

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30 P.M. IN OHS COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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

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

1. Apologies for absence. There were none.

2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 12 December 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

Cllrs Taylor as a member of Onehouse PCC and Cllr Crissell as Chair of the refurbishment committee declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.

4. Public comment.

There has been survey along Forest Road nearer to Chilton Leys bend but it is not known what for.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

The first proposals for the 2023/24 budget have been released. SCC plan to increase tax by 3.99% (1.99% increase in Council Tax, 2% increase in Social Care Precept). National government met with Suffolk County Council to sign a provisional County Deal. The Deal will devolve additional powers and funding to the County, including housing, transport and adult education. The Deal has been lauded as momentous. However, some believe that the deal has been massively overstated. The headline '£480m' is in fact over 30 years – equating to only around £16m a year. Just under £6m has been agreed for new housing, this equates to only around 30 homes. The deal agrees to create a Mayoral Development Corporation. Politically, there is a real risk of stagnation – with the elected Mayor potentially from one party and the majority of Councillors from another. Suffolk County Council have launched their new website. The new site is aimed to be easier and simpler. It is often the first point of contact for residents and so it is important the website continues to engage and adapt to the needs of the Suffolk communities. As the Council's modern slavery annual statement was voted through cabinet, SCC have released an information bulletin to report any possible signs of modern slavery within your local communities. General signs of modern slavery can include isolation, restricted movement, poor living conditions, unusual travel arrangements, and physical appearance of abuse. Suffolk is looking for new hosts to help support refugees. Accommodation must be available to guests for a minimum of 6 months. The Anglian Water issues in Onehouse now seem to have been resolved. Upcoming road works to replace the concrete section of the A14 will result in contraflows and disruption for some time. Following the further submission from Stowmarket TC for a boundary change, the MSDC committee is recommending no changes. This will go to full council this month.

6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

70 solar carports have been erected within the car park at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket; they should provide around 20% of the centre's annual electricity demand. The scheme includes battery storage, so excess energy produced during sunnier periods can be saved for later, and electric vehicle charging points, including one rapid charger. At the Cabinet meeting today, Council Tax Reduction (Working Age) Scheme 2022/23 (up to 100%) was approved. Fees and Charges – includes garden waste bin charges; Planning & Licencing Fees etc will be increased. Council House Tenancy Policy was approved. Councils across Suffolk are working as the Suffolk Housing Board reviewing available housing (empty homes, second homes, homes available for rent and sale) and trying to match it with demand. This is to attempt to reduce the number of households in temporary or unsuitable accommodation. Babergh and Mid Suffolk asked residents to suggest names for their new environmentally friendly bin lorries. Amongst the winning names are Ed Sheerbin, Gary Bineker and Bindiana Jones. The spine road connecting A1120 through the site to Mill Lane, Creting St Peter, opened to traffic just before Christmas; landscape planting has commenced and will continue through to March 2023. Mid Suffolk District Council will be holding a Parish Liaison Meeting on Tuesday 7 February, 1.30 to 3.30pm, at The Mix in Stowmarket. This will be an opportunity for MSDC Officers to share current thinking on Mid Suffolk budget setting, and update parishes on progress with the Joint Local Plan and plans for the 2023 elections. Parishes will be encouraged to share plans for Coronation celebrations. Recently appointed Locality Officers will be on hand to explain their role. The budget will be finalised by Council meeting in February. Cllr Matthissen has received complaints regarding the mud from the Bloor developments on Union Road and this has been taken up by MSDC who have contact Bloor Homes to rectify the situation.

Cllr Willshere asked Cllr Matthissen to see if MSDC would be willing to contribute to expediting the footpath extension in Forest Road for road safety as SCC says it cannot be completed until all Sect 106 funding from the Wimpey development has been received.

7. Planning Matters

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

22/06376 Erection of a single storey rear extension. 4 Ash Road – no comment.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

22/05730 Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/21/06966 - Plots 46 and 141 change from Welford (3 Bed) to Warton (4 bed) and additional 3rd parking spaces provided, this does not change or affect any materials or garden sizes. Land to The South of Union Road – approved.

22/05513 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/01110 - Condition 20 (Biodiversity Lighting Scheme) Land To The South Of Union Road - acceptable.

22/01397 Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale to be reserved) Town and Country Planning - Severance of garden and erection of 1 No detached dwelling. 2 Star House Cottages Union Road – refused new access point cannot provide an acceptable standard of visibility, unacceptable impact on road safety.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a)22/052 £364.00 Gipping Press January OHSMag
- b)22/053 £105.00 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver January OHSMag to distributors
- c)22/054 £75.60 Mr Nicholson reimbursement for materials for work on bath and sign Pauper's Graves
- d)22/055 £ 314.97 Mrs P Fuller back pay from April 2022 + expenses Oct-Dec
- e)22/056 £304.00 HM Revenue & Customs October-December
- f)22/057 £259.70 Suffolk County Council pension payment January to be posted 5 February

Items a) -f) + h) were approved and cheques issued.

g)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community Account at the end of December was £31,845.66. Less this month's cheques totalling £1,613.27 and adjustments of £225.00 for insurance and £7.00 for adverts, the corrected figure is £30,444.39.

h)22/058 £190.00 Suffolk County Council SID pole Forest Road.

9. To consider a request for a grant from the Trinity Hall refurbishment Committee and take any necessary action.

Cllrs felt that as the hall is an important facility for meetings and events, a grant of £1,000.00 was unanimously approved.

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

There has been no progress or information from SCC since November. It was agreed to invite David Falk to a meeting to clarify the latest situation.

Action: the Clerk.

11. Environmental issues.

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

Cllrs Willshere and Crissell are to complete the forms.

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

There have been issues of bags being left on top and around the bin outside the Community Centre. Whilst it is appreciated there will have been delays in emptying bins during the Christmas period this is becoming more common although the other bins in Forest Road are not being used as much. The Clerk will contact MSDC to see if we replace the bin with one of larger capacity or add a second bin outside the Community Centre. The bin on the gate to the playing field in Ash Road has been forced open again by too many bags being put in it. At the moment it has been repaired but will need to be monitored.

It was agreed to site the new bin in the garage area of Northfield Road to the left-hand side of the bridge. A post will also be required.

Action: the Clerk.

12. To consider the future of the green area of the Taylor Wimpey development at Chilton Leys following the public meeting and take any necessary action.

Cllr Willshere has had further discussions with Kate Parum MSDC. Taylor Wimpey have indicated that it would be happy to consider covering the cost of

maintenance. This will need to be discussed further with Taylor Wimpey. The next stage is to set up a working group to come up with a design for the area. An entry will be published in February OHSMag for volunteers to join the group. Cllr Willshere has requested a meeting with MSDC to discuss Onehouse PC taking over the land.
Action: Cllr Willshere

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

The new bench has arrived and Cllr Taylor is very impressed with it. It is made of recycled plastic and should not require any major maintenance. A wildflower area has been created. The woodmen's dinner will take place 22 January. Replacement gloves and goggles are need for volunteers.
Action: Mr Taylor

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

Nothing to discuss.

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

A further person has come forward to deliver to the Hopkins Homes development. An OHSMag Committee meeting will be arranged in February.
Action: the Clerk

16. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **SALC** surveys it was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would complete. **Resident** of Mill Grove (Hopkins Homes development) requesting dog bins. The Clerk will contact Hopkins Homes and Bloor Homes to see if they are providing bins. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 13, 30 December, 4 January. **SALC** training bulletin 12 December, 3 January, news bulletin 19 December, 3 & 4 January. **SCC** Trading Standards news 15 & 22 December, Passenger Interest Group agenda 10 January. **MSDC** Town & Parish Liaison meeting 7 February, Town & Parish update January. **CAS** newsletter 16 December. **Suffolk Police** PCC proposes increase in precept to fund constabulary in 2023/24. **Headway** Suffolk mobile charity shop. **Jo Churchill MP** request to meet and visit green area, Village halls to see major revamp as Platinum Jubilee fund opens. **County Cllr Otton** Community Governance Review submission from Stowmarket TC, copy email regarding water issues junction of Union Road/Starhouse Lane, important roadworks information A14 junction 43 exit slip 17-19 January.

17. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Bench for Paupers' Graves – Realise Futures confirmed no delivery charge locally and therefore the order was placed.

Defibrillator checks – Bryan Jones confirmed he carries these out regularly and nothing needs to be replaced.

Tree inspections – are recommended every three years and after extreme weather such as thunderstorms or drought.

Coronation of Charles III – the Clerk will contact OHS Management Committee to see if events are planned.
Action: the Clerk

18. Questions to the Chairman.

There were none.

19. Items for next agenda

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

20 To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 13 February

2023 at 7.30 p.m. Noted. We await advice from Onehouse PCC if Trinity hall can be used.

The meeting closed at 9.14 p. m.

Signed.....

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