

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

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

In attendance: County Cllr Otton (in part) and 2 members of the public,

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

**2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting 8 November 2021**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

**4. Public comment.** Residents are concerned regarding parking around the estate particularly in Birch Road and would be prepared to contribute to a road through to Northfield Road so they could park in front of the terraced properties. County Cllr Otton will request that a Highways Officer come out and looks at the situation and advise on what can be done.

There is water coming off the fields between Chilton Leys and Union Road since the new water main has been put in to the Taylor Wimpey development which has possibly upset the natural drainage. Photographs will be taken and passed to Cllr Otton so that SCC can investigate.

Following a recent near accident the footpath to Chilton Leys corner is badly needed and the speed limit needs to be 30 mph from Union Road to the current 30 mph in Forest Road.

A cherry picker is being parked in the layby and on some occasions frame is over the footway making it very dangerous to pedestrians.

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

The Cabinet met on the 9 November, and unanimously voted in favour of a £12.8m Investment into ensuring Council buildings become carbon neutral. This is in response to the Council's climate emergency that was declared back in 2019, and includes offices, fire stations, libraries and others owned by SCC. Two motions were submitted to full council on 2 December. The first was to ensure that the County Council commit to enforcing 20ph zones, in light of the newly amended Highway Code, making it clear that all speed limits within a red circle are obligatory – including a 20mph limit. This was agreed and SCC now asks the police commissioner to take action. The second motion asks the County Council to confirm its responsibility to making our roads safer for Suffolk residents and visitors, by committing to further education, enforcement, and engineering. Further commitments include expanding the Bikeability scheme, meaningful engagement via a visit from a Road Safety Specialist to every school at least once every academic year, and more coordination between services. As requested Cllr Otton has asked for a speed survey take place from the 30mph in Lower Road to junction to Buxhall. All street lights to be replaced with LED lights as part of SCCs review of all street lights. We have had it confirmed that £128,000 has been paid from the required £243,317 from the developer towards footpath improvements around the Taylor Wimpey development. SCC has also confirmed that discussions will take place with landowners in the new year for

work plans to be started on the footpath from 22 Forest Road to Chilton Leys corner. The closure to Footpath 22 has been extended to December 2023 or until works are completed. Cllr Otton was pleased to be invited to the topping out ceremony of the new Grace Cook primary school.

## **6 Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

The details of the tax base numbers have been sent to all parishes. The tax base is the amount of equivalent Band D homes that council tax will be paid on. This is not an exact number as it includes the calculation for those that receive subsidies or reliefs. The full Council meeting for November was cancelled due to “lack of business”. Further to the pause of the examination of Joint Local Plan, the Council has written to the Planning Inspectors to advise of the work they will be doing. The inspectors have suggested the plan goes forward in part, with housing land allocations remaining ‘paused.’ The Council is meeting to discuss this with the Inspectors online on 16 December. MSDC has published the draft statements on the position of the Five-Year Housing Land Supply for consultation. Councils have to show Government they have a minimum of available land to meet five years’ worth of house-building targets. The position shows that Mid Suffolk has a supply of 9.54 years compared to 7.76 previously. On 1 November, MSDC Cabinet approved over £5 million to spend on a variety of projects from assistance with fuel poverty to skills training for young people to greater resource for neighbourhood plans. This funding comprises the cumulatively unspent £4 million from recent years’ budgets and current underspends. MSDC has organised the peer review of its planning committee processes, supported by the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Planning Advisory Service (PAS), to check a number of aspects of the decision making process. The review team has been meeting with a range of stakeholders during the week to find out about their experiences before reporting back to the council with its findings and recommendations. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have secured over £248,000 in funding from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to ensure privately rented properties in Suffolk meet minimum energy standards, ensuring warmer homes. MSDC’s licencing team has now licensed the first EV taxi in the district. MSDC’s virtual high street has a Christmas campaign to try to encourage more users of the service. A number of businesses in Needham Market, Stowmarket and Eye have joined the scheme are offering festive deals to try to encourage us to ‘shop local’. An online poll to choose the name for the new visitor centre at Needham Lake concluded last month and the name ‘Duck & Teapot’ was announced at the topping-out ceremony. The visitor centre and café will be a big boost to the district’s most popular tourist attraction and is due to open in early 2022.

## **7. Planning Matters**

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

21/06052 Submission of Details (Reserved Matters in part) for Phase 2C of Outline Planning Permission 5007/16. Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale to be considered for the erection of 234 no. residential dwellings, public open space, and associated infrastructure. Northfield View Phase 2C Land to the West of Chilton Fields Fuller Way Stowmarket. Cllrs had a virtual meeting with the developer to discuss phase 2C and are happy to accept the detailed proposal.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.  
21/05582 Erection of single storey extension (amended scheme to approved appl 21/03517). 3 Wash Lane – permission granted.

## 8. Finances

Before discussion of the payments Cllrs discussed the ruling by the judge following our appeal against costs for the judicial review for the planning application at Union Road. Whilst the costs to MSDC was upheld the costs to Endurance Estates was reduced from £8,940.00 siting duplication of paperwork for the reduction. It was unanimously agreed that a report on the Judicial Review will be published in the February OHSMag allowing Cllrs to approve copy before publication.

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a) 20/049a £383.34 Gipping Press December OHSMag
- b) 20/050 £150.16 Suffolk County Council pension payment December to be posted 5 January
- c) 21/051 £131.96 Viking printer inks and stamps
- d) 21/052 £4,250.00 Mid Suffolk District Council costs for preparing Acknowledgment of Service for Judicial Review application Union Road
- e) 21/053 £5,750.00 Endurance Estates Land Promotion Limited costs for preparing Acknowledgment of Service for Judicial Review application Union Road

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

f) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community Account as the end of November was £38,475.95. Less this month's payments of cheques and Clerk's salary (£389.05) totalling £11,054.51 and adjustments of £178.15 for insurance and £590.00 for adverts, the corrected figure is £26,653.29.

g) To discuss and approve the precept to be raised for 2022/23

The Clerk produced the precept calculations and advised that the tax base has increased by 12.4% due to new properties in the parish. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and carried to increase the precept to £15,180.00 with any overspend funded from general reserves. Due to the increase in the tax base their will be no or a minimal increase to residents. Full details of the precept are shown on folio 3058.

h) To sign precept form for 2021/22

The form was signed by two members and countersigned by the Clerk

i) 21/054 £24.95 Mr R Taylor reimbursement for new wheel for wheelbarrow for Pauper's Graves working group.

## 9. To consider a response to SCC Lorry Route Plan review and take any necessary action.

After discussion it was agreed not to send a response as there are no issues of major concern in the parish at the moment. This may change in the future with the development of Gateway 14.

## 10. To consider a response to Mid Suffolk District Council's Housing Land Supply Position Statement Consultation and take any necessary action.

MSDC should enforce development of approved sites by charging council tax on the land that would be obtained if the housing had been built.

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

The trees should be pollarded during December or January. Working groups are still continuing and keeping the area tidy.

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

Bloor Homes has sent out leaflets to residents regarding the Union Road development.

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

The Clerk has invoiced Elmswell History group for an advert in OHSMag. Their representative has advised that she did not ask for it to be advertised in our magazine, it was sent just for the OHS History Group Members. It was agreed to write off. OHSMag numbers will be discussed at the January meeting due to the new development along Union Road along with consideration of increasing advertising rate for 2022/23.

14. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural bulletin 9, 16, 23, 30 November, Funding Digest December. **SCC** Footpath 22 temporary closure extension to 16 December 2023, Trading Standards news 11, 18, 25 November, 9 December, video release as part of Smarter Suffolk project, lorry route map review reminder, Suffolk LED upgrade 2021/22. **SALC** recent email entitled Treasury Select Committee Chairman not from SALC, training and networking ebulletin 11, 16, 23, 30 November 7 December, Mid Suffolk Area Forum 9 November, weekly news bulletin 15, 22, 29 November, 6 December. **MSDC** BMSDC Local Plan examination update. Council letter to Inspector 18 November, Inspector and Council exploratory meeting, Inspector post meeting letter, community Christmas cards. **Cllr Matthissen** Forest Road appl 21/05063 provisional date to planning committee 22 December, flood issues. **Cllr Otton** new school COVID framework, climate change factsheet for Town and Parish Councils, Avian flu. **Jo Churchill MP** meet the funder 2 December, National Lottery funds available for HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 18 November, 12 December. **Bob Caley** further information on pumpkin growing competition. Court Office consideration of costs of Judicial Review.

**15. To receive reports**

a) Report from the Clerk

**Printer and computer** – the Clerk advised that the printer has now stopped working and the computer is making noises. Mr Sykes is looking into getting replacements. £300.00 was approved in June 2019 for the printer and the Clerk estimated a cost of £500.00 during Clerk's delegated powers due to Covid. However this may be exceeded due to the length of time from setting the amounts and inflation.

**Drop in sessions** – the next session is 29 January between 10.00 am and 11.00 am and has been advertised in January OHSMag.

**Speed indicator display unit** – Mr Row will continue to change the batteries until he moves out of the village which is likely to be in January 2022.

**16. Questions to the Chairman**

5 people attended the drop in session 27 November mainly to ask regarding development applications and the Parish Council's responsibilities.  
Cllrs commented on the magnificent Christmas lights along Forest Road.

**17. Items for next agenda**

OHSMag, website and Facebook, development around the parish, Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Pauper's Graves.

**18. To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.**

The meeting closed at 9.16 p.m.

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