



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025

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

ACTION

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: Darren Cooper (Chair), Oliver Brazill
Chris Leach, Emma Woollard, Adrian Gray, Adrian Garnham, Mike Hems,
John Pallant, Nigel Watts

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jayne Jones – Clerk
Cllr McLaren
Cllr Harley
4 Members of the public

216/PC/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

217/PC/25 REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

None

218/PC/25 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:

None

219/PC/25 OPEN DISCUSSION

The watermain on Manningtree Road burst for the 2nd time in 5 years flooding one of the properties for the second time. Council agreed to write to Anglian Water requesting the cause of the problem and what steps they are going to take to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Cllr Cooper

Member of the public raised concerns over bonfire held during the day near the School. The school has lodged a nuisance complaint with Babergh. Council agreed to write in support.

Clerk

The school is looking into obtaining free trees, council suggested they liaise with Stutton Grows.

Due to the problems caused in the village by the burst watermain the council will add a disaster recovery plan to the agenda.

Cllr Cooper has announced he will not be standing next year for parish councillor.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Harley's report has been circulated to all Councillors and a copy is on the website.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr McLaren's report has been circulated to all Councillors and a copy is on the website.

Babergh Tenant Services held a meeting last month for residents of Stutton Close

to discuss the antisocial behaviour.

220/PC/25 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The November's minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

221/PC/25 MATTERS ARISING:

None

222/PC/25 CORRESPONDENCE:

17/11/25 Holbrook and Shotley Patient Participation group – Cllr Watts agreed to represent the council at future meetings. Clerk will email details to the Surgery

Clerk

223/PC/25 FOOTPATHS AND GREENWAY:

Greenway safety checks have been completed.

224/PC/25 HIGHWAYS:

The recent road closure due to a burst watermain along Manningtree Rd has lead traffic to try to use Hyams Lane as a throughway. Clerk will write to SHF

Clerk

225/PC/25 PLANNING:

None

226/PC/25 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

None

227/PC/25 .GOV WEBSITE/EMAIL

Council agreed to obtain the necessary .gov website and email address from Parish Online at a cost of £250.00 for the 1st year, raising to £350.00 annually.

228/PC/25 REPLACEMENT LAPTOP:

Cllr Cooper has purchased a new laptop at the cost of £358.98 including Office. He will transfer the information over from the old laptop.

229/PC/25 RESTORATION OF CLOCK TOWER AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The school are asking for technical help with fund raising. Several names from the village were passed onto the school representative.

230/PC/25 POSSIBLE FUNDING FOR A DEDICATED PCSO:

Clerk will write to Brantham PC, asking to be kept informed of their decision on the employment of a PCSO

Clerk

231/PC/25 2026 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council agreed 2026 meeting dates

232/PC/25 2026 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Council agreed the 26/27 budget of £12,662.00 and a precept of £12,472.00

233/PC/25 ACCOUNTS:

Clerk Salary: £422.21 (chq no1661)

J Hood (Grass cutting): £600.00 (chq no1662)

Roundabout Stutton: £30.00 (chq no1663)
Vertas (playing field grass cutting): £183.14 (chq no1664)
Lighthouse (Donation): £50.00 (chq no1665)
Brave Futures (Donation): £50.00 (chq no1666)
Brantham Parish Council (Donation): £50.00 (chq no1667)
East of England Ambulance Service (Donation): £130.00 (chq no1668)

234/PC/25 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

Disaster recovery plan

235/PC/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 12th January 2026

The meeting finished at 8. pm

Chairman:



Date:

12/1/26.