

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Willshere (Chair), Nutman, Taylor, Corker, Copping and Crissell.

In attendance District Cllr Matthissen (in part) and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Cook.

2. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting 13 December 2021**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

4. **Public comment.** There were none.

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

The Cabinet met on the 7 December and voted unanimously to approve additional investment in highway drainage and footway infrastructure. £10m has been approved to replace broken pipes, as well as new installations, and £10m has been approved to increase the maintenance of selected footways. The Cabinet also voted to approve Suffolk County Council's new Housing Joint Venture. The Council wishes to enter a contractual agreement with a private developer, aiming to deliver up to 3,000 new homes across Suffolk. The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee met to discuss the damning SEND report, which outlined the various failings of the local service in dealing with children with special needs and disabilities. A new report from the SEND services was presented, which included the progress of improving the service. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has recently added to its lifesaving kit – cementing the service's commitment to protecting its staff and Suffolk residents. The Director of Public Health at Suffolk County Council expanded the 'Vaxi Taxi' service to all members of the public so they can access Covid 19 booster jabs. A new campaign was released in December aimed to help the public understand more about the Social Care sector in Suffolk. The campaign wants to celebrate the care professionals, and asks the public for a little patience and flexibility whilst the Council navigates through another tough winter.

Every day, Suffolk receives 551 calls from people on adult social care, and on Christmas there will be around 1,200 care home staff working to ensure Residential and Nursing Homes have a good Christmas.

6 **Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

MSDC meetings will be held virtually for the next couple of months. Meetings will 'provide a steer' to the officer who will take delegated decisions. Overview and Scrutiny committee has met and reviewed the support of the councils for citizens advice services. Mid Suffolk Currently spends £95,000 mainly supporting the centre in Stowmarket with smaller amounts to Ipswich and Bury. Works to install 70 solar carports at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket have now begun. The scheme forms part of a £2.8m investment in solar at the councils leisure centres; with £1.4m in funding for the solar carports pilot, and a further £1.4m in funding to install solar panels and other energy saving measures on the leisure

centre buildings. Part of the housing development on the former MSDC Council Office car park in Needham Market has been completed. 8 new affordable homes were ready for families to move in at the beginning of December. An independent panel is reviewing council allowances and the opposition group has suggested that allowances should be reviewed and set at the end of the 4 year term, prior to the elections so that councillors were not voting for their own pay award. The planning application for the 20 houses Forest Road is scheduled to go to committee 9 February and the Union Road reserved matters application 23 February.

It was agreed to bring forward item 10.

10. Environmental issues.

Mrs Davis from Stowmarket Eco Future Group advised Suffolk is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030. She explained that the SALC climate forum initiative has been set up for councils to share ideas and good practice on environmental issues. The forum meets every three months, the next meeting will be in March. Cllrs will investigate the website before the next meeting.

7. Planning Matters

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

21/06966 Application for approval of reserved matters following grant of planning permission DC/20/01110 Town and Country Planning - Submission of details for the Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of up to 146 No dwellings (some single storey and affordable) including vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, play space, landscaping, associated highways, drainage and utilities infrastructure. Land To The South Of Union Road.

Comment only - concerns have been expressed regarding the siting of the pumping station. It should be investigated to moving this elsewhere on site so as not to impact on current residents. Cllrs appreciate the provision of a pedestrian footway along the western boundary of the application site which will improve pedestrian safety along Starhouse Lane and hope this can be extended to cyclists.

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

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 21/055 £344.18 Gipping Press January OHSMag

b) 21/056 £150.16 Suffolk County Council pension payment December to be posted 5 February

Items a), b) and d) were approved and cheques issued.

c) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community at the end of December was £27,928.35.

Endurance Estates has advised that they are not pursuing their legal fees granted for the judicial review and therefore the cheque for £5,750.00 will not be sent. Less this month's cheques and the Clerk's salary by standing order of £389.05 and adjustments of £158.36 for insurance and £557.00 for adverts paid in advance, the corrected figure is £33,186.56.

d) 21/057 £314.60 HM Revenue & Customs Tax October-December

9. To discuss events to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and take any necessary action.

OHSMC have not met to discuss this. After discussion Councillors feel that it should be left to individuals to have their own events.

11. To consider and agree a report on the Judicial Review to be published in the February OHSMag

Cllrs Willshere and Crissell drafts have been circulated to Cllrs. It is felt that reasons why Cllrs decided to go to judicial review, the costs involved and that subsequently finding other villages have done the same should be given to residents. Cllr Willshere will adapt the draft and circulate to Cllrs for agreement before it is sent to the editor to publish in the February OHSMag.

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

The trees will be pollarded this week and the area will be closed off while this is carried out. Wood chippings have been put on the paths and the area has had a general clear up. The working group would like OPC to consider purchasing a wood chipper. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

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

The Forest Road application is to go to planning committee on 9 February. Cllr Willshere will attend on behalf of OPC.

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

Cllrs wish to start to deliver OHSMag to the residents on the Hopkins Homes development. The Clerk was asked to get quotes from the printers to increase the print run to 500, 550 and 600 for future consideration. The Clerk will contact the distribution manager to see if he can find someone to deliver them.

15. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **FMG Consulting Ltd** has asked to meet with Cllrs to discuss the potential new sport, health, education and leisure campus in Stowmarket. This will be arranged as a virtual meeting 17 January. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: MSDC** exploratory post hearing meeting, JLP update for Neighbourhood Plan groups, JLP, Cllr CCG briefing 17 December. **SCC** suffolkonboard newsletter December, Trading Standards newsletter 16, 23 December, 6 January, Suffolk LGPS pension matters December, licence application for attachments to street lighting. **SALC** news ebuletin 13, 20 December, 4 January, SALC subscription information, survey of local support and help on behalf of Collaborative Community Board, Help is at hand this Christmas, training ebuletin 5 January. **Rural Services Network** Rural bulletin 14, 21 December, 5 January, Rural Funding Digest January. **Community Action Suffolk** urgent need for vaccine volunteers, newsletter 16 December. **Citizens Advice Bureau** Christmas opening times. **Suffolk Police** precept survey: PCC proposes precept investment to improve 101 call answering, Specials online recruitment event 13 January. **District Cllr Matthissen** Christmas tree recycling. **County Cllr Otton** urgent need for more foster carers. **Jo Churchill MP** Christmas greetings. **SARS**

tree recycling service. **Headway Suffolk** winter newsletter. **Bloor Homes** update on proposals in Onehouse.

16. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Dog and Litter bin emptying – MSDC has advised there will be no increase in charges for 2022/23.

SALC subscription – there will be no increase in fees for 2022/23. SALC will be investigating changes to how subscriptions are calculated for 2023/24 to be based on number of residents.

Village handyman – Mr Row has returned Hi-vis jacket and waistcoat. There has been one enquiry for the position and a job description has been sent out.

SID - Mr & Mrs Copping have agreed to change SID batteries until a new handyman has been appointed.

17. Questions to the Chairman. There were none.

18. Items for next agenda

OHSMag, website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper’s Graves including consider the purchase of a wood chipper.

19. To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 14 February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

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