



**Minutes of the meeting of Onehouse Parish Council held at
Trinity Hall Onehouse at 7.30pm on Monday 9th September 2024**

Present Cllrs Jo Copping, Dan Boulter, Roger Leek, Ian Crissell, Dawn Roberts, James Nutman and John Corker

In attendance CCllr Otton and 5 members of the public

1. **Apologies** for absence
There were none
2. Receive **declarations of interests** and **requests for dispensation** from Councillors
Cllr Roberts and Cllr Boulter for matters relating to the Village Hall/Community Centre
3. Agree **Minutes** of Onehouse Parish Council meetings held on 13th August and 27th August were resolved to be accurate records and signed
4. County and District Councillor reports and **public forum**
Having been previously distributed they are attached to the appendix
CCllr Otton updated the meeting on:
 - Wash Lane, was inspected and work to be carried out
 - Starhouse Lane, it was agreed historically that lorries could use the lane to make deliveries to Fieldens, nothing can be done to prevent the continuous use
 - SCC is considering collection of food waste but this has led to a problem with glass and bottle banks. Currently under discussion
 - Solar Together Scheme information will be published in due course
 - Issues with road markings yet to be resolved**Public Forum**
 - Concern was expressed about the building extension at 105 Northfield Road
 - A resident has made a water butt available to water the planters (Clarification needed as to where)
 - Concern was raised about “Deer Management” in the wood. Cllr Leek agreed to formally complain to the Woodland Trust
 - Residential Hedge management concern that encroachment to footpaths is creating a danger to pedestrians.
 - Question to chair regarding the new website. Chair responded that it was still under production
5. **Planning:**
 - a. **Planning applications**
[DC/24/03772 Householder Application - Erection of a first floor extension. 105 Northfield Road Onehouse Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 3HE](#)
Resolved **holding objection** pending further information
 - b. Consider any planning application received **since the agenda was posted**
There are none
 - c. Status of **planning applications**
Acknowledged
6. Agree actions on **Correspondence and emails circulated** to Councillors by the Clerk
 - Acknowledged
7. Agree any actions required after reviewing the **Clerk’s Report**
 - None were requested

8. **Finance**
 - a. From the **RFO Report**, review Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statements and the Statement of Accounts vs Budget **Report** authorise payments made/to be made and note income received since the last meeting
Resolved to accept as provided
9. Review any issues raised for the **Licensed Path, Footpaths and Asset Register**
 - **Weed control** deferred to next meeting Cllr Leek to investigate Ranger Training due to weed killing in public spaces. Risk Assessment required and also sight of Product Safety Specification
10. **Recruitment and HR matters**

The Clerk position has been readvertised with SALC with an end date of 30 September 2024
11. **Purchase** of mobile phone and sim card for use by Parish Clerk Resolved to purchase but unclear as to what and who by?
12. **Benches purchase** for Paupers Grave site and **repair** for existing
Resolved purchase of Eco furniture for Paupers Grave site and agreed purchase of 2 benches and a picnic table at the Community Centre and the playing field
13. **Village mascot**

Competition underway
14. **Training**
 - a. Audit of existing training
 - b. Training required
Clerk to email all councillors to establish what training has currently been done and what is required.
15. **Events**
 - a. Establishment of working party – already in place (who?)
 - b. **Oktoberfest** advertising and ticket sales
Advertising already in place with more to go out
 - c. **Village Show**, 13 and 14 September 2025 and venue playing field and community centre to be booked.
16. Use of grass verges as sales pitches/fly tipping
There is a problem with grass verges being used as sales pitches, Clerk to contact SCC cc CCllr Otton due to the safety issue caused by distracting drivers,.
17. Onehouse Meadow update
Cllrs Leek and Boulter to liaise. Clerk to pursue TW via her contacts to move forward the potential purchase as offered
18. Chilton Leys Footpath update
Discussed the opportunity to take the delayed footpath to the press. There are some 60 years of disappointment with the project.
19. **Questions** to the Chair
There were none
20. Items for discussion at **future meetings**
 - a. Additional policies, procedures and revised Financial Regulations and Standing Orders
21. Next scheduled **meeting** will be held on 14 October 2024 at Trinity Hall Onehouse commencing at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated:

Appendix

Suffolk County Council report

Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care

On Wednesday morning the inspection report for Suffolk County Council's social care services for children was published, following a visit from Ofsted at the end of May. The report found that social care services for children, which include fostering and adoption, safeguarding, child protection, youth justice and corporate parenting (children in care), 'require improvement to be good.' My group are concerned by this as children's services were rated as 'Outstanding' the last time they were inspected in 2019, and the remarks on leadership – that leaders do not have 'sufficient grip' on all the services provided – are especially worrying. A new director for children's services started in July 2024, and more information will be available on the plans for improvement in September when the inspection report is tabled at Cabinet. Here is a summary of the findings of the report:

- The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – Requires improvement to be good
- The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – Requires improvement to be good
- The experiences and progress of children in care – Good
- The experiences and progress of care leavers – Requires improvement to be good
- **Overall effectiveness – Requires improvement to be good**

This inspection is separate from the recent inspection into services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can read the full Ofsted inspection report here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80565>

ROAD CLOSURES; I have sent all notification of road closures.

CIL BID FOR FOOD MUSEUM; as county councillor I am consulted on all large CIL bids. I asked and was assured that no ringfenced funds for individual parishes was to be used, all to come from the Local Infrastructure fund.

WASH LANE; having looked again at Wash Lane the highways officer has agreed to a NOT SUITABLE FOR HGVs sign

STAR HOUSE LANE; unfortunately it seems a similar sign is not suitable here, I have also asked that some further work is done on the pull ins.

CHANGES TO RE-CYCLING; the cabinet will be considering new ways for re-cycling and possible food waste collection. Once details are agreed I will send on.

NURSERY PROVISION; I have sent your chairman contact details for advice on any possible new nursery/ playgroup

YOUTH SHELTER. Happy to support but suggest a questionnaire to residents as I know there was problems with something similar in Thurston until they got feedback from those nearby

RE-CYCLING/FOOD WASTE; the cabinet on Tuesday will consider new re-cycling and food waste collection. Once details are agreed I will send on

Back to School Transitions

Is your child starting primary or secondary school this September?

Moving up and changing school is a big change for children and a new stage of growing independence. To help parents and carers support children with this transitions, Suffolk County Council have a selection of Solihull Approach online courses which are free from anyone with a Suffolk postcode. You can access these using the link www.inourplace.co.uk/moving-up and register for an account using the access code WOLSEY. The Solihull Approach is a parenting support model which was developed by health visitors, child psychologists and psychotherapists in the 1990s and aims to understand child behaviour as part of their development.

Electric Vehicles

Over 60 new community venues across Suffolk will have new electric vehicle (EV) charge points, as Suffolk County Council's 'Plug In Suffolk' project continues to grow.

Fast charging facilities will be installed at 63 new sites, including community centres, village halls, scout huts and other community hubs, and 25 existing charge points from an early iteration of Plug In Suffolk will be adopted under a new contract.

The county council has successfully bid for £7.3 million from the Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund, which supports local authorities to plan and deliver EV charging infrastructure for residents without off-street parking.

£1.4 million of the LEVI funding will go towards the community charging infrastructure, with a further £5.9 million allocated for on-street charging, which will be developed later this year.

In addition, a trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch next summer in Suffolk, with the council's tender process for this beginning this month.

Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs will be placing 16 electric vehicles across eight locations in Suffolk which local residents can book by the minute, hour or day. Planned locations include Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Sudbury, Needham Market, Stowmarket, Lowestoft and Woodbridge.

Launch of Solar Together Suffolk

Residents of Suffolk can come together to invest in renewable energy sources through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Solar Together Suffolk helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from qualified installers.

Suffolk residents can join the group-buying scheme, which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate. The scheme allows homeowners to increase their independence from the National Grid.

It is free to register at www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk, and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation.

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Website - [Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group – The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council \(suffolkgli.wordpress.com\)](http://suffolkgli.wordpress.com)

Cost of Living help and advice:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

Benefits advice and support:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/preparing-for-flooding>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

Mid Suffolk District Council report

Planning system survey	I would encourage all parishes to respond to the survey regarding the District Council planning system. https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DWVO0H/
Housing Target Numbers	Although the new target housing numbers are yet to be finalized, they should not present an immediate problem for the district council. This is because we already had a 10-year housing land supply which would be reduced to roughly seven if the new target is applied. In addition we are currently seeing far more than the new target being built so our delivery is also adequate.
Neighbourhood plans	With the adoption of the Joint Local Plan for the two districts, the old Stowmarket area action plan (SAAP) now has very limited weight in decision making. There is a case for considering whether parishes within the SAAP area should now work on a neighbourhood plan or the alternative more Limited document. I will discuss this with planning policy officers and if a Parish Council is interested let me know and I will arrange for a briefing.
Electoral Registers Update	The annual review of the registers has started with emails inviting confirmation or changes. <i>This has previously caused some concern due to the number of email scams.</i> Where the Council does not have an email address, a letter will be sent seeking any changes. This provides a web link and a phone number for responses. Where no reply is forthcoming, council staff will be following up in person or by phone.

Solar Together	Solar Together Suffolk is a group-buying scheme which has helped over 1,800 homes in Suffolk. Applications for current scheme close October 18. Registration is free, with no obligation to buy. You can find out if your property is suitable for solar panels and battery storage, and get a free quote. https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/initiatives/solar-together-suffolk
Energy efficiency of heritage buildings	At July's Council meeting, a process was agreed to enable hundreds of Grade II listed building owners to make sensitive energy efficiency upgrades more quickly and easily. The first such initiative in the country, it will involve both Mid Suffolk and Babergh working closely with Historic England, and potential upgrades will include improving or replacing windows, and permitting solar PV and other renewable technologies to be installed on unlisted outbuildings. The aim is to enable residents to more easily reduce the energy needed to power and heat their listed homes.
State of the District Report	Suffolk's second State of the District Report (2024) was discussed at last month's Council meeting, the first was produced in 2023. Drawing on a range of open-source data and the Council's Resident Survey, the report provides an overview highlighting many of our district's strengths, alongside some key challenges that the Council is seeking to address. In doing so, it forms part of the evidence base underpinning the strategic plan (The Mid Suffolk Plan) and helps to inform and support the district's actions. The Report is available on the Mid Suffolk website here. https://baberghmidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s35544/Appendix%20A%20-%20State%20of%20the%20District%20Report.pdf

Minute no	Action	Who	Resolved ✓
24/7/8	Ask SCC about passing places in Starhouse Lane	Clerk	✓
24/7/16	Contact Realise Futures to produce laminated sign for Forest Road Noticeboard	Clerk	✓
24/7/19	Items for future meetings, Clerk recruitment, Onehouse Meadow update, Chilton Leys footpath	Clerk	
Monthly	Planning application responses to MSDC	Clerk	✓
Monthly	Pay creditors	DB & JC	✓
24/9/	Contact vendors to notify of website change	Clerk	✓
24/9/4	Formally complain to Woodland Trust re Deer Management	RL	
24/9/4	Investigate Hedge encroachment on footpaths and report back	RL	
24/9/10	Short list applications for clerk role and organize interviews	?	
24/9/11	Purchase mobile phone and sim card for use by new clerk	?	
24/9/12	Purchase Eco benches 1 for Paupers Graves 2 for community centre and 1 picnic bench for playing field	?	
24/9/14	Audit training and investigate with Cllrs what training is required	Clerk	ongoing
24/9/15	Oktoberfest advertising and ticket sales	Working party	

24/9/15	Village Show, book hall and playing field	RL	
24/9/16	Contact SCC Highways and CC CCllr Otton	Clerk	
24/9/17	Cllrs Leek and Boulter to liaise, Clerk to pursue contacts with TW	DB,RL, Clerk	

Payments to be made

£145.33 D Nicholson

£39.50 R Taylor

£300 J R Landscapes

Gipping Press

Payments paid since the last meeting

£6,541.28

Income Received since previous meeting **£6,322.05**

Onehouse Parish Council £ 30,762.08

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