

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

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

**In attendance:** County Cllr Otton, District Councillor Matthissen, Mrs Fuller Clerk and one member of the public.

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

2. **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 10 October 2022**

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.**

SCC has released a survey to local residents, asking for their thoughts on the upcoming 2023/24 budget. A summary of responses will be considered when deciding how to spend your money. With inflationary pressures, it is expected that the government will seek spending cuts – meaning public services could be cut and council Reserves may have to be used. Over 85,000 leaflets, highlighting information and guidance during the cost of living crisis, were distributed amongst Suffolk communities. The leaflet shows all the help Suffolk offers with finances and household expenses, as well as how to stay warm this winter. SCC have launched their Winter Matters campaign, which aims to help ease the pressures of winter for Suffolk residents. This is a signposting campaign that centres around five key themes: Finances, Safety, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, and Highways. The Cabinet met for the first time since the summer political recess. The Cabinet agreed to spend £2m on new care provision for Children and Young People in Felixstowe. In addition, SEND services received £10m to provide more specialist units in Suffolk. The Suffolk Local Access Forum submitted their annual report, which included their concerns about Sizewell C and its effect on green networks and Rights of Way. In addition, the Cabinet endorsed Transport East's new 2050 strategy, which focusses more on green travel and linking rural communities to local economies. Cllr Otton has forwarded details of the public meetings on A14 work on the concrete section, but she has emailed Highways England to say she was disappointed at the very short notice given. This will be a major project lasting many months and residents needed to know the details of any diversions, particularly where they could impact on the villages. Cllr Otton congratulated all those who took part in the pumpkin growing competition. Cllr Nutman asked Cllr Otton if there had been any progress on the speed check along Lower Road. Cllr Otton will follow this up with officers. Cllr Otton was asked if she can request Highways to speed up the road closure to enable Anglian Water to repair the water leak outside 88 Forest Road.

6. **Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

Cabinet approved an exemplar low carbon housing scheme of around 50 new dwellings in Elmswell, a mix of affordable homes and market housing. Cabinet

agreed that the development is carried out by MSDC and funded by the Council; the estimated cost is £16million. Members were updated on progress with the Joint Local Plan and asked to agree a programme which shows adoption of Part 1 of the Plan (the overarching policies) by summer 2023 and adoption of Part 2 (land allocations), including the supplementary planning documents, by the end of 2025. Members are concerned about the lengthy delays, but agreed the programme – any other decision would have led to further delays. The next milestone will be receipt of the Inspectors' report which we hope to receive during spring 2023. Members agreed a revised councillor remuneration package to come into effect after the District Council elections in May 2023. The basic councillor allowance will become £6510; committee chairs will receive a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) of £6510. The Leader of the Council will receive an SRA of £16,275. Improved childcare allowances and dependents' care allowances were agreed to ensure that there should be no constraints on full or part-time carers becoming councillors. There was a report on the finances of CIFCO, which had seen property values recover much of the losses post-pandemic, although still below cost. Income had improved as tenants' incomes pick up, although members were concerned about the effect of the recession. A tenant's survey will look at MSDC tenants who have recently had repairs, complained of anti-social behaviour or moved into a home. Stowmarket's public sector organisations, venues and local businesses are working together on a project called 'Stowmarket Vision'. Our vision is to make Stowmarket a better place to live, work and visit -but we want to see and hear about Your Stowmarket to make this a vision for the whole town. Cllr Willshere made the point that if MSDC wants people to visit Stowmarket they should include hinterland villages in the consultation rather than just include those that live in Stowmarket. MSDC is funding the consultants and therefore spending everybody's money not just Stowmarket money.

## 7. 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.

**22/04095** Discharge of conditions appl 21/06966 Condition 9 (electric charging points) Land South of Union Road – acceptable

**22/04090** Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 21 (Construction environment management plan) Land South of Union Road – acceptable

**22/02479** Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 15 (surface water drainage scheme) Land South of Union Road – not acceptable as the submitted maintenance and management schedule does not list and cover all surface water drainage assets associated with the development.

**22/04286** Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 19 (Biodiversity enhancement strategy) Land South of Union Road – satisfied

**22/05050** Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 15 (surface water drainage scheme) Land South of Union Road - acceptable

## 8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 22/044 £397.00 Gipping Press November OHSMag

b) 22/045 £80.00 Mr Palmer playing field grass cutting October

- c)22/046 £112.87 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver November OHSMag to distributors
- d)22/047 £153.82 Suffolk County Council pension payment October to be posted 5 December

Items a) – d) were approved and cheques issued.

e)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community Account at the end of October was £33,660.77.

Less this month's cheques totalling £735.82 and adjustments of £165.00 for adverts and £250.00 for insurance the corrected figure is £33,109.95.

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

David Falk SCC has been asked to come and talk to Councillors and discuss any proposals before a decision is made. This will also be raised at the public meeting regarding the land at the Taylor Wimpey which OPC may adopt as this will affect access to the area.

**10. Environmental issues.**

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

Nothing further has been received from Mr Goodwin. He has been asked for a copy of his insurance cover if he is to act as a contractor. Cllr Crissell will discuss matters with Mr Goodwin.

*Action: Mr Crissell*

The forms for the contract with SCC for the Highways Ranger still need to be completed and signed.

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

3 of the owners of the land by the garages on Northfield Road have given permission for a dog bin to be placed near the footpath bridge. Cllr Willshere will visit the other two landowners to see if they too will give permission for the bin to be sited by the bridge.

*Action: Cllr Willshere*

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

A public meeting will take place on 22 November to see if residents wish OPC to adopt the land and if they do what ideas they would like to see for its use. Cllr Willshere has met with MSDC Biodiversity Officer and has asked for figures regarding costs of maintenance. There is a possibility that under new legislation from 2024 that a company can invest in a project to provide well being/community green space to offset their carbon footprint. MSDC Biodiversity Officer is checking the criteria.

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

The fence around the pond has been vandalised again and it was agreed to remove the fencing. The bath and the information board are both in situ. £400.00 Locality Funding from District Cllr Matthissen has been received. This will be used to purchase a recycled materials bench from Realise Futures. The cost is £454.95 and it was unanimously agreed that OPC would fund the difference from the Pauper's Graves reserve.

*Action: the Clerk*

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

Nothing to discuss.

**14. To discuss OHSMag including receiving recommendations from the OHSMag Committee meeting 8 November, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.**

The OHSMag Committee met on 8 November. It was recommended that the advertising fees for 2023/4 remain unchanged as they were increased by 10% this year. It was also recommended to print one month on slightly lower grade paper to see if the quality was sufficiently maintained to make a saving on printing costs. It is recommended that the print number be increased by 50 to cover the occupied properties on the Hopkins homes development. Councillors approved these three recommendations. It is noted that the Editor Mr Raisey will attend Harleston Parish Meeting in January to explain these changes. It was agreed that a contract should be drawn up for the Editor. Cllr Crissell will investigate if there is a contingency available with the printer should the magazine need to be put together if the editor was unable to produce an issue for any reason.

*Action: Cllr Crissell.*

**15. To receive correspondence/communications and to deal with any matters.**

**The following items have been circulated to Cllrs:** **SCC** Bus Strategy Enhancement Partnership – passenger information group agenda 18 October and notes from the meeting, Trading Standards 13, 24, 27 October and 3 November. **SALC** Suffolk Climate Emergency Board short survey, news bulletin 17, 24, 31 October, 7, 14 November, Training bulletin 18, 26 October, 1, 8 November, increase in SALC subscription 2023/4, Local Government pay claim 2022/3 pay offer accepted, Mid Suffolk area forum 15 November, The Local Councillor ebulletin November. **Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 11, 18, 25 October, 1, 8 November, Rural Funding Digest October, November. **Mid Suffolk CAB** AGM 24 November, request for a donation. **CAS** newsletter 21 October, Warm Rooms – online conversation event 23 November. **MSDC** Winter warmth funding community causes closing date 31 October, Town & Parish update November, competition to name new bin lorries. **Suffolk Headway** request for a donation. **Cllr Matthissen** power cuts and priority services register. **Cllr Otton** A14 J47a Haughley to J49 Tot Hill public information event, help shape the future of Suffolk Fire Service. **Suffolk Wildlife Trust** suggestions for the open space. Request for information on Pauper's Graves burial records.

**16. To receive reports**

a) Report from the Clerk

**Climate Emergency Board survey** – Cllr Willshire will complete on behalf of OPC

**Road names Bloor development** – MSDC has advised these will be Pipistrelle Drive, Badger Avenue, Deer Walk, Dormouse Way, Squirrel Close and Stoat Close.

**SALC subscription 2023/24** – this will increase by 2.34% to £319.13. (2022/23 was £314.87).

**Trinity Hall** – due to the new floor being laid, Trinity Hall will not be available for our 12 December and 9 January meetings. It was agreed to hold these in the bar area of the Community Centre.

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

18. **Items for next agenda.** This will concentrate on setting the precept for 2023/4.

19 **To confirm date and time of the precept meeting as Monday 12 December 2022 at 7.30 p.m.** Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.16 p.m.

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