

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 JULY 2023 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

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

In attendance: County Cllr Otton, Mrs Fuller, Clerk and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

These were received from Cllr Copping who is away on business. Her apologies were accepted.

2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 12 June 2023

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

4. Public comment.

Residents at areas in Northfield Road would like flower barrels on grass areas. The new dog bin in the Northfield Road garage area has not been emptied and is overflowing. The Clerk will contact MSDC.

A resident asked what the situation is with Section 106 and CIL as OPC has not received any but MSDC reports are showing that there is some to be collected from developers. The Clerk will contact Christine Thurlow, MSDC. Barclays Bank now have a hub in Stowmarket library on Thursdays. An appointment is required.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

At Cabinet on 13 June, concerns were raised about the significant extra expenditure announced by the Conservative administration since the 2023-24 budget was set in February. Cabinet were reviewing the 2022-23 finances against the budget that was set, including an overspend of £27.7m and a significant £57.2m taken out of Council reserves – the council's 'safety net' funds to be used when needed. On 16 May 2023 the Cabinet announced that an extra unbudgeted £720k would be found to cover the £60k monthly shortfall for Suffolk Libraries for a year, and at the council AGM on 25 May the Leader of the Council announced a further unbudgeted additional £10m for road surfacing in the next 20 months. Given that neither of these items were budgeted for only a few months ago when the current budget was set, concerns were raised in the meeting whether the administration's budget setting procedures were sufficiently robust. On 13 June, Cabinet reviewed the consultation response for the extension of the North Falls wind farm. The wind farm is situated just off the Essex coast so Suffolk County Council is a consultee rather than a decision maker. The Cabinet also reviewed and approved a response to the Planning Inspectorate on upgrading the power lines between the villages of Twinstead in Essex and Bramford in Mid Suffolk. There were concerns about the impact of the works to the local countryside, particularly the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where the National Grid have agreed to lay cables underground. The recent reports in the press that nearly 3000 missing child reports were received by Suffolk Constabulary between April 2022 and March 2023 is deeply

shocking. The reports involved 719 children across the county with some going missing several times during the period. The majority of the children reported missing are in care settings such as children's homes and foster care. The administration at Suffolk County Council were asked to do more to support children in care, who are among the most vulnerable in Suffolk. Although the review of parish boundaries is a district matter Cllr Otton has asked that as our County Councillor she is consulted. The Tothill slip road will now not be closed during peak times to try to alleviate additional traffic through villages during the A14 roadworks. Suffolk libraries contract is to be extended by 10 months with a public consultation to take place. The government has announced a proposal to abolish council charges for DIY waste but a timetable has still to be set, but likely to be later this year. J McCann has been awarded the SCC street lighting contract. Cllr Nutman asked if there was an update on the speed survey on Lower Road. Cllr Otton will follow this up with officers.

6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

The next full Council meeting is to be held in the Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell on Wed 18 July from 17:30. This reflects the commitment to bring more council work back into our district. Objectors and supporters, including parish councils, can now address the planning committee meetings remotely, although the committee must meet in person. Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to install 28 new 22kW EV charging points in several carparks including most of the Council carparks in Stowmarket. Anglia Car Charging are beginning the Installation work this week. National Grid has launched its latest public consultation about plans for the new high-voltage power line across East Anglia. This Norwich to Tilbury route has been opposed by the Council, particularly about the impact on the environment. There will be a public information event at The Blackbourne on Tues 11 July 11am-4pm. The Joint Local Plan examination hearings took place at the end of June. The MSDC Communities team have been out and about last week sharing information and answering questions from residents about anti-social behaviour. They are an additional resource to the police Safer Neighbourhood Team. The Police and Crime Panel is a county wide body which scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. They usually meet quarterly and members of the public are welcome to attend and can ask questions relevant to an agenda item. The next meeting is to be held on Friday 14th July; the agenda will be published 10 days before hand and any public questions need to be lodged by midnight on Tues 11 July. The route of the Tour of Britain has just been announced. Stage 5 is on Thursday 7 September and the cyclists will race for 190 km around Suffolk starting and finishing in Felixstowe, passing through much of Mid Suffolk and Babergh.

7. Planning Matters

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

23/02359 Construction of porch to the front elevation insertion of a pitched dormer and insertion of new windows and doors. Rosedale, The Limes – support.

23/03154 Application under Section 19 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for Listed Building Consent DC/20/05825 for the Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans & documents) Location: Lodge Barn South, Forest Road – leave the decision to the heritage Officer.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.
There were none.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a) 23/022 £434.00 Gipping Press July/August OHSMag
- b) 23/023 £119.00 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver July/August OHSMag to distributors
- c) 23/024 £56.81 Realise Futures CIC planks for bench Forest Road
- d) 23/025 £36.00 Beccles Town Council delivery charge for 2 second hand SIDs
- e) 23/026 £48.15 Mr J Corker reimbursement for bedding plants for flower barrels £41.00 and petrol for mowers for Paupers Graves £7.15.
- f) 23/027 £390.00 J R Landscapes playing field grass cutting June & first week July
- g) 23/028 £325.20 HM Revenue & Customs Tax April-June 2023
- h) 23/029 £221.04 Viking shredder and stamps
- i) 23/030 £157.78 Suffolk County Council pension payment July to be posted 5 August

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

j) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community Account at the end of June was £29,543.97, including £832.17 VAT refund for 2022/23. Less this month's cheques totalling £1,787.98 and adjustments for insurance £50.00 and adverts £962.00, the corrected figure is £28,767.99.

9. To consider a co-option procedure and take any necessary action.

Cllr Copping has drafted a procedure and application form which have been circulated to Cllrs. This was unanimously adopted.

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

SCC is to dig some trial holes on 21 July the machine a vacuum excavator will sit on the road and traffic management operatives will manage the traffic safely past. SCC is using a vacuum excavator as this is a safer method, it gradually sucks away the soil depositing it in the excavator tanks, once SCC reached the depth required and exposed what's beneath the holes will be refilled.

11. To consider a response to the Norwich to Tilbury (formerly known as East Anglia GREEN) consultation and take any necessary action.

Cllrs were asked to read the documents and this will be on the August meeting agenda.

Action: all Cllrs

12. To consider producing a Neighbourhood Priority Statement and take any necessary action.

Jo Wood (BMSDC Community Engagement Planning Officer) and Elizabeth Ling (Community Engagement Officer) have been invited to our meeting in September to give us a clearer understanding of the Neighbourhood priority statements, including the work involved and how much weight they carry in terms of future planning applications.

13. To consider a Community Engagement policy and take any necessary action.

The draft policy was unanimously approved for adoption.

14. Environmental issues.

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

Carried forward to September meeting

b) to discuss flower boxes and take any necessary action

The 8 barrels in Forest Road have been completed. Cllrs agreed to work towards replacing boxes around the parish in a phased manner. An item will be published in the September OHSMag asking for residents to adopt and maintain a barrel.

The current 8 have been adopted for watering. Cllr Crissell thanked Cllrs Boulter and Corker for their work on replacing the planters.

c) to discuss employing a handyman and take any necessary action

It was agreed to put an advert in the next OHSMag

15. To discuss new noticeboards in Forest Road and Mill Grove and take any necessary action.

The Clerk has recently contacted Hopkins Homes for permission to site a noticeboard at Mill Grove and we await a response. The Clerk has a quote from Realise Futures for a plastic wood 2 bay board for Forest Road. The Clerk was asked to get further quotes for boards made from various materials for consideration at the September meeting.

Action: the Clerk

16. To consider applying to the Local Council Award Scheme for accreditation and take any necessary action.

After discussion Cllrs agreed not to apply to the scheme.

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

The working group has been cutting back vegetation and keeping the paths and entrance clear. Two members at a time have been patrolling the area in the evening to try to stop vandalism. A small tree has been pruned by the pond but is likely to need to be removed in time. The current group considered having a meeting at a weekend but decided to carry on as they are. The Clerk explained that this was suggested as the current group are concerned what will happen to the area when they are unable to maintain the Pauper's Graves due to their age. It was hoped that an occasional weekend working group would bring in some younger members to help and in time be able to carry on the good work of the current group. Cllr Corker will explain this to the group and ask them to reconsider.

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

Cllr Boulter has responded to Taylor Wimpey following the suggestions put forward for the use of Onehouse Meadow.

19 To discuss OHSMag, a new Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.

An advert was included in the July/August issue for an editor. One response has been received for the post and another for more information. The OHSMag committee is meeting 24 July to discuss what to do to produce the September issue. There is an overwhelming response from the villages that residents want the OHSMag to continue. A thank you to Mr Raisey for all he has done will be included in the September issue.

Discussions regarding a new website were deferred to the September meeting. Mr Raisey has been removed as the OHSMag Facebook administrator. We are getting requests for advertising on the Facebook page. A standard response will be discussed at the September meeting.

20. To receive correspondence/communications and to deal with any matters. The next MSDC full council meeting will be held at The Blackbourne, Elmswell 18 July commencing 5.30 p.m. District Cllrs are hoping that there will be a good attendance as they are trying to get more council business held within the district rather than at Endeavour house, Ipswich. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs:** **SALC** training bulletin 13 June, D Day 80 – 6 June 2024, AGM 19 July, The Local Councillor July, Suffolk Community Awards 2023. **Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 13, 20, 27 June, 4 July, funding digest July. **SCC** trading standards 16, 29 June. **MSDC** Tour of Britain Stage 5, litter picking in the autumn, summer holiday activities and food programme, Town & Parish briefing July, BMSDC family fun days 24-31 July, hybrid facility for MSDC planning committee meetings, elections review, CIL training sessions. **CAS** Community led housing – rural housing week 3-7 July. **National Highways** A14 Haughley to Tothill reconstruction scheme feedback request on proposed trial slip road closure in peak times and the outcome, latest bulletin Haughley to Tothill reconstruction, carriageway closures, June newsletter. **Communities Together** Digital Champion volunteers. **National Grid** Norwich to Tilbury consultation briefing 5 July. **County Cllr Otton** new rates for DIY waste, public information event: A14 between J36 and J56 1 July. **District Cllr Matthissen** link to timetable for Local Governance Review.

21. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Barclays Bank – requesting details of two Cllrs who are no longer members. The Clerk advised that we are in the process of completing a mandate form to remove them as signatories.

Meeting with the Police – PC Henriksen will be invited to a meeting 14 August To discuss anti-social and any other issues in the parish.

Overgrown footpaths – have been reported to SCC Rights of Way but to date no response has been received.

SALC response to our enquiry - SALC is not in a position to advise on the Commission's processes and would recommend OPC liaises with Boundary Commission directly.

SIDS – the two second hand SIDs from Beccles TC have been delivered.

OHSMag deficit – Harleston has paid their proportion of the 2022/23 deficit.

CIL/Sect 106 Red Willows development – MSDC has advised that the planning permission at Land at Red Willows Industrial Estate, Finborough Road, 2452/14 was granted on the 01/04/2016 which predates CIL. This means no CIL

was due to be paid. S106 agreement was entered into with financial contributions for a Trim Trail, collected to date £30,901.85 with one outstanding instalment to be paid of £3,500.00 index linked. The Clerk has advised Cllr Matthissen that we asked him to query the collection of CIL for the development at Riverside, Finborough Road. No respond has been received to date.

22. Questions to the Chairman There were none.

23. Items for next agenda

Neighbourhood Priority Statement, noticeboards, handyman, footpath to Chilton Leys, OHSMag, new website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper’s Graves

24. To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 11 September 2023 at 7.30 p.m. This was noted. There will be an additional meeting 14 August to discuss anti-social behaviour with PC Henriksen.

The meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

Signed.....Approved

Dated.....14 August 2023.....