

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018 AT 8.00 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Raisey (Chairman), Cruickshanks, Corker, Copping, Crissell, Willshire, Taylor and 9 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence.** There were none.

2. **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 12 March 2018.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

3. **To receive members Declarations of Interest on agenda items.** There were none.

4. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8.05 p.m.

5. **Report from County Cllr Otton.**

Nothing to report.

6. **Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

SCC is looking at alternative local government structure and this has caused Mid Suffolk and Babergh DCs to postpone a merger. The assertion that the move to Endeavour House will save tax payers £5.8 million is misleading. This is for both Mid Suffolk and Babergh over 10 years. MSDC has consistently underspent on average £700,000 for each of the last 7 years and also £10 million has been saved from Government grants received from the New Homes Bonus. It is hoped for more accuracy and transparency about savings in the future.

Cllr Matthissen was asked regarding the removal of hedging along Union Road. To date planning permission has not been issued, it is subject to signing of Section 106 agreement. Enforcement had looked into the matter and felt that at the time there had been no breach planning. However following further work today Enforcement is taking this as a case. It looks like some oak trees which were to be retained in the Hopkins Homes plans have been removed. It is noted that no work on hedging should be carried out between 1 March and 31 August due to nesting birds. Cllr Matthissen will take up the matter again in the morning.

Members of the public voiced their concerns regarding planning application 18/01217 including the that river valley should be kept as a special landscape and not spoilt by housing, loss of wildlife habitat, surface water issues, lack of infrastructure, road congestion.

The meeting reconvened at 8.29 p.m.

7. **Planning Matters**

a) To discuss and make recommendation to MSDC on the following application and any others received prior to this meeting

18/01217 Outline Planning Application (access to be considered). Erection of up to 56 dwellings with associated works including vehicular and pedestrian access. Land South of Finborough Road, Stowmarket – object Special Landscape Area should be protected for its own sake, increased traffic movement along Union Road or through Stowmarket to

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access A14 will cause massive congestion, school and health infrastructure inadequate for additional homes.

18/01186 Extension to existing balcony. Stowmarket Golf Club, Lower Road – support.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

There were none.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 18/001 £415.15 Mrs P Fuller salary and expenses March 2018

b) 18/002 £342.00 Gipping Press April OHSMag

c) 18/003 £148.40 Suffolk County Council pension payment April to be sent off 5 May
Item a) – c) + e) and f) were approved and cheques issued.

d) To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community Account balance at the end of March is £33,745.86. £6,500.00 first half precept has been received since month end and with adjustments of £104.10 for insurance, £760.00 for adverts to be paid and less this month's cheques totalling £1,370.95, the corrected figure is £39,739.01.

e) 18/004 £343.40 SALC annual subscription 2018/19

f) 18/005 £122.00 HM revenue & Customs Tax January-March 2018

9. Highways Matters

Concerns were expressed regarding the condition of Starhouse Lane and the state of the path from the junction with Finborough Road to the Shepherd and Dog corner. SCC is aware of the pot holes and the Clerk will report the mud on the path again.

Action: the Clerk

10. To consider a quote for grass cutting of footpaths, verges and hedging by the side of Forest Road and take any necessary action.

The quote from Tween Farming to cut footpaths at £80.00 per cut, verges £35.00 and hedging £70.00 per cut was accepted but to change wording from Onehouse Village Hall to Harleston Corner to Opposite 88 Forest Road to Harleston sign. It was agreed to leave the decision when to cut to Tween Farming.

Action: the Clerk

11. To consider replacement flower boxes and take any necessary action.

Carried forward as suppliers are now only getting boxes in stock.

12. To receive an update on the Paupers Graves site and take any necessary action.

Two working parties have taken place this month and bird boxes erected, hedging and coppicing continues, snowdrops and hellebores planted. Chippings have been received for the paths. The last working party of the season will be at the end of April then summer mowing will commence.

13. To discuss development of land around the parish and take any necessary action.

Haverbury Housing and Hartog Hutton are still negotiating costs and therefore development at Red Willows is in abeyance.

14. To discuss Onehouse website and OHSMag and take any necessary action.

The Clerk has still to work out proportional shares of deficit for Harleston and Shelland.

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15. To receive correspondence/communications and to deal with any matters.

Stowmarket TC invitation to the Mayor elect civic service 10 June, Cllrs unable to attend. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural Economy Spotlight, news digest 19 March, 3, 9, 16 April, spotlight on the Heart of the Village 18 March, Rural Vulnerability Service – rural transport March, rural broadband April, Rural opportunities bulletin. **SALC** weekly information bulletin 12, 28 March, 16 April, safeguarding conference, training calendar 2018/19, GDPR learning together issue 1, announcement GCPR. **UK Power Networks** spring newsletter. **MSDC** plans for the future of former council offices Needham Market events 4 & 10 April, MSDC five year land supply report, merger plans put on hold. **Suffolk Trading Standards** news 16 March. **Suffolk Tree Wardens** spring forum and AGM 14 April. **Community Action Suffolk** news 21 March, 4 April. **Suffolk Preservation Society** Suffolk View Spring. Taylor Wimpey Chilton Leys Phase 2. **SCC** temporary closure of Onehouse Footpath 17

16. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

GDPR – we are still awaiting definitive guidance from SALC. Relevant documentation that we hold was discussed.

Chilton Leys Transport Assessment – has now been received and includes the extension of a path from 22 Forest Road to Chilton Leys bend.

b) Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

Two sessions have been carried out. The Police have been contacted with dates for recalibration of the speed gun but no response has been received.

17. Questions to the Chairman

A 2m fence has been erected at the front of a property in Forest Road and the Clerk was asked to contact MSDC to check that this is permissible. *Action: the Clerk*

A resident is interested in having a trail around the village for smartphones and also a physical tour. The Parish Council has been asked for a date. The Clerk was asked to respond that Cllrs do not feel this is a Parish Council matter. *Action: the Clerk*

18. Items for next agenda

Flower boxes, Pauper's Graves, OHSMag/website, Community Speedwatch, development.

19. To confirm date, time and place of the Annual Parish Council meeting as Monday 14 May 2018 7.30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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