

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUL MEETING OF ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllrs Willshere (Chairman), Vile, Corker, Taylor, Copping, Crissell and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence. There were none.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting 12 October 2020.

The minutes were approved.

3. To receive members Declarations of Interest on agenda items.

There were none.

4. Adjournment. An adjournment was not taken at this time.

6 Report from District Cllr Matthissen

Residents suffering with financial hardship, or in need of support can call The Suffolk Advice and Support Service on 0800 068 3131, from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. The service provides free advice on mortgages, credit cards, rent arrears or other debts, COVID related concerns and access to food. This phonenumber is delivered by the Collaborative Communities COVID-19 Board. Following Saturday's announcement, the Government has written to all those who are defined as clinically extremely vulnerable to coronavirus on medical grounds, setting out detailed advice while the new restrictions are in place. All Suffolk councils have collectively agreed that accommodation will be provided to everyone found or known to be rough sleeping - other than those previously evicted from temporary accommodation or for whom no alternative or suitable placement can be found. Residents can apply for a £500 payment to compensate for loss of earnings if they comply with the NHS Test and Trace notification to self-isolate, are employed or self-employed, unable to work from home, and in receipt of certain benefits. In August, the Leaders of both Councils wrote to community groups across the Districts to thank them for the support that they have been providing to vulnerable residents within their communities throughout the pandemic. Following the announcement from the Prime Minister on Saturday, Officers have been in touch with those community groups operating across our area to understand their readiness and to offer support and advice should they need it. As businesses prepare for the second national lockdown, the Government has announced two new grant schemes for businesses.

These grants will be administered by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council.

7. Planning Matters

a) To discuss and make recommendation to MSDC on any applications received prior to this meeting.

20/01110 Reconsultation – Outline application (access to be considered) for the erection of up to 146 dwellings including vehicular and pedestrian access, public open space, play space, landscaping, associated highways, drainage and utilities infrastructure. Land South of Union Road – continue to object comments remain the same as sent 29 May 2020. Cllrs do not wish to comment on the pedestrian access to Finborough Road.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.
There were none.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a) 20/025 £315.16 Gipping Press November OHSMag
- b) 20/026 £63.89 Mr R Taylor reimbursement for petrol £17.00, posts £29.04 and saw blades £17.85 for Pauper's Graves.
- c) 20/027 £26.10 Tomlinson Groundcare Ltd machine repair
- d) 20/028 £151.33 Suffolk County Council pension payment November to be posted 5 December

Items a) –d) were approved and cheques issued.

e) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community Account balance at the end of October was £39,770.72.

Less this month's cheques totalling £556.48, and adjustments of £197.95 for insurance and £593.00 adverts the corrected figure is £40,005.19.

9. To consider applications for the post handyman for various jobs around the parish and take any necessary action.

2 applications have been received to date. Interviews will be arranged for early December and will be conducted by an interview panel of Cllrs Willshire, Crissell and Copping.

Action: the Clerk

The meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7.59 p.m.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

At Full Council on the 22nd October, the LDGI Group proposed a motion that would implement a default 20mph speed limit for roads in residential areas and communities across Suffolk's towns and villages, with 30mph limits to be retained only in exceptional circumstances. The motion was defeated. SCC has separately announced a publicity campaign "to encourage walking and cycling" that will consist of posters and radio adverts, along with £235,000 funding for Quiet Lanes Suffolk. Following the Government's announcement of a consultation on their proposed reforms to the planning system, my group has submitted a response representing the issues of Suffolk's urban and rural areas. The key points of our response were: planning decisions must be kept local, as local communities have unique circumstances that will not be reflected if all decisions are taken at a national level, planning approval should not be automatic or determined by AI decision-making, which could lead to inappropriate development that does not meet the needs of the local community, the environment must be safeguarded, quality must not be lost for the sake of speed and affordable housing must be protected. This month saw the Annual General Meeting of the County Council. The AGM should have taken place in May but was delayed due to COVID-19. Cllr Graham Newman was elected Chairman of the County Council until the next AGM in May 2021. Cllr Louis Busuttil was elected Vice Chairman. Cllr Brambley-Crawshaw, Leader of the LDGI Group,

gave an executive speech praising the dedication of Suffolk County Council officers and public sector workers who have pulled together to

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combat the pandemic. She also called for more co-operation between local politicians to combat the issues of the pandemic and climate change. From 2 November all students should wear masks unless a health reason not to. Government money has funded a new cycle park in Stowmarket and one in Sudbury. The cabinet is to decide which academy group will take on the new school at Chilton Leys. SCC officers have been asked to investigate the lighting at the Hopkins Homes development in Union Road. The support Home Alone phone line has been re-instated for the month of lockdown. 0800 876 6926. Cllr Otton was advised that we have not received an acknowledgement or response to our request for Speed Signs in Lower Road and Forest Road. Cllr Otton will investigate and also look into funding these from her Highways budget.

The meeting reconvened at 8.09 p.m.

10. To consider a request for a village Christmas tree and take any necessary action.

Whilst Cllrs liked the idea suggested by the Good Neighbours group there are Health and Safety concerns.

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

The group is following Government guidelines for volunteer work in the Pauper's Graves area. Some of the equipment had been loaned out but this will not happen in the future due to concerns regarding insurance and health and safety.

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

The Clerk will discuss with District Cllr Matthissen who to send our request to remove part of the field owned by Mr Fielden from the current settlement boundary.

Action: the Clerk

13. To discuss OHSMag, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.

All invoicing has been sent for OHSMag adverts. A letter has been sent to Harleston and Shelland Parish Meetings asking them to make provision in their precept for an expected deficit in 2020/21. It was agreed to put Cllrs email contact details on the website.

Action: the Clerk

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

A letter has been received from Harleston Parish Meeting asking that OPC arranges to cut hedging from OHS Community Centre to the first corner in Harleston. The Clerk will contact the land owner. *Action: the Clerk.* **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network Rural Bulletin** 13, 20, 28 October, 3 November, Rural Funding Digest November. **SCC** Trading Standards newsletter 15, 22, 30 October, upcoming work in Ash Road 2-20 November. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 19, 29 October. **SALC** NALC response to planning white paper, Remembrance Sunday guidance, success in House of Commons – Local electricity Bill, latest SALC Covid-19

ebulletin 19 October, Community Champions, new event – a conversation about anti-social behaviour, SALC ebulletin 26 October, 2 November, invitation to 3001

Suffolk Community Foundation celebration of the heroes of Suffolk voluntary sector 11 November, Coronavirus update 3 November. **Suffolk Preservation Society** Suffolk View Autumn 2020. **Suffolk Artlink** creative programme with Make, Do and Friends. **LGBCE** Suffolk stakeholder reminder consultation on SCC division boundaries consultation ends 23 November. **Suffolk Police** update from Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner. **Penny Otton** news release Council ready with Test and Trace support programme for the vulnerable, Highways England notification of roadworks A14 junctions 46-47, council announces £225,000 for tree planting, protecting hedgerows and verges across Suffolk, .be a message cascader, Suffolk coronavirus bulletin 29 October, Grant update November, Home but not Alone phonline going live again.

15. To receive reports

a)Report from the Clerk

Defibrillator – still to be installed. The Clerk will contact Mr Jones.

b)Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

No sessions taking place at present do to Coronavirus guidelines.

16. Questions to the Chairman

There were none.

17. Items for next agenda

Handyman, Pauper's Graves, development around the parish, OHSMag, website & Facebook

18. To confirm date and time of the next virtual meeting as Monday 14 December 2020 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.46 p.m.

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