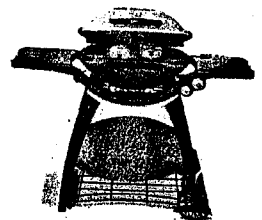
Highways safety and wildlife issues would also be examined.

At the request of the chairman of the P.C. a copy of the amended constitution and a formal request to accept any donation that the P.C. might offer was to be forwarded by the TVA chairman.

It was an expressed wish that the TVA and PC could work together for the mutual benefit and preservation of the village



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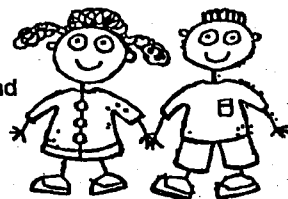
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## St Andrew's Church Social Committee

Many thanks to all, young & old, who came to the May coffee morning, raising £95.50 for much needed church funds.

The next event, run jointly with the Village Hall, is, of course, the famous Tostock Art Exhibition, 21-23<sup>rd</sup> June. All donations of cakes etc for the tea tent would be greatly appreciated... contact Julie Harrison for details on the catering front!

In July we look forward to a delightful garden tea party at Rookwood, New Road, by the kind invitation of Jeanne O'Reilly.

The monthly coffee mornings will restart in September, on the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any unwanted gifts we always welcome donations to our White Elephant stall. Most of all the coffee mornings are a great opportunity to meet up with old friends or even make new ones. Be there!

Julie Harrison 270247

Following the AGM mentioned last month, the members of the Parochial Church Council are :  
Churchwardens Miss Jane Sherwood and Mrs Jeanne O'reilly  
Secretary Mrs Janet Walker  
Treasurer Mr Roger Lister  
Dr Ann Gath, Mrs Sue Marriott, Mr Barney Harrison.

Our congratulations and good wishes go to Flo Jones of Drift Cottage on her baptism at St Andrew's Church on 27<sup>th</sup> April, and to Hannah and Alan, and her big brother, Ned. On May 11<sup>th</sup> Jemima Williams of April Cottage, Leys Road was baptised, congratulations to her and parents.

To the relief of many residents, there will not be a 'Big Weekend' this year. We feel that it is time to give the village a rest from all the fund-raising (for a while!) and to give the organisers a rest too.

We appreciate the way in which so many people rally round to help with stalls and games and teas, and we have managed to raise £7500 towards the water-supply and kitchen from fetes and donations. The water supply is now installed, at an approximate cost of £2000. However, any donations towards the £10000 target will be gratefully received, and there may be a 'Big Weekend' in 2009.

Don't forget the 'Afternoon tea' at Rookwood, New Road on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.1 Bring and Buy, Raffle and lots of teas!

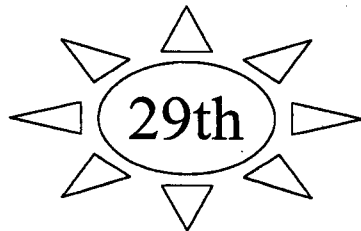
The lights will be sponsored in July By Mike and Jeanne O'Reilly to celebrate the baptisms of Daniel and John-Joseph Sutcliffe on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

Membership of the Book Club has increased rapidly in recent months with several new members. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 25th June at 8 pm at 1 Park Cottages, Church Road when the book under discussion will be 'The Book Thief' by Marcus Zusak. The July meeting on Wednesday 23rd will be at Pineacre, Norton Road and the book we will be reading is 'The Welsh Girl' by Peter Ho Davies.

Copies of both books have been ordered at Elmswell Library and will be available shortly from Julie Harrison, tel.270247. Any queries tel. 270395.

# TOSTOCK'S



## ART EXHIBITION

Tostock Church

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am-8pm

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> June 11am-8pm

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June 11am-5pm

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TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

PLAYGROUND OPENING EVENT.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May we had the official opening of the refurbished playground. The ribbon was cut by Mrs Poppy Robinson, chairperson of Mid-Suffolk District Council and a large group of villagers turned out for the ceremony, despite the wet weather! Thanks to everyone who made this project possible.

We plan to make the area more accessible for wheelchairs in the coming months by laying a pathway from the car park to the playground.

### THE LATE JACK DURRANT

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8	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
15	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
22	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
29	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer at Norton Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing & Wholeness At Pakenham
6 July	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
13	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
20	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
27	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

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

**Ian Hooper**  
**Rector**

Following the recent Annual Parish meeting the Parish Council is asking for suggestions from the village community for ways to use the money received from the easement over the green. We will consider all suggestions but we are looking to support projects that will benefit the greatest number of village residents. Suggestions can be given to any member of the Parish Council or to me at the address below.

We are also looking for more members of the Council. Volunteers have come forward recently but we are still looking to recruit people who have a wide range of views and experiences. If you feel you could make a contribution to the Village in this way we would be very pleased to receive your application. Meetings start with a public forum – please feel free to join us at any meeting if you would like to see democracy in action.

Vanessa Malcom, Chair, Tostock Parish Council, Rutland House, Tostock. 01359 271272

## TOSTOCK PAST & PRESENT SOCIETY

We have had two interesting monthly meetings recently and a walk down St. John's Street in Bury with Clive Paine when he drew attention to many features overlooked by most of us in the past.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 2nd June at 8 pm when Taff Gillingham's talk will be entitled 'Remembering the First World War - a British view' and not the Suffolk Regiment, as originally planned.

There will be no monthly meetings in July and August but we have two outings booked. Firstly on Sunday, July 6th at 11 am at the Suffolk Regiment Museum at Gibraltar Barracks, Risbygate Street, Bury, followed by a visit to West Stow Country Park for lunch (picnic or light lunch there) and a look round where there is much to see.

Later in the month, on July 16th - Wednesday - 6 pm, there will be an evening visit to Lodge Farm, Westhorpe where Mr David Barker will take members on a trailer ride round part of his farm, followed by a visit to the museum on the premises, a vast collection initiated by Mr Barker's father.

Members and friends are welcome to join in all these events but please let the secretary know if you intend coming on the outings as soon as possible.

Later in the summer it is hoped to start work on the Tostock Hedgerow Survey. The aim is to record all hedgerows in each parish and identify the species and record the relationship with the landscape either side. This survey is countryside and supported by local district councils. Many surveys are already taking place in nearby villages, Norton, Elmswell, Walsham and Haughley to name a few. We already have six volunteers to help with the Tostock survey but would be grateful for more help especially from people who know their tree/hedge species! Of course local landowners will be approached first to ask permission to go on their land to view the hedges but luckily many hedges will be accessible from public footpaths and roads.

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