

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
8 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL.

Present: Cllrs Cruickshanks, (Chairman), Taylor, Corker, Copping, Crissell and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Raisey and Willshere.
2. **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 11 December 2017.**
The minutes were approved and signed.
3. **To receive members Declarations of Interest on agenda items.** There were none.
4. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7.35 p.m.

A resident commented on the excess chippings following resurfacing of Northfield Road. The Clerk advised she had reported this to SCC in September 2017 but the response was that they had assessed the severity and they would not be taking any remedial action. It appears that Mr Tween did not receive our letter regarding grass cutting of verges and footpaths so the Clerk will send again. *Action: the Clerk*

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

SCC has signed the Woodland Trust's Tree Charter. SCC will write a letter in support of WASPI women requesting that the Secretary of State for work and Pensions reconsiders transitional pension arrangements for these women. SCC is to work with Ipswich Borough Council, Ipswich Vision and other partners to support a bid for Ipswich to gain City Status. Suffolk has been chosen as a pilot scheme for 100% business rates retention for the 2018/9 financial year. Primary school application deadline is 15 January.

6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

It is concerning that 58 staff have left during 6 months up to end of September, and doubtless more since. Many of these were experienced staff who did not wish to travel to Ipswich, even though working from home is now supported and encouraged where practicable. The access point in Stowmarket is getting a lot of visits.

The November Council meeting was notable for the lack of portfolio reports despite promises dating to last December, and opposition Cllrs are submitting numerous questions to gain information. There was an unsatisfactory discussion about how Babergh had called in to Scrutiny the decision to "engage" the public about the proposed merger, while MSDC Cllrs were told they could not. The telephone polling has now commenced, but the debate about differing governance will not be minuted as there was no "decision." The administration voted to largely accept the Boundary recommendations despite glaring anomalies.

December Cabinet adopted a new Leisure Strategy and half year accounts showing we are once again under-spending compared to budget, due to the growing number of vacancies.

The December full council meeting passed motions of the Woodland Trust Charter for Trees, Woods and People, and a motion in support of a deposit scheme for plastic bottles.

January's Cabinet approved a first draft of the 2018/19 budget, based on a 0.5% increase in Council Tax, implementing the Government-enforced 1% reduction of rents and some increase of other charges. February's full council will sign off the final budget.

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The meeting reconvened at 7.45 p.m.

7. Planning Matters

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

17/06161 Conversion of cartlodge to annexe, insertion of roof lights and glazing with balcony forming kitchen and wet room with bed and sitting at first floor. Malthouse, Lower Road – support.

17/05990 Erection of single storey extension (following part demolition of existing single storey extension, amendment to planning permission 0194/15). School House, 92 Forest Road - support.

17/06228 Erection of single storey front extension. 1 Northfield Road – support as within the build line.

17/06231 outline application for 1 detached dwelling and cartlodge (following demolition of existing building) existing improved access off Finborough Road. Land to East of Pips Lodge, Finborough Road – support with the comment that although the site is outside the current settlement boundary Cllrs have no objection to 1 dwelling here.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

17/05790 Erection of extension to shop. Stowmarket Golf Club – permission granted.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 17/045 £423.25 Mrs P Fuller salary and expenses December 2017

b) 17/046 £120.00 Matthew Ball OHSMag & Website July-December 2017

c) 17/047 £121.80 HMRC Tax October-December 2017

d) 17/048 £148.40 Suffolk County Council pension payment January to be sent off 5 February

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

e) To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Current Account at the end of December was £37,076.82. Less this month's cheques totalling £813.45 and adjustments of £173.52 for insurance and £88.00 for adverts, the corrected figure is £36,524.89.

f) 17/049 £296.84 Gipping Press January OHSMag.

9. Highways Matters

The Clerk reported the recent flooding on Forest Road near the post box to SCC and the quickly erected flood warning signs. They have since advised that the drain blockage has been dealt with.

10. To consider new bank account/s following notification that the Bank of Ireland is to close our Treasurer's account and take any necessary action.

CAF has advised that we cannot have accounts with them as we are classed as local government not a charity. The Clerk will get further details of the Nationwide BS accounts available for the next meeting.

Action: the Clerk

11. To consider replacement flower boxes and take any necessary action.

Cllr Corker has been to Roots and Shoots. Their boxes are smaller at 36" x 12" x 12" for £32.99 each. A resident has found some that can be made 48" x 18" x 18" for £40.00 each. This item was carried forward as suppliers have advised that they will have more choices shortly.

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

Lots of wood from tree pollarding has been burnt. The cross has been refurbished and is back in situ. Clearing the area to the pond continues as is coppicing/hedging work. The trimmers and chainsaw are to be serviced and safety checked. *Action: Cllr Taylor.*

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

Taylor Wimpey will attend the February meeting regarding Phase 2 of Chilton Leys development. Cllrs were asked to request that the greenbelt be planted before building starts to minimise the visual impact. An archaeological dig is taking place on the Hopkins Home site in Union Road.

14. To discuss Onehouse website and OHSMag and take any necessary action.

Gipping Press has advised of a price increase for printing OHSMag from 1 February which was agreed by Cllrs. It was agreed to make an agenda item for next month to discuss increasing advertising rates and proportional contributions from Harleston and Shellingham for any losses on production costs against income.

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

The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network Rural economy spotlight, news digest 18 December, 2 & 8 January, Rural Vulnerability Service – fuel poverty & rural transport December, rural broadband January. **MSDC** Christmas Tree collections 2018 Chilton Fields. **SALC** weekly information bulletin 11 December, Local Government Finance Settlement, Buckingham Palace Garden Party 31 May, latest information from NALC on GDPR. **Community Action Suffolk** News 14 December, stronger charities for a stronger Suffolk 7 February. **SCC** suffolkonboard newsletter December, future notification of road closures and restrictions, Suffolk Trading Standards news 22 December, 5 January. **Suffolk Police** Christmas message from PCC including precept survey. **John Matthissen** recycling and waste collection calendar 2018. **UK Power Networks** storm Eleanor information.

16. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Nothing to report

b) Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

December checks have been carried out and all vehicles were under 30 mph. There has been increased traffic due to the long closure of Combs Lane.

17. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Crissell has completed Trading Standards survey.

18. Items for next agenda

Nationwide BS accounts, flower boxes, OHSMag, development, Pauper's Graves, Community Speedwatch.

19. To confirm date, time and place of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 12 February 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. Noted.

The meeting Closed at 8.40 p.m.

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