

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

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

In attendance: County Cllr Otton (in part), Jo Wood and Elizabeth Ling MSDC (in part), Mrs Fuller Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Boulter.

2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 14 August 2023

The minutes were approved and signed.

3. To discuss producing a Neighbourhood Priority Statement with Elizabeth Ling and Jo Wood, MSDC and take any necessary action.

MSDC is trialing a pilot approach to work with communities to produce a Place and People Plan (NPS) which is a lighter touch than producing a Neighbourhood Plan. MSDC is awaiting government wording in the Leveling Up bill but it is likely to state "District Councils must have due regard to Place and People Plans".

Topics are broadened to include environment, conservation, new fuels, housing needs and is intended to provide communities with a simpler and more accessible way to set out priorities and preferences for their local area. The Parish Council will discuss whether to produce a plan at the next meeting.

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

There were none.

5. Public comment.

Cllrs were advised that when a petition was raised for a footpath from Forest Road to Chilton Leys many years ago the organisers were told that there had to be 2 deaths and did that rule still stand. Cllrs thought not as SCC would not have gone to the trouble of designing the path if that was the case.

Large HGVs are coming along Forest Road probably due to the roadworks on the A14.

The Onehouse sign in Union Road has been found lying in the hedge opposite the Hopkins Homes development. It needs to be reinstated where it was originally sited.

6. Report from County Cllr Otton.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service now have a new training centre at Wattisham.

The council has overspent on transport for children with special needs and general school transport. Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) - 4 schools have a problem with this. Cllr Otton has asked if there are any other schools to be surveyed to make sure no more have got RAAC, also if the money allocated to use for school improvement has been used.

7. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

Applications for Pride in your Place campaign must be received by the council by 31 October 2023 and awards and payments will be made within 21 days of receipt of an eligible application. Businesses in both council areas are set to benefit from a new round of funding thanks to the Rural England Prosperity Fund

(REPF). Mid Suffolk District Council was allocated £821,658 over the next two years. Eligible projects include net-zero developments, agriculture and farm diversification, visitor economy business expansion as well as SME investment and diversification or investment in community facilities in our rural areas. The free trees, hedgerow and wildflowers scheme is open for applications that both help wildlife and have public access. Applications can be for individual trees, tree planting schemes, small community woods, hedgerows, community or scattered orchards and wildflower meadows. support was provided for residents in Babergh and Mid Suffolk who were struggling with the cost of living during 2022/23. Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice received a 30% uplift in funding. The appeal against MSDC planning refusal for a Solar Farm at Somersham was successful as well as the appeal for costs. There are currently several other applications for large solar farms in the district and this appeal decision will be an important material consideration. MSDC recently contacted community organisations and sports clubs in Onehouse to make them aware of Section 106 that can be applied for within their parishes. Section 106 is available to apply for by community groups towards the improvement of existing and creation of new social infrastructure, including play areas, village halls and sports facilities. A group of councillors not affected by the changes proposed have been chosen to consider the requests for changes between Onehouse and Stowmarket and between Combs and Battisford. Complaints received regarding Rockylls Farm being used as a wedding venue are being prioritized by MSDC Planning Enforcement.

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.

23/03636 Discharge of conditions appl 19/03312 Condition 3 (repair to timber roof structure) Condition 4 (insulation) Condition 5 (tiles) Condition 6 (new roof coverings). Onehouse Hall, Lower Road – acceptable.

23/01491 Discharge of conditions appl 20/01110 Condition 24 (archaeological work and written scheme of investigation). Land South of Union Road – acceptable.

23/03353 & L/B 23/03154 application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1994 for 20/05824 (extensions and alterations) for variation of Condition 2 (approved plans and documents). Lodge Barn South, Forest Road – granted.

9. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

- a) 23/033 £130.00 J R Landscapes playing field grass cutting first half September
- b) 23/034 £434.00 Gipping Press September OHSMag
- c) 23/035 £151.69 Mid Suffolk District Council 4 May election costs
- d) 23/036 £157.78 Suffolk County Council pension payment September to be posted 5 October
- e) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk.

The balance of the Community Account at the end of August was £28,125.59.

The second half precept of £9,300.00 has been received since month end. Less

this month's cheques totalling £955.14, insurance to be paid £300.00 if agreed and adjustment for adverts £673.00, the corrected figure is £35,497.45
 f)23/037 £31.01 Mr Corker reimbursement for bedding plants and fuel for mowers
 g)23/038 £58.66 Mr Nicolson reimbursement for materials to repair entrance at the Paupers Graves.
 Items a) - d) + f) & g) were approved and cheques issued.

10. To consider renewal of insurance policy due 1 October 2023 and take any necessary action.

Zurich Municipal renewal premium is £300.00, no increase from last year. Cllrs unanimously agreed to renew the policy. *Action: the Clerk*

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

A new telegraph pole has been installed and presumably the original pole will be removed in due course. Soil samples have been taken but we have not been advised of the results. SCC Officers will attend the 13 November meeting to update Councillors on how and when they will be able to deliver the path.

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

Hopkins Homes has agreed in principal to a noticeboard at Mill Grove but would like to see an example of the noticeboard and exact location first. The Clerk and Cllr Copping will identify a suitable site and send a photo.

Action: Cllr Copping/the Clerk

It was unanimously agreed to purchase a two-door noticeboard made of recycled plastic from Realise Future for £999.99 + VAT to replace the current noticeboard in Forest Road which is rotting. *Action: the Clerk*

13. Environmental issues.

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

Carried forward to the October meeting

b) to discuss flower boxes and take any necessary action

An additional 10 barrels have been requested around the parish with residents offering to look after them and plant up. Cllrs approved the purchase of a further 11 barrels which will cover all sites if required as when able to be produced by the supplier.

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

There has been no response from the advert in September OHSMag.

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

All pathways and graves areas have been mowed and hedges thinned and cut back. No more broken glass and needles have been found. There is resistance from current members to bring in younger members of the team.

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

Everybody has been very complimentary regarding the September OHSMag which was produced by a potential new editor. The OHSMag committee are meeting 13 September. If the potential editor agrees to accept the post and the OHSMag Committee agrees the appointment, it was unanimously agreed that OPC would support and approve this appointment. The Clerk has investigated costs of a new website with suffolk.cloud. The set-up fee is £200.00 with annual ongoing costs of £120.00. In addition, suffolk.cloud can provide a gov.uk domain name for £75.00 per annum and dedicated mailboxes for councillors for £60.00 per annum. Cllrs were asked to look at examples of other parish council websites provided by suffolk.cloud for further discussion at the next meeting. It was felt that OPC can make more use of the Facebook page.

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

Nothing further has been received regarding Onehouse Meadow site. We are awaiting some ideas from Taylor Wimpey. Cllr Boulter or Copping will contact Taylor Wimpey.

Action: Cllrs Boulter/Copping.

17. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **20's Plenty Campaign** requesting OPC pass motions to request 20 mph. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. **Ethos Consultants** Safer Roads Stronger Communities introducing a new road safety partnership. Cllrs do not wish to have further information at this time. **Suffolk Police** public meeting – new policing model 17 October. **Resident** concerns regarding road safety on Lower Road. This will be copied to County Cllr Otton and the Clerk will also respond. *Action: the Clerk.* **Resident** requesting dog bins at Mill Grove. This has been passed to Hopkins Homes to see if they will provide them. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** rural bulletin 15, 22, 30 August, 8 September. **SCC** Trading Standards 17, 24, 31 August, 7 September, grit bins replenishment. **MSDC** fixing fares for Hackney carriages, online measuring tool being installed on planning search website 28 August, **BMSDC** Section 106 grants, planning public access site unavailable 4 September, Town and parish update September, Mid Suffolk grant funding for voluntary groups, district CIL bid round 12 1-31 October. **SALC** news bulletin 22 August, 4, 11 September. Mid Suffolk area forum 14 September, training bulletin 5 September. **CAS** community led housing Zoom events 5 October. **Suffolk Police** notice regarding data breach at Suffolk and Norfolk Police, Constables County July. **National Highways** A14 Haughley-Tothill reconstruction scheme closures overnight 29 August-5 September, August newsletter, midway public information event for Town and Parish Councils 25 September. **ESO** letter on the East Anglian study. **Homestart** in Suffolk record number of families accessing support services. **County Cllr Otton** £1.3m upgrade for Suffolk Fire and Rescue centre.

18. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Dead Lime tree – Along Onehouse Walk is dead. This has a TPO but as it is dead this TPO is exempt. MSDC Tree Officer has given permission for it to be removed.

Police engagement – following Police being unable to attend the last two meetings to which they were invited to discuss anti-social behaviour in the village, the Clerk contacted PCC Passmore. He has offered to attend a future OPC meeting. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

Co-option of Councillors – 2 applications have been received so far, the closing date is 18 September.

19. Questions to the Chairman

There were none.

20. Items for next agenda

20's plenty, People and Places Plan, noticeboards, handyman, footpath to Chilton Leys, OHSMag, new website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper's Graves.

21. To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 9 October 2023 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed.....Approved.....

Dated.....9 October 2023.....