

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Willshire (Chairman), Copping, Taylor, Corker, Crissell, Vile and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence. There were none.

2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 10 February 2020.
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 7.32 p.m.

6 Report from District Cllr Matthissen

MSDC budget has been approved resulting in a Council Tax increase of 1.66% was agreed; this equates to a £2.76 pa, 5p per week, increase for a Band D property. The sheltered housing budget was also approved, including big increases to service charges and utility bills. Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swim and Fitness Centre have recently been named as some of the country's best following a national industry assessment. Their GP exercise referral scheme was assessed by Quest and awarded the status of 'excellent'. The Leader of the Council has cancelled a number of Council meetings in the coming months, reducing the opportunities for Councillors to hold the Administration to account. Also, portfolio holders' reports will in future be presented to Cabinet rather than to full Council; this will mean that any Councillor wishing to put questions to a portfolio holder will need to make an extra trip to Ipswich. The District Council managers are currently reviewing contingency plans and sign-posting enquiries to Government and WHO advice should the Coronavirus become more widespread. MSDC will have staff off sick like other but many staff already work from home on some days. MSDC aims to maintain basic services if the infection takes hold but will not be able to roll out lots of extra help. Parishes will be key, with Good Neighbour schemes, formal and informal help.

Cllr Vile advised there were burglaries in Ash Road overnight on Saturday. He will draft an item for OHSMag highlighting Suffolk Police advice on protecting homes from burglary. It was also agreed that Cllr Vile would produce an information sheet detailing NHS information and guidance on Coronavirus for OHSMag.

The meeting reconvened at 8.01 p.m.

7. Planning Matters

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

20/00616 Erection of a single storey side extension (following demolition of existing). 48 Ash Road - support.

20/00914 Erection of rear extension (retrospective). Lodge Cottage, Forest Road – support.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

19/05269 Discharge of conditions application 4455/16 Condition 7 (Hard and soft landscaping scheme), Land south of Union Road – satisfied.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a)19/051 £315.60 Gipping Press March OHSMag
- b)19/052 £38.00 Mr R Taylor tree stakes for Pauper's Graves area
- c)19/053 £54.00 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd inspection of play equipment
- d)19/054 £1499.00 AEDdonate £1499.00 defibrillator
- e)19/055 £113.26 Mrs Fuller expenses July 2019-March 2020
- f)19/056 £60.00 Matthew Ball OHSMag and website January-March
- g)19/057£156.46 Suffolk County Council pension payment to be posted 5 April 2020

Items a) – g) were approved and cheques issued

To approve payments under Section 137

- h)19/058 £250.00 Suffolk Accident Rescue Service
- i)19/059 £350.00 East Anglian Air Ambulance
- j)19/060 £200.00 Ipswich & East Suffolk Headway
- k)19/061 £400.00 Mid Suffolk CAB

Items h) –k) were approved and cheques issued

l)To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community Account at the end of February was £36,855.42. Less this month's cheques totalling £3,436.32 and adjustments of £667.00 for adverts still to be paid and £118.77 for insurance paid in advance, the corrected figure is £34,204.87. It was agreed to escalate to two advertisers that further action may be taken of payment is not forthcoming.

9. To consider how to fill one casual vacancy by co-option and take any necessary action.

Nobody has come forward to date. The Clerk will include an item within the PC report in OHSMag. *Action: the Clerk*

10. Highways

- a) To receive an update on letters to residents regarding location of speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

17 responses have been received, 16 in favour of the signs and 1 against. As this resident against having signs lives almost central to the two signs in Forest Road it is felt that SCC will discount this. All the closest residents to the signs are fully in favour of the signs being installed. Cllr Vile will submit the forms to SCC with the supporting letters and then SCC will survey the sites. *Action: Cllr Vile*

11. To discuss the response from Stowmarket Town Council to our letter regarding Community Governance Review and take any necessary action.

Concerns were expressed regarding the content of the letter and it was agreed that Cllr Willshire will draft a response to be sent from the Clerk requesting a meeting with Stowmarket TC and clarification regarding previous meetings Stowmarket Town Clerk mentions in the letter. *Action: Cllr Willshire/ the Clerk*

The meeting adjourned at 8.35 p.m.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

Suffolk County Council has undertaken an internal review of the implementation of its new school transport policy. The report from the review group identified nineteen failings and was discussed by the Scrutiny Committee on 12 February.

The Scrutiny Committee has agreed to review the policy itself before the end of 2020. On 13 February, the Council agreed the budget for 2020-21. This included 2978

a council tax rise of 3.98%, a £3m "Suffolk 2020 Fund", and a £0.5m Highways Investment Fund. The Cabinet at Suffolk County Council has officially voted to end any further work into an Ipswich Northern Route. This decision follows the withdrawal of support for the Northern Route from a number of district councils. The Cabinet has instead agreed to set-up a taskforce to look at alternative measures for dealing with transport issues in Ipswich. The Cabinet has agreed to invest £9.8m into converting all council-owned streetlights in Suffolk to LED bulbs, with the capability for dimming by up to 50%. This level of investment could potentially be returned through energy savings within 5.5 years of completed conversion, if no dimming was applied and assuming energy costs increase at a rate of 8%. If dimming is applied, there would be a return on investment within 4 years. It is also expected to reduce carbon emissions by between 60-80%. The council is hoping to begin the work in autumn 2020, and expects the project to be completed within two years.

Cllrs advised Cllr Otton that the condition of Union Road is appalling where the Hopkins Homes development is taking place. The road edge is collapsing and the grass area beside the footway has been destroyed.

Cllr Taylor left the meeting and the meeting reconvened at 8.41 p.m.

12. To discuss information for the back board of the defibrillator and take any necessary action.

It was unanimously agreed to have provided by Onehouse Parish Council.

13. To discuss CIL available to the parish and take any necessary action.

Cllr Crissell advised that no further information has been received and there is over £6000.00 coming to the parish at some point.

14. To consider employing a handyman for various jobs around the parish and take any necessary action.

Cllrs Crissell and Corker have drafted a job description which will be circulated to Cllrs for comment and will be finalised at the next meeting.

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

The area has been shut during the recent high winds. The working party is working on the middle of the site to sow a wildflower bed. The Eco Club from Abbots Hall School will help with sowing. The new mower has been purchased and is ready for action. The daffodils are looking splendid. There is a very wet area near to the pond.

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

Nothing further has been forthcoming from Pegasus. It is understood that the Hopkins Homes site will be called Mill Grove and the sales office will open 25 April.

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

The Clerk will calculate the running costs of OHSMag against income received for the next meeting. The website needs to be updated. The Facebook page is working well and is useful medium for updating regarding the Coronavirus and

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promote the Good Neighbour scheme. Cllrs Vile, Willshire and Copping are the administrators for the Facebook page.

18. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Clerks & Councils Direct** March. **Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 11, 18, 25 February, 3 March, Rural Strategy Roadshows March, Rural Funding Digest March. **SCC** Trading Standards news 13, 20, 27 February, 5 March, SCC funded school travel 2020, Traffic Regulation Order re on-street parking changes to civil parking enforcement, school entrance markings Traffic Regulation Order, Suffolk grass cutting schedule 2020. **SARS** annual request for grant. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 20 February, 6 March, village halls survey 2020. **UK Power Networks** roadshow 25 March. **Suffolk Police** your views on services survey, street meet 7 March Stowmarket. **SALC** catch it, bin it, kill it campaign, ebuletin 24 February, 6 March, Mid Suffolk Area Forum programme 17 March. **MSDC** Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting 4 February additional information and overview, referrals to MSDC funded PCSO's, youth and gang culture event 23 March. **Hopkins Homes** Suffolk Charity vote. **My Parish Council** PC website WCAG2.1 compliance. **County Cllr Otton** SCC members Coronavirus update.

19. To receive reports

a)Report from the Clerk

Community Action Suffolk membership – free renewal completed

SCC grass cutting – Onehouse scheduled for 1 June 2020

Bank mandate form – the Clerk has these for Cllrs to complete.

b)Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

No sessions have taken place this month due to the bad weather

20. Questions to the Chairman

There were major incident vehicles in the car park last week. Someone had fallen in an awkward position in the woods. It is not known if this was an actual incident or a training session.

Water pressure in the parish is still lower than normal.

21. Items for next agenda

Speed signs, casual vacancy, OHSMag/website/facebook, handyman, Pauper's Graves, development.

22. **To confirm date, time and place of the next meeting as Monday 20 April 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Trinity Hall.** Noted. The meeting will following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.29 p.m.

Signed.....

Dated.....

