

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

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

In attendance: Cathy Smith Suffolk Wildlife Trust, County Council Otton (in part), District Cllr Matthissen and 2 members of the public.

Cllr Willshere asked all to observe a minute's silence to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Nutman.

2. To discuss options and ideas for the area of land from the Taylor Wimpey development adjacent to the Pauper's Graves with Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk Wildlife Trust prior to arranging a public meeting.

The land is currently arable land. A public meeting will be held to canvas resident's opinions. Some ideas for the use of the land could be a wildlife meadow, a communal orchard and recreational space for people to enjoy. It could be perceived that the area is more for Chilton Hall residents than for Onehouse which could be a drawback. Grant funding is likely to be available for some of the ideas. Costs of maintenance, legal matters and health & safety issues need to be considered.

Cathy Smith advised that as the land has been farmed the soil would be nutrient rich and to create a wildflower meadow would take 5-10 years and would go through a messy stage where thistles would thrive. It would need to be mowed twice a year, hay in July and the second September/October. For a community orchard Cathy recommended that we contact Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group. A mix of fruit stock which can be picked from the ground. Larger tree stock will grow to veteran trees and then pruning needs to be considered. Hedging is a quick thing to do and provides shelter for wildlife. OPC could look into grants for woodland creation. If creating a path do not make it in a straight line otherwise you can cause a wind tunnel. Other things you can think about are trails, community space where people are allowed to walk, stopping points, benches, ponds. There is information on Suffolk Wildlife Trust website that could be useful. Cllr Willshere thanked Cathy Smith for attending and providing ideas.

Cllrs feel that it must be made clear at the public meeting that the area needs to be well managed. It is also an option to keep the area farmed whilst plans are drawn up.

3. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 11 July 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

5. Public comment.

The water leak still continues along Starhouse Lane. Anglain Water are aware but say they cannot do anything about it at the moment and needs to be

discussed with landowner as the supply has been put in for the Taylor Wimpey development.

6. Report from County Cllr Otton.

SCC will respect the period of mourning following the death of the Queen and the public and the public are invited to the ceremonies of proclamation of the accession of King Charles III at towns across the county on Sunday 11th September. Details of Police public meetings have been sent to parishes. new money from the government is available to increase number of electric charging points across the county, especially for community organisations. An update on the position of repairs at Burford Bridge has been sent but looks like nothing will be done before November. Negotiations continue with the landowner regarding the extension to the Forest Road footpath.

Cllr Otton advised she has noted Stowmarket Town Council desire to take over land in Union Road. Cllr Willshere has spoken to Kate Parnham of MSDC advising if Onehouse PC is to take over the land on Starhouse Lane if we do not have the precept from the new developments in Union Road then OPC would not be able to afford to take the land on.

7. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

The parking strategy consultation is ending. The Cabinet meeting agreed to publish the results of a tree canopy survey which may complement the parish work. The SHELF sports hub project is moving forward into detailed design work. There is a residents' survey under way, a random sample as previously. The Council finances are as usual in that the General Fund is under-spending again, and the Housing Account over-spending.

Concerns were expressed that there had been no street lighting on the plans for the Bloor development on Union Road. Cllr Matthissen advised that SCC may have insisted they were installed as part of the planning process for the junction.

8. Planning Matters

a) To discuss and make recommendation to MSDC on any applications received prior to this meeting. There were none.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

22/01206 Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 22 (sustainability scheme). Land to the south of Union Road – satisfied.

22/02480 Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 18 (Landscape & Ecological Management Plan). Land to the south of Union Road – parts A,B,C,D,E,F & H acceptable part G still to be discharged.

22/03181 Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 13 (Construction Management Plan). Land to the south of Union Road – acceptable.

22/03253 Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 14 (fire hydrants). Land to the south of Union Road – acceptable.

22/04094 Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 3 (agreement of materials). Land to the south of Union Road – satisfied.

9. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 22/028 £364.00 Gipping Press September OHSMag

b) 22/029 £160.00 Mr Palmer playing field grass cutting July & August

- c)22/030 £105.00 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver September OHSMag to distributors
- d)22/031 £39.02 Mr D Nicholson reimbursement for paint re Pauper's Graves Daniel Training
- e)22/032 £153.42 Suffolk County Council pension payment August
- f)22/033 £187.20 SALC Councillor training Cllr Boulter
- g)22/034 £153.42 Suffolk County Council pension payment September to be posted 5 October
- Items a) – g) + i) were approved and cheques issued.
- h)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk
The Clerk has been unable to produce a report due to time constraints with a close family member in hospital.
- i)22/035 £26.99 Mr A Sykes reimbursement for software for new computer

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

There is a be a meeting with MSDC on 16 September to see what funding is available. Wickstead Leisure look after the current equipment and carry out the annual inspection. All the current equipment is in good condition and PPG has offered paint for repainting the frames.

11. To consider a response to MSDC Community Governance Review draft recommendations and take any necessary action.

Cllr Willshere has drafted a response objecting to the changes to take the Hopkins Homes site in Union Road into Stowmarket. This was unanimously supported by all Cllrs and will be sent to MSDC. *Action: the Clerk*

12. To consider quotes for insurance renewal and take any necessary action.

This item was deferred as we are awaiting a quote from Community Action Suffolk.

13. To consider the option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements and take any necessary action.

It was unanimously agreed not to opt out.

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

The Clerk will contact SCC for an update. *Action: the Clerk*

15. Environmental issues.

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

The Clerk advised that having communicated with Mr Goodman regarding the position of Highways Ranger he had advised that there was no need to register him on our PAYE as he is already registered as self employed. The Clerk asked him for a copy of his insurance and has not heard from him since. Cllr Crissell will discuss the matter with Mr Goodman. *Action: Cllr Crissell*

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

Only 3 of the 5 landowners have responded to our letter. Cllr Willshere will visit them to discuss. *Action: Cllr Willshere*

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

Already discussed at the start of the meeting.

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

The old bath has been installed as a feature. An information board will be installed beside it with the history explained for a cost of £27.00. Some young trees have been lost due to the drought.

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

Nothing to report.

19. To discuss OHSMag, including set up an OHSMag Committee, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.

It was agreed to set up an OHSMag Committee. Cllrs Crissell and Copping will represent Onehouse PC, Ursula Muskett Harleston PM, Shelland will be asked if they wish to have a representative, Mr Raisey editor and Mrs Fuller Clerk. Liam Selsby has advised via Facebook that he has put flowers at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the Selsby family and Onehouse community.

20. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items were circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** news ebulletin 12,19,26 July, 2,9,16,23,31 August, 7 September, Rural Funding Digest August, September, **SALC** training and networking ebulletin 12,19,26 July, 2,9,16,23 August, 7 September, Suffolk Community Awards nominations, news ebulletin 18,25 July, 1,8,15,22 August, 1 September, short term holiday lets policy consultation briefing, SALC Subscription review 2022/23, SALC area forums September 2022, invitation to cycling UK networking lunch in Lowestoft 1 September, Mid Suffolk area forum 8 September, death of HM the Queen. **SCC** thermal imaging camera project survey, Suffolk Trading Standards 14, 21,28 July, 4, 10, 25 August, heat health alert 4, road transport conversation 22 July, Passenger Interest Group agenda 9 August and notes from the meeting. **MSDC** Suffolk recycling summer newsletter, Parish trees, hedgerow and wildflower scheme 2022, District Council update on Active Travel and offer from Cycling UK, Town and Parish update July, September. **Community Action Suffolk** news 14, 29 July, 11, 26 August, 8 September. **Headway Suffolk** summer newsletter. **Suffolk Wildlife Trust** consideration of natural environment and biodiversity in Neighbourhood Plans. **Anglian Water** hot weather message. **Suffolk Police** your police your say - public meeting dates announced for 2022. **County Cllr Otton** Lets Rock donates 1000 tickets to 70 voluntary sector organisations, Suffolk libraries 10 years, new routes added on as SCC issues updated HGV map.

21. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Road names Bloor development – a further 6 names have been provided for MSDC to choose an additional 2.

Recent fires near Onehouse – the Clerk has written to Stowmarket and Needham Market Fire Stations to thank them for their speedy response and hard work during the very hot summer.

Street lights Union Road – were approved as part of the planning process for the Bloor Homes development.

Fire Northfield Wood – looks like an arson attempt but was quickly dealt with by the fire service.

22. Questions to the Chairman

It was agreed to hold a meeting 26 September to agree insurance cover and discuss the open land by Starhouse Lane and a proper offer from MSDC.

23. Items for next agenda

Footpath to Chilton Leys, OHSMag website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper's Graves.

24 To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 10 October 2022 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.21 p.m.

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