

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

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

**In attendance:** County Cllr Otton (in part), Mrs Fuller (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

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

**2. Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Copping signed the form as Vice-Chair as she was not at the meeting 9 May.

**3. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 9 & 26 May 2022.**

Both sets of minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

**5. Public comment.**

A resident advised of an incident at Chilton bend where a runner had earphones in and didn't hear approaching cars and ran into a vehicle. There was no damage to either vehicle or the runner but the danger of this practice is noted.

**6. Report from County Cllr Otton.**

Full Council convened on the 19 May and a motion for greater commitment towards improving rivers in Suffolk was passed unanimously. Currently, all Suffolk rivers have been reported by the Environment Agency to have failed government standards. Increased pollution comes from a rise in sewage discharges, as well as chemicals used in agriculture that runoff into waterways. A petition has been started to demanding that SCC produces an in-house bid for the new Suffolk Highways contract. The contract, which will have been held by Kier for 10 years, is up for renewal next year. Since Kier's arrival, there have been astronomical prices for the maintenance of Suffolk's highways. Some of these prices include £5,000 for a pair of dropped kerbs. An in-house bid from SCC to take back control of Suffolk Highways is needed to get things done. National Grid has released proposals to increase pylon networks across Suffolk's countryside, in light of the Government's strategy to grow the East of England's offshore electricity generation. SCC has confirmed its opposition to the development of more pylon networks impacting Suffolk's rural landscape and cultural heritage and stressing the significant need for sea-level cables that reduce the community impacts of National Grid's proposals. Dan's Coach Travel is looking to start some new routes around the Rattlesden/ Stowmarket area but need to get permission from the Traffic Commissioners. SCC officers are working with the landowner regarding extending the footway to Chilton Leys bend. Cllr Nutman asked Cllr Otton regarding the speed check along Lower Road and she will find out if this has been carried out. Cllr Willshere asked what criteria SCC was using to issue hardship funds to those in need. Cllr Otton will enquire.

## 7. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

The Annual Council meeting was held on 26 May. The Conservative and Independent have control through the casting vote of the Chair. The newly elected Chair is Cllr James Caston, with Cllr Ekpenyong as Vice-Chair. There were few changes to the committee positions for this final year of this administration. The new visitor centre and café at Needham Lake, The Duck and Teapot opened officially on 17 May and were rather surprised at the number of visitors over the first weekend. They have now taken steps to manage larger numbers. MSDC Cabinet has approved a 5 point action plan to try to help residents through the cost of living crisis. The aim of the plan is to try to ensure that those in need are able to access Government help and other organisations and to maintain good physical and mental health. Plans for a new hub in Stowmarket were approved by Cabinet last week. The master plan incorporates two parcels of land at Chilton Fields and Stowmarket High School. Two all-weather pitches, a mini running track and a new sports pavilion are included in the proposal. Babergh and Mid Suffolk are carrying out their annual survey of residents. Hopefully this will enable the Councils to understand more about residents' and communities' resilience and to help improve customer service. Up to 8,000 households from the 2 districts will be randomly selected and invited to take part. Babergh and Mid Suffolk communities are currently seeing an unprecedented level of proposed large scale energy infrastructure. MSDC cabinet has agreed the Council's official response to the public consultation on the Anglia Green overhead power cables to Bramford.

## 8. Planning Matters

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

**22/02237** Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for 3373/13 for the Removal or Variation of Condition 3 (Restriction: limit on hours, number and type of aerotow operations) Rattlesden Gliding Club, High Town Green, Rattlesden (Part In The Parishes Of Felsham & Gedding) – no comment

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

**22/01363** Erection of 1 detached dwelling and garage, including construction of new vehicular access. Land at Lower Road – permission refused. The proposal is located in the countryside, where the development of a new dwelling would not materially enhance or maintain the viability of the rural community. Future occupants will, moreover, be likely to be reliant upon the private car to access services, facilities and employment. The District Council has an evidenced supply of land for housing in excess of 9 years and has taken steps to significantly boost the supply of homes in sustainable locations. On this basis the proposal would not promote sustainable development

**21/05063** Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved, access, layout and scale to be considered) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 20 houses/bungalows (including 7 affordable) open space; sustainable urban drainage systems; and associated infrastructure. Land South of Forest Road – permission refused. The proposal is within open countryside, which provides an important gap between Onehouse and Stowmarket, the loss of which would result in a reduction of the gap between the settlements, where the development would not materially enhance or maintain the vitality of the rural

community and by reason of overdevelopment would result in further harm to the countryside and this important gap between settlements.

## 9. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a)22/014 £351.00 Gipping Press May OHSMag
- b)22/015 £80.00 Mr Palmer playing field grass cutting May
- c)22/016 £94.50 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver My OHSMag to distributors
- d)22/017 £1274.19 Mrs P Fuller reimbursement for the purchase of new printer/ink £775.19 and laptop £499.00 for the Onehouse Parish Council
- e)22/018 £305.50 Mid Suffolk District Council dog and litter bin emptying 2022/3.
- f)22/019 £150.16 Suffolk County Council pension payment March to be posted 5 July

Items a) – f) + h) & j) were approved and cheques issued

g)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community Account at the end of May was £31,021.60. Less this month's cheques totalling £2,724.40 and adjustments of £59.39 for insurance and £101.00 for adverts the corrected figure is £28,457.59.

h)22/020 £80.00 Mrs S Brown internal audit of accounts to 31 March 2022

i)22/021 £26.00 Mr R Taylor reimbursement for fuel for Pauper's Graves mowers.

## 10. To compete and sign the Statement of Assurance and Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The forms were completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

## 11. To consider how to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council and take any necessary action.

An email expressing an interest from a resident has been received and it was agreed to co-opt them at the next meeting.

## 12 To discuss the current position regarding the extension of the footway from 22 Forest Road to Chilton Leys and take any necessary action.

SCC has started to deal with this matter and OPC has asked to be involved in the process.

## 13. Environmental issues.

a)To discuss the Suffolk County Council self help scheme and take any necessary action.

Cllrs Crissell and Willshere will look to complete the necessary forms so that we are signed up to the SCC scheme. *Action: Cllrs Willshere and Crissell.*

b)to discuss the condition of the flower boxes and take any necessary action.

Cllrs Crissell has provided a copy of the quote from Mr Goodwin for half barrels to replace the three broken boxes in Ash Road, Birch Road and Northfield Road. The cost is £50.00 each and if we wanted them set up and planted he would do this for the cost of the materials. It was agreed to purchase three planted up barrels. Mr Goodwin is also interested in becoming the Parish Handyman.

*Action: the Clerk/Cllr Crissell*

c)To discuss dog litter bins around the parish and take any necessary action.

MSDC has confirmed that they will empty a bin in the garage area of Northfield Road. The Clerk will now write to the landowners to ask permission to site a dog bin near the entrance to the footpath in the area. *Action: the Clerk*

**14. To consider the future of the green area of the Taylor Wimpey development at Chilton Leys and take any necessary action.**

Cllr Willshere has had a further discussion with MSDC Leisure Officer. The initially planned items will now be sited in other areas around Stowmarket. This will leave the field as a green area with the option of Onehouse PC adopting the area. This will retain the strategic gap and stop building on it. There will be quite a lot involved which needs to be considered and MSDC would help with any set up costs and grants to maintain the green open space. The area is 4.5 to 5 acres which is large enough to have different areas such as a wild flower meadow or an orchard. It was agreed to look to hold a public meeting in September so that Councillors can get an idea of what parishioners want and to advise them what the impact would be on the precept.

**15. To put forward road names for the Bloor development in Union Road.**

It was agreed to put forward: Badger Road, Pipistrelle Road, Hedgehog Way, Squirrel Close, Muntjac Drive, Fox Close or (Foxes Close), Doormouse Way, Stoat Road, Hare Close, Otter Close  
*Action: the Clerk*

**16. To discuss traffic and highways issues and take any necessary action.**

The additional site for the SID is Forest Road has been agreed but we are waiting for SCC to put in the pole. A speed survey was provided with the application for a new dwelling on Lower Road which showed speeds of between 37-43 mph. County Cllr Otton will look into a further speed survey.

**17. To consider a response to the East Anglia GREEN consultation and take any necessary action. (consultation open until 16 June 2022).**

Cllrs do not wish to make a formal response.

**18. To adopt the new model LGA Code of Conduct and take any necessary action.**

This was deferred until the next meeting as Cllr Copping is attending a briefing on 20 June.

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

The working group has continued with grass cutting and hedging work. Many of those walking through the area say how lovely the area is and the work carried out is greatly appreciated.

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

This has already been covered during the meeting.

**21. To discuss OHSMag, including increasing advertising rates, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.**

The meeting with Shelland and Harleston will be arranged for the week commencing 27 June. Cllrs Copping and Crissell will represent OPC and the Clerk will attend to take notes.  
*Action: the Clerk*

22 To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **OHSMC** has advised that they were able to get additional funding for the Jubilee celebrations and have decline the Parish Council grant of £400.00. **Resident** requesting improvements to the play equipment which has been passed to OHSMC advising if they wish to take action OPC is happy to have discussions to assist with the project. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs:** **Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 10, 17, 24, 31 May, 7 June, Rural Funding Digest June. **Festival of Suffolk** Torch Relay information. **SALC** subscription review 2023, training and networking ebulletin 10, 17, 24 May, 7 June, weekly news ebulletin 16, 23, May, 6, 13 June, Suffolk Community Awards back for 2022, AGM 20 July, parish decarbonising event on community renewable energy and housing 24 May, Mid Suffolk Area Forum 7 June. **Suffolk Police** Constable County May, Specials recruitment. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 19 May, 1 June, Rural Services survey. **Headway Suffolk** cycle ride and walk 3 September. **SCC** Enhances bus partnership – passenger working group 1 June, Rest Centre training – East update, Trading Standards newsletter 19 May, 9 June, suffolkonboard bus timetable updates, Community Emergency Planning Group table top exercise. **MSDC** Energy developments information session 23 May + slides, spruce up of dog and litter bins throughout the joint district, planning portal unavailable 13/14 June, BaberghMidSuffolk response to East Anglia GREEN consultation. **Suffolk Preservation Society** East Anglia GREEN. **Connecting Communities** Rural Transport Conversation 22 June. **Onelife Suffolk** newsletter 13 June. **County Cllr Otton** EA3 public information day. **Jo Churchill MP** best wishes for successful Jubilee events.

**23. To receive reports**

a) Report from the Clerk

**July/August OHSMag** – Mr Raisey has advised that this issue will be 48 pages with reports and pictures of the Jubilee events and torch relay.

**Bank Mandate change form** – as Mr Cook was on the mandate form we will have to start the process again. Also Barclays cannot find Cllr Copping identification documents. It was agreed to wait until after next year’s election.

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

**25. Items for next agenda**

New model LGA Code of Conduct, Dog bins, Footpath to Chilton Leys, flower boxes, OHSMag website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper’s Graves.

26 **To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 11 July 2022 at 7.30 p.m.** Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

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