

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDY 17 APRIL 2023 AT 8.00 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL.

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

In attendance: County Cllr Otton (in part), District Cllr Matthissen (in part), David Falk SCC, Julia Procter SCC, Oliver Wastell SCC, Mrs Fuller, Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence. There were none.

2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 13 March 2023

The minutes were approved and signed.

It was unanimously agreed to bring forward item 11.

11. 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 advised that SCC started looking into this again in 2013. £243,000 has been earmarked for this scheme through Sect 106 from the Taylor Wimpey development. £128,000 has already been paid over and £115,000 (index linked) payment will be triggered by the occupation of the 350th dwelling. MSDC is very much in agreement and supports the project and some CIL funding may be available if required. As part of the money has been received, SCC has started the project. Talks have taken place with the landowner, their land agent and the farmer who farms the land. Agreement has been reached and a legal agreement drafted. Draft plans have been produced following various surveys and site visits and these were shown to Cllrs. The ditch will need to be piped, and an asphalt surface will be constructed from the last property in Forest Road to the corner at Chilton Leys. It will have gullies to take surface water and will be 3m wide which is the standard and fits in with bridleway status. There will be 1m grass verge from the road, 3m asphalt and then 0.5m to a post and rail fence before the field. SCC contract with Keir runs out 30 September when Milestone becomes the new contractor. SCC will commence talks with Milestone so this is one of their first projects. Realistically construction will commence in spring 2024 and take about 8 weeks. There will be some disruption and the road may need to be closed at some point but a walkway will be provided for pedestrians and cyclists. The next stage is to get costings and then SCC will meet with Cllrs again.

Cllr Willshere thanked David, Julia and Oliver for attending and the construction looks likely taking place this time since we have been waiting for this path for over 50 years.

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.

At full council a motion for SCC to recommit to its climate emergency declaration and the intention to achieve Net Zero by 2030 was proposed. There was agreement across the chamber and the motion was passed almost unanimously. Women's History Month was celebrated throughout March, with International Women's Day being on 8 March. Last year SCC purchased a suffragette flag and this was flown throughout the month. The Cabinet agreed an additional £32m investment to increase school provision in the county. With the new funding, 11 new schools will be built as well as maintenance and expansion of current schools. This additional support is welcomed and will ensure there is a thorough process to the development and planning of new infrastructure. The Government's assessment of the SEND services progress in Suffolk has been described as 'reassuring' after adopting all recommendations given in the Council's damning report back in 2021. This comes as recent news from SCC said they have hired a Special Advisor for SEND Services, to support existing improvements. We will ensure via the Education Scrutiny Committee that this process is rigorously tested. Suffolk County Council has announced additional financial support for households homing Ukrainian refugees. Those who have homed a Ukrainian refugee for a minimum of 6 months will receive an additional £150 per month (in addition to the £350 monthly payment, which will rise to £500 after guests have stayed 12 months). However, once the £500 monthly payment has been received, the council will stop its additional funding. Cllr Otton was very pleased to attend the official opening of Trinity Hall and to see just how much great work has been done. The new fire and police station in Stowmarket was opened in March. The new Stowmarket health, leisure and education centre is being progressed.

6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

As all politically sensitive activity has been suspended since mid-March when the election was called, there is nothing to report apart from the mistakes publishing the 'Statements of Persons Nominated' for the elections. The cause of this is not clear and will be subject to an investigation.

7. Planning Matters

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

23/01323 The Stowmarket Health, Education, Leisure Facilities (SHELF).

Provision of new shared sports pavilion and community wellbeing hub. Location: Chilton Sports Club, Chilton Way, Stowmarket, Part In The Parish Of Onehouse. Councillors are concerned regarding the loss of mature trees and ask if these can be relocated rather than felled. New planting will take 30 years to grow

23/01543 Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory), installation of woodburner and flue. 34 Forest Road – no comment.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

23/00443 Discharge of Conditions application 21/06966 Condition 5 (Tree and hedgerow protection). Land south of Union Road – acceptable.

21/05733 2 detached dwellings and new vehicular access to the highway to be constructed in 3 phases. Land north of Combs Lane. The appeal has been dismissed – unacceptable effect on living conditions of neighbouring occupants, contrary to development plan policies and framework, unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

23/00763 Erection of a single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory). 17 Stearn Drive - granted

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a)23/001 £411.00 Gipping Press April OHSMag
- b)23/002 £105.00 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver April OHSMag to distributors
- c)23/003 £468.71Glasdon UK dog bin and pole
- d)23/004 £404.09 Suffolk Association of Local Councils
- e)23/005 £163.52 Suffolk County Council pension payment February to be posted 5 May

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

f)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community Account balance at the end of March was £24,950.58. Less this month's cheques totalling £1,552.32 and adjustment of £125.00 for insurance the corrected figure is £23,523.26. The Clerk recommended that £6,000.00 be transferred to a reserve for Onehouse Meadow from the balance at the end of March. This was unanimously agreed by Cllrs.

9. To discuss anti-social behaviour around the parish and take any necessary action.

Correspondence has been received regarding incidents at Mistletoe Court over the last 18 months which appears to be drug related with the police being called on numerous occasions. There are also concerns that drug use is increasing to the Northfield Road estate. The Police will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss concerns.

Action: the Clerk

10. To consider a response to the consultation Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Examination - Proposed Main Modifications and Policies Map Changes and take any necessary action. (consultation ends 3 May)

This appears to be technical modifications and Cllrs do not wish to respond.

12. Environmental issues.

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

Cllr Willshere & Crissell need to complete forms.

b)to discuss flower boxes and take any necessary action

the boxes will be surveyed to see how many need replacing. This will be decided at the May meeting.

13. To receive an update on the future of the green area of the Taylor Wimpey development at Chilton Leys and take any necessary action.

Cllrs Willshere and Boulter will attend a meeting with MSDC and Taylor Wimpey on 28 April.

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

Working parties continue. Three years ago, we cleared the centre area and scattered a lot of wild flower seeds in there to create a wild flower section. As that was not too successful this last year one of our team actually grew hundreds of

wild flowers from seed and we put the little plants into the soil. We wait to see if that has been successful.

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

Nothing to report.

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

The OHSMag Committee met 22 March. It was felt that OHSMag should be the intellectual property of the 3 villages. The Committee would like to raise a contract with the editor and Cllr Copping will discuss with the editor.

Action: Cllr Copping.

17. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **East Anglian Air Ambulance** thanks for donation. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural bulletin 14, 21, 28 March, 4, 12 April, funding digest April. **SALC** Training bulletin 14, 21, 28 March, 4 April, news bulletin 20, 27 March, 3, 11, 17 April, changes to VAT rules on sports facilities, Mid Suffolk Local Council network news March, The Local Councillor March, elections – important reminder for existing Cllrs. **Electric car guide** new green resource to switch to electric vehicles. **SCC** Suffolk LGPS Pension matters March, Trading Standards news 23, 30 March, 13 April, EP Passenger Interest Group minutes 14 March. **MSDC** Babergh Mid Suffolk DCs Joint Local Plan modification consultation 2023, Easter HAF activities, Houses 4 Homes scheme, Election 4 May voter ID, Coronation of his majesty the King licensing information, climbing wall sessions for children with SEND, email from CEO regarding issues with nominations for local elections, new grants available for charities and community groups, statement of persons nominated and notice of uncontested elections. **National Highways** latest bulletin for A14 Haughley to Tothill reconstruction scheme – narrow lanes, Teams meeting 28 April. **Mid Suffolk CAB and SARS** thanks for donation. **Resident** concerns regarding washing in front garden.

18. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

fencing height by pavements – MSDC officer has advised that following a search of the planning mapping records they cannot see any planning conditions imposed that would restrict or limit minor alterations and development on this housing development.

Hanging washing in a front garden - Mid Suffolk Planning Department has advised this wouldn't be something that the planning department would deal with. Covenants are a civil matter and would be shown on Land Registry documents. If there is an applicable covenant then the complainant would need to decide whether they feel strongly enough to take enforcement action, as this would likely incur a certain level of legal costs.

19. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Taylor has decided not to stand for re-election and therefore this is his last meeting as a member of Onehouse Parish Council. He has completed 28 years and feels that the best thing that has been achieved in that time is taking over the Paupers Graves area as a Millennium project and making it the tranquil area that it now is. Cllr Willshire that Cllr Taylor for his service over many years and his knowledge and expertise has been invaluable.

20. Items for next agenda

Flower boxes, co-option of a Cllr, footpath to Chilton Leys, OHSMag website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper's Graves.

21. To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 15 May 2023 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.33 p.m.

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