



STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th MAY 2026

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

ACTION

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: Chris Leach, Emma Woollard, Mike Hems, Adrian Gray, Adrian Garnham, Oliver Brazill, John Pallant

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jayne Jones – Clerk

Cllr McLaren

2 Members of the public

75/PC/26 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

POSITION	NAME	PROPOSED / SECONDED
Chairman	Mike Hems	Brazill/Gray
Vice Chairman	Emma Woollard	Brazill/Pallant
RFO	Jayne Jones	Hemms/Garnham

All agreed

Cllr Hems thanked Darren Cooper for his work on the council, both as councillor and Chairman. He also thanked Cllr Brazill for his time as Vice Chair and congratulated Cllr Woollard on her appointment as Vice Chair. He took the opportunity to welcome our new County Councillor Vicky Armstrong, while extending the councils appreciation and thanks to outgoing Cllr Harley.

REPRESENTING VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS:

ORGANISATION	NAME	PROPOSED / SECONDED
Community Hall	Adrian Gray	Brazill/Garnham
Transport	Nigel Watts	Brazill/Garnham
Play Area	Agreed to remove	Brazill/Garnham
Tree Warden	Agreed to remove	Brazill/Garnham
Footpaths	Chris Leach	Brazill/Garnham
Catts Trust	Nigel Watts	Brazill/Garnham
Almshouse Trust	Emma Woollard	Brazill/Garnham
SALC	Mike Hems	Brazill/Garnham
Stour & Orwell	John Pallant	Brazill/Garnham
Greenway	Mike Hems	Brazill/Garnham
Peninsula Alliance	Mike Hems	Brazill/Garnham

All agreed

76/PC/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Nigel Watts – Accepted

77/PC/26 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS:**
None

78/PC/26 **APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:**
None

79/PC/26 **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Cllr Woollard will produce promotional material for Stutton Fete, introducing Councillors and promoting the co-opting of a new councillor.

Cllr Woollard

Resident has reported antisocial behaviour at the bus shelter near Larksfield.

Council agreed to add this to the agenda for next month. Cllr Leach will liaise with the police and investigate deterrent options. Clerk will write to resident

Cllr Leach/Clerk

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Harley's final 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.

80/PC/26 **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

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

81/PC/26 **MATTERS ARISING:**

Suffolk Highways will investigate the railings installed at Stutton Lodge. Council has been advised that the School will need planning permission for erecting a Tipi. Council will await the results of the application before releasing funds.

82/PC/26 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

83/PC/26 **FOOTPATHS AND GREENWAY:**

Greenway safety checks have been completed.

84/PC/26 **HIGHWAYS:**

Cllr Pallant will report dip in Manningtree Rd on the opposite side of the road from the bush shelter.

Cllr Pallant

Clerk will report drainage problem at the bottom of the hill leading up to Brantham

Clerk

85/PC/26 **PLANNING:**

Babergh DC has granted permission to:
Beech Croft, Hyams Lane, Stutton

86/PC/26 **DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN**

Cllr Woollard will be meeting with Stutton Support Network later in the month and will report back.

Cllr Woollard

87/PC/26 ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Cllr Hems will take lead for the forum, Cllr Leach and Pallant will join him.
A representative for the school and speedwatch will be invited to join.
Phase one will be to understand the situation. Later phases will invite other participants as required.

88/PC/26 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Cllr Woolard will produce information regarding the role of a parish councillor for the Roundabout. The closing date for applications will be 1/7/26.
Applicants should email the clerk.

Cllr Woolard

89/PC/26 DEFIB PADS

Cllr Gray will obtain the defib pads and the council will reimburse him.

Cllr Gray

90/PC/26 VILLAGE WELCOME PACKS

Clerk will write to Stutton Support Network to advise them that the council has agreed to fund them up to £200.00 towards the printing costs.

Clerk

91/PC/26 ACCOUNTS:

Payments:

Clerk Salary: £422.21 (chq no1680)
Stutton Community Association (hire of Hall): £80.00 (chq no1681)
SALC (subscription): £429.67 (chq no1682)
Information Commissioners: £52.00 (chq no1683)

Receipts:

Babergh DC (recycling credit: £835.00
Babergh DC (Precept): £6236.00

92/PC/26 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

Website
Larksfield Bus Shelter

93/PC/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 8th June 2026

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

Chairman:

Date: 8/6/26