

**MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11 JULY 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL**

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

In attendance: Mrs Fuller (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Copping.

2. Co-option of a Councillor to fill the casual vacancy

Confirmation has been received from MSDC that there has been no request for an election and we are able to fill the vacancy by co-option. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously carried that Daniel Boulter be co-opted as a member of Onehouse PC.

3. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 13 June 2022.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

5. Public comment.

Are the Hopkins Home and Bloor developments in Onehouse or Stowmarket. Cllr Willshere advised that 80% of the Hopkins Homes and all of the Bloor developments are in Onehouse at present but Stowmarket Town Council has asked for consideration of a boundary change to take the entire Hopkins homes development into Stowmarket.

It was agreed to bring forward items 10 and 11.

10. To discuss the appointment of a Handy Man/ Highways Ranger and take any necessary action.

Matthew Goodwin was recommended by the interview committee which was endorsed by full council. A contract will be drafted and safety equipment will need to be provided for Mr Goodwin. It was agreed that Mr Goodwin will provide the Clerk with a monthly time sheet and he will be paid appropriate hours at the rate of £10.00 per hour by cheque. Cllr Crissell will be the liaison officer.

11. To discuss play equipment on the field with representatives of OHSMC.

Jackie Jones and Dawn Roberts attended on behalf of OHSMC. The committee wishes to look towards refurbishing the play equipment with the support of the Parish Council. This was agreed in principal and they were asked to find out what equipment they would like to see and investigate costs and possible sources of funding before coming back to OPC to discuss further.

6. Report from County Cllr Otton.

At the full council meeting held on 7 July the opposition submitted a motion calling for SCC to declare a Cost-of-Living Emergency, and for the Council to redirect funds and efforts towards targeting those most vulnerable. The motion calls on this government for further support to those falling below the poverty line. In addition, they are calling on the government to make it easier and cheaper to

insulate homes and the motion asks to waive VAT on energy-saving materials, such as insulation, and adequately fund a retrofitting programme so communities can save money on their bills during winter where energy price caps are due to rise even further.

The Cabinet met on 20 June to vote on funding the next phase of SCC's programme to build more capacity for SEND children in education. The cabinet agreed a package of £15.9m, as part of a £45m programme. Currently, there is a high demand for SEND services, with requests for placement going up by 32% since 2020. The funding Cabinet have agreed will create three new specialist units across Suffolk Cllr Otton is pleased about this but it will take time. The council has been found guilty again and fined for not providing such a place for a child. The petition requesting that SCC produces an in-house bid for the new Suffolk Highways contract is still open. Cllr Otton has sent clerks information on £150,000 fund for action on climate change. SCC Highways Investment fund is asking parishes to send in requests for areas where footpaths need cutting back. this is on top of the usual verge cutting schedule. Cllr Otton has asked when the repairs to Burford Bridge and how discussions are going with the landowner for the extension to the path to Chilton Leys bend. The damage to the tarmac at Northfield Road caused by lorries has been reported and when repairs will take place.

7. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

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 the Councils' service. Up to 8,000 households (about 10%) from the districts have been randomly selected and invited to take part. For 2021/22, Mid Suffolk District Council has announced an underspend of £1.2 million against budget with net expenditure on services down by £1.6 million against a budget of £12.7 million. Total reserves stand at just over £24 million up nearly £4 million on the previous financial year. Capital expenditure was £13.3 million against a budget of £30 million. Recent capital expenditure includes £756,000 on the solar carport at the Stowmarket Leisure Centre (not yet operational due to issues with obtaining inverters), £666,000 on the Needham Lake café and £4.5 million on Gateway 14. At last month's Council meeting the Housing Revenue Account business plan was agreed. It sets out the long term priorities and plans for the future of council housing in the district. The main priorities include tackling climate change, developing new council housing, involving tenants and improving the neighbourhoods. The full council endorsed the preliminary plans for this scheme embracing both Chilton Fields and the land behind the High School and Kingsfield. This confirmed that the land between Paupers Graves and the village of Onehouse will not be included. The Range has announced a £200 million investment to base a major distribution centre at Gateway 14 creating 1,650 jobs (across three shifts). Once a reserved matters planning application has been approved, work is expected to start in January 2023 and occupation of the new distribution centre in Autumn 2023. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund has been set up by Government as a replacement for EU funding (although with less funds available) and in order to access it Councils must submit an investment plan. Funding is expected to be approximately £140,000 for the rest of this year, £280,000 next year and £780,000 the year after. A new fund for community-based carbon-reduction projects is now open. Projects could include promoting

cycling/walking, improving energy efficiency and raising awareness of climate change. Applications can be made via the Green Suffolk website.

8. Planning Matters

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

22/03098 Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in relation to DC/20/01243 for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans & documents) to amend bridge design. Buxhall Vale, Purple Hill, Buxhall – no comment.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

22/01482 Replace the French doors to rear, including two fixed full-length window sidelights. Lodge Barn, Forest Road – granted.

22/01199 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01110- Condition 17 (Skylark Mitigation Strategy) Land To The South Of Union Road – satisfied.

22/01207 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01110- Condition 23 (Advanced Boundary Planting) Land To The South Of Union Road – satisfied.

22/01200 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01110- Condition 24 (Archaeological Works) Land To The South Of Union Road – refused to safeguard archaeological assets within the approved development boundary from impacts relating to any groundworks associated with the development scheme and to ensure the proper and timely investigation, recording, reporting and presentation of archaeological assets affected by this development.

22/02355 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01110 - Condition 8 (Roads and Footpaths), Condition 9 (Parking and Turning) and Condition 12 (Refuse and Bin Collection Areas) Land To The South Of Union Road – acceptable.

9. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 22/022 £364.00 Gipping Press May OHSMag

b) 22/023 £80.00 Mr Palmer playing field grass cutting June

c) 22/024 £115.50 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver July/August OHSMag to distributors

d) 22/025 £127.80 Mrs P Fuller back dated pay increase 2021/22 + expenses Mar/June 2022

e) 22/026 £305.80 HMRC Tax March-June 2022

f) 22/027 £160.84 Suffolk County Council pension payment July to be posted 5 August

Items a)-f) were approved and cheques issued. Payment by Standing Order £389.05 Mrs Fuller June salary.

g) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community account balance at the end of June was £28,581.43. Less this month's payments of £1,542.99 and adjustments of £39.59 for insurance and £373.00 for adverts, the corrected figure is £26,625.85.

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

County Cllr Otton has been in contact with SCC Footpath and Access Officer who is arranging a meeting with the land agent. Cllrs questioned why the Parish Council is not included in the discussions. Cllr Willshire has since spoken to the

SCC Officer and asked why they are looking to put the path on the field and not on the verge. She was advised that 1.5m path is required so two buggies can pass and a cycle path can be included. Cllr Willshere pointed out that Onehouse is a village and that is not what is required and asked them to come to the village with their proposals.

13. Environmental issues.

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

The SCC Highways Ranger forms need to be completed and sent off to SCC Cllr Crissell will look to complete this before the next meeting. *Action: Cllr Crissell*

b) To discuss dog litter bins around the parish and take any necessary action. Letters have been delivered to the five properties that own the garage area in Northfield Road. Two have already contacted the Clerk to give permission for the dog litter bin. The Clerk has requested a response by 25 July.

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 spoken with the MSDC Officer again and she is willing to attend the public meeting. It will be important to find out what residents wish to see the field used and also we need to make the point that there will be an impact on the precept.

15. To adopt the new model LGA Code of Conduct and take any necessary action. Cllrs voted unanimously to adopt the new code.

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

A first aid box is now provided for working parties. The bath and cross have been painted and the numbers cleaned. Vandals have been in near the pod area again. The Clerk was asked to find out if the pond has to be fenced.

Action: the Clerk

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

Mid Suffolk District Council Community Governance Review Draft

Recommendations have been published. Stowmarket TC has asked for has asked the Review to change the boundary between Stowmarket and Onehouse so the area of Hopkins Homes development would become part of Stowmarket. This will be discussed at the September meeting for a response to b sent by 15 September 2022.

A piece of land in Lower Road had recently has a wooden structure erected on a concrete slab. MSDC Enforcement have been to the site and advised no development can take place until planning permission has been submitted and granted.

18. To discuss OHSMag, including a report on the meeting with Harleston 30 June 2022, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.

Onehouse representatives explained how, when and why the decision had had to be made to pay the editor. The Clerk advised that the deficit for 2021/22 would be £8.61 and therefore would be carried forward to 2022/23. The deficit will be

based on the number of magazines each parish receives + the same proportion of the spares for advertiser. It was discussed whether to re-institute the OHSMag Committee and Harleston should be responding to this.

19. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs:** **SALC** training and networking ebulletin 14, 21, 28 June, 5 July, Suffolk Community Awards 2022, news ebulletin 20, 27 June, 4, 11 July, AGM 20 July, Lets Rock 1000 tickets donated to 70 voluntary organisations. **Rural Services Network** Rural bulletin 13, 21, 28 June, 5 July, Rural Funding Digest July. **MSDC** BMSDC parking strategy roadshows events, UK Shared Prosperity Fund engagement, BMSDC Corporate Peer Challenge, BMSDC Parking Strategy survey. **SCC** Rest Centre initial training, Trading Standards 23, 30 June, 7 July, Discovering Suffolk Project. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 16 & 30 June. **Eastern Learning Alliance** Cambridge Maths School consultation. **Connecting Communities** Rural Transport Conversation 22 July. **Haverhill PC** levelling up what does this mean for Parish Councils. **Trinity Hall Committee** request for supporting letter for grant request. **County Cllr Otton** SCC has advised that verge cutting has been completed to a satisfactory standard. There is an outstanding work order to cut vegetation from the highway, EA3 public information days, £150,000 Match Funder Scheme for community action on climate emergency.

20. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Damage to tarmac Northfield Road – a large lorry which was looking for a business has tried to turn in Northfield Road and damaged the tarmac. This has been reported to SCC. The standard response has been received advising that SCC does not consider remedial action is required at this time.

Construction traffic Forest Road – the Clerk has emailed Bloor Homes requesting that construction traffic does not come through the village.

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

22. Items for next agenda

Boundary Review, Dog bins, Footpath to Chilton Leys, OHSMag website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper’s Graves.

23 **To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 12 September 2022 at 7.30 p.m.** Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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