

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Willshere (Chair), Taylor, Cook, Corker, Copping, Nutman, Crissell and 3 members of the public.

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

**2. To confirm the minutes of the meetings 11 October 2021.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

**4. Public comment.** There was none.

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

A Full Council meeting on the 21 October 2021 passed a motion to support the Local Electricity Bill, to help proportion local energy supplier's costs, making local electricity cheaper and more reliable. On the 12 October, the Cabinet and Councillors met to discuss recommendations highlighted in the Suffolk Local Access Forum Annual Report 2020/21, and to vote on submitting the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), in relation to the Council's Bus Back Better Strategy. The Cabinet accepted the Suffolk Local Access Forum Annual Report 2020/21 and noted the report's recommendations and the action that the Council was taking to address the recommendations. The Cabinet approved the new Bus Service Improvement Plan, as part of their new £50m Bus Back Better strategy – aimed at rejuvenating Suffolk's bus service, in particular isolated areas of rural Suffolk. Bus Back Better aims at making bus services cheaper, more reliable, and carbon efficient. Cllr Otton has asked why certain bus routes have been withdrawn; again this seems to be lack of drivers. She has also asked about any new responsive service which the council has set up in another part of the county called KATCH. The Directors of Public Health, and Children and Young People Services, released a statement notifying us that face coverings are to be reintroduced into schools from 1<sup>st</sup> November. This is due to the rising COVID cases in Suffolk, and therefore staff and students will have to wear face coverings in communal areas, outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons. Suffolk County Council has announced their support for Sizewell C, and is taking up 'important concerns' to the Secretary of State. In addition, Business and Energy Secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, announced a new government strategy for funding the nuclear power project in Sizewell. The project so far has been heavily contentious, suffering from delays and planning concerns, as well as overflowing costs. All parish councils will be consulted on the review of HGV routes but any comments from the public should be included in your response. Details of public meetings to consider the new West Suffolk hospital plans have been sent out. Cllr Otton will ask for a speed survey on Lower Road in advance of any request to lower the speed limit. Following numerous emails regarding the Forest Road footway extension to Chilton Leys corner Cllr Otton has suggested we have a meeting with all concerned to try to finalise getting this done. Taylor Wimpey has advised they have paid over money

to SCC however SCC says no funds have been received. It needs to be established when, how much and to whom the payment was made.

## 6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

A motion to reduce harm to insects and other wildlife from lighting was passed with only one vote against. This is about reduced intensity, avoiding blue spectrum light and where possible and acceptable, turning lights off late at night. A motion to object to the Government's proposal to introduce voter photo ID requirements at polling stations was also passed. The Inspectors have paused the examination for the Joint Local Plan for 6 months. This is to allow officers to re-consult and further clarify the spatial strategy and review part of the evidence base. There are some concerns about the individual housing allocations. The tree for life scheme for new parents has been launched. The Council has made a bi-annual payment of CIL funds to the parish councils amounting to over £1M across 47 different town and parish councils. Cllr Matthissen has signed off several Locality Grant applications, but there is still some money available.

## 7. Planning Matters

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

**21/05562** Erection of single storey extension (amended scheme to approved application 21/03517). 3 Wash Lane - support

**21/05733** Phased construction of 2 detached dwellings and new vehicular access. Land to the north of Combs Lane, Great Finborough - support

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

**21/04037** Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/05825 - Condition 3 (Materials), Condition 4 (Lime Mortar Mix), Condition 5 (Eaves and Verges), Condition 6 (Rainwater Goods), Condition 7 (Fenestration), Condition 9 (Floor Finish) and Condition 10 (Floor Details). Lodge Barn South Forest Road satisfied and acceptable.

**21/04809** Erection of two storey side extension (following demolition of existing detached single garage), replacement of cladding to front elevation and erection of new front entrance porch. 15 Ash Road – granted.

## 8. To receive reports

### a) Report from the Clerk

**printer and computer** – the Clerk has asked Mr Sykes to investigate replacements. These were approved pre-COVID. The printer has now stopped working altogether and the computer is making noises.

**SALC climate forum** – the resident cannot attend this meeting but will be invited to the January meeting.

**Bank mandate** – Cllrs Copping and Nutman will get their identification documents authorised so the mandate can be returned to Barclays.

## 9. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 21/044 £75.00 R W Palmer playing field grass cutting October

b) 21/045 £338.80 Gipping Press November OHSMag

c) 21/046 £466.66 Tomlinson Groundcare service of Pauper's Graves equipment

d) 21/047 £150.16 Suffolk County Council pension payment to be sent off 5 December

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

e) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community Account at the end of October was £39,810.94. Less this month's commitments totalling £1,567.99 and adjustments of £197.95 for insurance and £546.00 for adverts the corrected figure is £37,894.90.

f) 21/048 £9.00 Mr R Taylor printer ink.

## **10. Highways**

a) To receive an update on additional sites for speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

SCC has advised that the site of the repeater sign by Elder Cottage may be suitable but would like us to forward a photograph and a site suitability checklist form for formal consideration.

*Action: Cllr Copping/the Clerk*

b) To receive an update of the footway extension from 22 Forest Road to Chilton Leys corner

Cllr Otton will investigate as Taylor Wimpey has advised they have paid over funding. The Clerk will contact James Bailey Planning to get details of the date, amount and who funds were paid to

*Action: the Clerk*

## **11. To consider any action against The Legal Company for its advice and production of papers for the Judicial Review land south of Union Road and take any action.**

The Legal Company are legal advisors and are not regulated therefore the Legal Ombudsmen will not investigate and therefore there may be no recourse we can take.

## **12. To consider purchasing a Scribe accounts package and take any necessary action.**

It was approved to purchase the package for the new financial year from April 2022.

## **13. To consider changing to online banking and take any necessary action**

It was proposed, seconded and carried to move to online banking when the revised bank mandate has been set up.

## **14. To consider a giant pumpkin growing competition and take any necessary action.**

A Shelland resident would provide free seeds prize money both for the winning parish and first, second and third prize winners for environmental projects.

Entries would be judged in October 2022. Cllrs are happy to support the competition and Cllr Willshere will contact the resident to write an article for the next OHSMag.

*Action: Mrs Willshere*

## **15. To consider Parish Council drop in sessions and take any necessary action.**

Cllr Cooping held the first session which no one attended. It was agreed to continue the drop in sessions until February and then review. They will be the last Saturday of the month for an hour and will be advertised in OHSMag. Cllr Copping will attend all with another Cllr in attendance each time. The Clerk will advertise the 27 November session in OHSMag.

*Action: the Clerk*

**16. To consider the employment of a handyman within the SCC highways Ranger Scheme and taker any necessary action.**

Mr Row finished on 31 October. There has been no response to the advert in OHSMag therefore the post will be readvertised in the next issue. PPE and spare battery for SID will be collected from Mr Row. *Action: the Clerk*

**17. To consider parking issues around the parish and take any necessary action.**

MSDC has advised, the problem of parked cars causing obstructions should initially be reported to the Civil Parking Authority. If the Parish Council feel that the only solution is to provide additional parking on the open space owned by Mid Suffolk DC then OPC would need to make a case for this, provide an outline scheme and obtain evidenced support from residents by a public consultation exercise. It is very unlikely that Mid Suffolk DC would fund the works needed to create additional parking as none of the properties are in Council ownership and there are garage blocks and parking already available for the properties fronting the open space and enough parking in front of most other houses for at least 2 cars. Cllrs agreed there is no easy answer to the issue and will monitor the situation.

**18. To consider events to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee and take any necessary Action.**

OHSMC has a meeting shortly and Cllr Corker will raise the matter then. Cllr Corker will make enquiries and get information on a project to plant a tree for every person in Suffolk. *Action: Cllr Corker*

**19. Environmental Issues**

Cllrs are happy to support the inclusion of monthly articles from Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Stowmarket Eco Future Group in OHSMag.

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

The archaeological dig is taking place at the site in Union Road. There has been no notification of when the application for 20 dwellings in Forest Road will go before MSDC planning committee.

**21 To discuss OHSMag including ratify the increased printing costs, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.**

Cllrs ratified the increase of £12.00 a month for printing costs and the Clerk was asked to advise Harleston and Shelland PMs of this increase.

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

The equipment has been serviced and repaired as necessary. Working parties continue to tidy up the area. A Locality Grant application has been submitted for £500.00 towards the upcoming tree work.

23. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **SCC** consultation on review of HGV routes will be an agenda item for the December meeting. **MSDC** Peer Review of its Planning Committee processes 26 November Cllrs Copping and Crissell will attend, draft housing land supply

position statement consultation will be an agenda item at the December meeting. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs:** **MSDC** Active Travel Planning public consultation update, advance notice of public access to planning portal outage 25 October, update to matter 9 session of JLP, Christmas and New Year waste collections schedule and 2022 calendar, draft housing land supply position statement consultation. Peer Review of its Planning Committee processes Discover Suffolk project update, Trading Standards news 14, 21 October, 4 November, lorry route map review in Suffolk, suffolkonboard bus timetable update. **Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 12, 19, 26 October, 2 November, Rural Funding Digest November. **SALC** Local energy for communities free event 22 October, survey request Babergh Mid Suffolk council website, ebulletin 18, 25 October, 1, 8 November, DEFRA consultation on amendments to burial regulations, items of interest for councils, SALC area forum 9 November, Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association survey, Remembrance Sunday message to Suffolk veterans and families community. **CAB** news from Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 22 October, 4 November. **Suffolk Police** Police in Suffolk promote road safety as darker nights set in, PCC consultation on new Police and Crime plan, awareness and prevention bulletin following rural thefts. **County Cllr Otton** Suffolk to become an enhanced response area for Covid 1 November, public engagement notice proposed West Suffolk Hospital, Suffolk ERA update. **Jo Churchill MP** meet the funders seminar 23 November. **Eforests** free trees for planting projects.

24. **Questions to the Chairman** There were none.

25. **Items for next agenda**

Precept, consultation on review of HGV routes, draft housing land supply position statement consultation

26. **To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 13 December 2021 at 7.30 p.m.** Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.16 p.m.

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