STUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026

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

ACTION

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: Mike Hems, Emma Woollard, Chris Leach, John Pallant, Ian Kemsley, Adrian Gray, Nigel Watts

IN ATTENDANCE:
Jayne Jones – Clerk
Cllr Armstrong
Cllr McLaren
4 Members of the public

155/PC/26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Adrian Garnham - Accepted

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

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

158/PC/26 **OPEN DISCUSSION**
Cllr Hems suggested that from feedback received from last month's meeting that in future members of the council should give a brief description of any report issued so that the public are made aware in general terms what is being discussed.
Cllr Hems will attend the Peninsula Alliance meeting and will raise the issue of speed limits on the Peninsula (outside of the current 30 mph zones) including the limit from Stutton to the Brantham Bull.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:
Cllr Armstrong emphasised that the decision to make three new Unitary Councils in Suffolk had been withdrawn by the Government with no current plans to change existing structures.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:
Cllr McLaren's report has been circulated to all Councillors and a copy is on the website. Cllr McLaren emphasised that the Government were reviewing their plans and had withdrawn the decision to create three new Unitary Authorities in Suffolk whilst they carried out that review.

159/PC/26 **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**
The August's minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

160/PC/26 **MATTERS ARISING:**
Council will write to no 1-5 Fison Place re littering behind properties. Clerk

161/PC/26 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
17/8/26 Olliver Brazill – resignation – accepted. Cllr Hems has written in thanks for the service Cllr Brazill has given on behalf of the council. All Councillors wished to pass on their thanks too. Council agreed that co-option this close to an election was unfeasible.
18/8/26 Babergh DC – changing to direct debit – Babergh will no longer accept cheques in payment. Council will set up a direct debit. Clerk
5/9/26 Resident – anti social behaviour Stutton shore – after investigation, it was found that the loud music had not come from the shore, but was on private property. Clerk will write to resident. Clerk

162/PC/26 **FOOTPATHS AND GREENWAY:**
Greenway safety checks have been completed.
Jimsonweed has been found on two footpaths; this has been removed.

163/PC/26 **HIGHWAYS:**
Parish council will appoint a member to become the Highways representative.
A tree has come down and is blocking part of Alton Hall Lane. This has been reported. Cllr Leach will also speak to land owner. Cllr Leach

164/PC/26 **PLANNING:**
None

165/PC/26 **ANGLIAN WATER ROAD CLOSURES**
From 28th September, Anglian Water will be working at Holbrook Rd at the RHS for 55 days. SPC are trying to establish exactly when the road will be fully closed but current indications are that full hard closure (with access for RHS residents) between 8 am and 4 pm. After 4 pm it should be passable. This will be for approximately 4 weeks. After that it will be open with traffic light control for a further four weeks. The Parish Council will lobby Highways/ Anglian Water to change the timing of closure to 9am to 3pm to enable better access for work/school access. The Council will keep the its website up to date with progress or changes and in the next "Roundabout Stutton" residents will be advised to look at news items on the SPC website for the latest updates.

166/PC/26 **DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN**
Cllr Woollard announced that we had heard from the Suffolk Resilience Forum with suggested dates for a meeting to discuss next steps.

167/PC/26 **VILLAGE ROAD SAFETY REVIEW**
Cllr Hems reported back on the road safety review. He thanked the project team made up of both residents and Councillors who had worked hard on this project.

Overall, 62 issues were raised, the majority of these have been dealt with by t he team. For the full report please see the Councils' website. The Council agreed to prioritise 3 projects, 1 -Widening the path outside Roban House. 2 – Refreshing and new road marking around the school. 3 – installing flashing 20 is plenty signs by the school. No costs were brought to this meeting.

168/PC/26 **SCHOOL OAK TREES**

The issue of a large branch falling from one of the two large Oak Trees between the school boundary and the footpath, together with the fear of further incidents was discussed at some length. The Council shares the frustrations of the school over the lack of progress from Highways regarding making a full assessment of the safety of the oak trees. The oaks do belong to Highways and therefore, are their responsibility. The Council has twice written to Highways with its concerns.

169/PC/26 **AGREE ANNUAL ST PETERS CHURCH GRASS CUTTING DONATION**

Council agreed to donate £300.00 to St Peters for upkeep of the churchyard Grass. Cllr Hems will contact Church Warden to discuss future donations.

170/PC/26 **REMEMBRACE SUNDAY**

Remembrance Sunday is on 8/11/26. Clerk will request bugler from RHS and obtain a wreath. Clerk will also email Cllr Garnham to invite the Scouts. Cllr Hems will place wreath and Cllr Woolard will read the names of the fallen. Cllrs Pallant and Gray will supervise traffic.

171/PC/26 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

None

172/PC/26 **LITTER PICK**

Council agreed to conduct a village litter pick on 3/10/26 at 10.00am meeting at Post Office Corner.

173/PC/26 **VILLAGE BUS SEREVICE**

Cllr Kemsley will join resident in exploring this agenda item.

174/PC/26 **ACCOUNTS:**

Receipts:
Babergh DC precept: £6236.00
Payments:
Clerk Salary: £425.01 (chq no1700)
Clear Council Insurance: £12.50 (chq no1701)

175/PC/26 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:**

None

176/PC/26 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 12th October 2026

The meeting finished at 21.39pm

Chairman: ..... Date: 12/10/26