



# **STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2011**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

### **ACTION**

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

None.

#### **POLICE REPORT:**

Police not in attendance at the meeting.

From the Safer Neighbourhoods report, Clerk read the following reported crime in Stutton during November:

03/11-04/11 Burglary-dwelling, Lower Street. Computer equipment stolen.

There has been theft and vandalism at the church. A 45-60 year old male on a bicycle is thought to be responsible and should be reported to the Police if seen in the area.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Recruitment is ongoing at Babergh/Mid Suffolk to recruit a joint management team.

Suffolk County Council is considering further cuts in the Social Care budget.

David Wood has made a donation from the Locality Budget to the Community Hall film club.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cllrs Leach, Watts, Wilson, Pereira, Kennell, Lusher, Baxter, Fishwick,

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Wesley – Clerk. District Councillors David Wood, Trot Ward. 6 members of the public.

#### **207/PC/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr. Lesley Rayner, PC Gary Austin, PCSO Jo Adams

#### **208/PC/11 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**

None

#### **209/PC/11 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

One amendment – open discussion, should read: Catherine Kent to speak to occupier of Ancient House.

Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **210/PC/11 MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**211/PC/11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Police – November Safer neighbourhoods report (circ)  
David Wood – December Parish Report (circ)  
Stutton Green Energy Alliance – update from Chairman (circ)  
Stephen Clark, Crowe Hall – notification of hedge opposite Ancient House to be cut before Christmas (done)  
Babergh/Mid Suffolk – notification of joint appointments (circ)  
SALC – survey ref. impact of cuts & changes to public transport (circ – comments from councillors welcome)  
SCC – Meeting the budget challenge – feedback on comments and suggestions (circ)  
Shotley Peninsular Cycling Campaign – results of traffic survey (circ)  
Babergh DC – HMS Ganges briefing note (circ)  
Babergh DC – notification of tree surgery work (circ)  
Babergh/Mid Suffolk – *Working Together* newsletter (circ)  
Copies of 2 letters to Babergh Planning ref. objections to planning application, Land East of Ambermere.

**212/PC/11 FOOTPATHS:**

Nothing to report.

**213/PC/11 LIGHTING:**

Light next to Gardeners Arms is flickering. Clerk to report Clerk

**214/PC/11 HIGHWAYS:**

The new footpath and road layout is very good. Chairman congratulated Carl Baxter for helping to achieve this successful outcome.  
The plant pots outside Ancient House have not been moved.  
Chairman to speak to SCC Highways for advice. Chairman

**215/PC/11 PLANNING:**

Considerations:

**B/11/01401/FHA – Land East of Ambermere, Alton Hall Lane, Stutton**  
Erection of equipment store.

Decision: Recommend refusal, unanimous vote. Copies of two letters of objection were received. The applicant's justification for a need for the building has not changed since the appeal dismissal and the proposed building, although smaller, still has the footprint of the size of a small house or bungalow.

**B/11/01516/LBC – Tudor Cottage, Lower Street, Stutton**

Application for listed building consent, replacement of 7 no. windows.

Decision: Recommend approval, no further comments.

Decisions from Babergh:

Abbotsfield, Holbrook Rd. Front & rear extension – permission granted.

Old Manor House, Manningtree Rd. Installation of solar panels – permission refused.

**216/PC/11 PLAY AREA:**

Suffolk County Council has not carried out an inspection of the play area fence.

Paul Lusher will enquire with Adrian Gray whether PTA funds are available. P Lusher

**217/PC/11 OLYMPICS/JUBILEE PARTY:**

Lucy Holland has agreed to be the Community Council organiser. Lesley Rayner will speak to PTA/Seals. Ken Wilson volunteered to join the committee as Parish Council representative.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to fund commemorative mugs for all children under 16 years old in the village. Chairman to investigate costs.

Chairman

**218/PC/11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**

It was agreed to set up a small sub committee.

Lesley Rayner and Sandra Pereira have volunteered, along with a resident, who is not a Parish Councillor. Clerk to check with Louise Wilby if this will be legally permissible. Ken Wilson has offered to join the committee if this is not allowed.

Clerk

**219/PC/11 SPEEDWATCH:**

Bentley, Hintlesham & Chattisham Parish Councils have agreed to join Stutton in a three-way split to share equipment and costs.

PC Gary Austin has collected the volunteers paperwork and begun the vetting process.

**220/PC/11 MOBILE PHONE MAST:**

After discussion with the Holbrook Clerk, it was proposed to include a small article in each parish magazine, encouraging residents to contact their network providers and complain about poor signal coverage.

The article would include a website or email address for each of the main networks.

Clerk also to write to MP.

Clerk

**221/PC/11 COMMUNITY HALL :**

The green energy application is under review.

**222/PC/11 PRECEPT:**

Clerk presented a budget proposal for the 2012/13 financial year, which would allow a precept of £10k to be maintained.

All agreed. P2 form to be signed at next meeting.

**223/PC/11 ACCOUNTS:**

Payments:

Clerk Salary: £242.63 (chq 990)

Clerk Expenses: Printer Ink £20.16, 6 mth Broadband £25.00, Total £45.16 (chq 991)

Stutton Community Hall: Hire Oct/Nov/Dec £60.00 (chq 992)

**224/PC/11 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

None

**225/PC/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman:.....

Date: