

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Willshere, Corker, Crissell, Vile, Taylor and 5 members of the public.

Due to the resignation of the Chairman, Cllr Raisey a Chairman needs to be elected.

**1.Election of Chairman.**

Cllr Willshere was proposed, seconded and unanimously carried. She duly signed the Declaration of Office form.

It is with regret that the resignation of Chairman Ron Raisey has been accepted. Ron was co-opted onto the council in May 2004 and has been Chairman since 2012. We take this opportunity to thank Ron for all he has done for the parish during his time on Onehouse Parish Council. Mark Brewster has also resigned and although Mark has not served for long on the Council we thank him for his work too.

The Casual vacancies have been advertised and we await information from MSDC whether an election has been requested. The cut-off date was 11 October.

**2.Apologies for absence.** There were none.

**3. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 9 September 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

Cllrs Crissell and Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in appl 19/03996 as Cllr Crissell is on the Trinity Hall improvements committee and Cllrs Taylor is on the PCC. Both signed the interest book.

**5. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7.37 p.m.

**7. Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

As from 1<sup>st</sup> September, central government has changed how CIL is reported and spent. The consultation on the draft Joint Local Plan has ended. It is expected that it will take some months for the officers to get through all the responses. Concerns have been expressed about the future funding of Citizens Advice. A Task and Finish group of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which is chaired by Keith Welham is about to commence a review of how the service is delivered across Suffolk, with the aim of securing longer term funding. Full council discussed the Half Year Treasury Management Report at last month's meeting. To March 2019 CIFCO Ltd (the investment company set up by Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councils) made a loss of £4.6M (split evenly across both councils). This is mainly due to the downward valuation of the company's investment properties. MSDC also made a loss of £1.5 on the Gateway 14 project; this is still in the early stages of development and has yet to start generating income. Each District Councillor has £7,350 to allocate to community projects and groups in their ward. Cllr Matthissen has contributed £500 to a mental health project at Stowmarket High School. MSDC has plans to create a new visitor centre at Needham Lakes. There is to be a public consultation event at Needham Market Community Centre

on 10th October. It is hoped that the new facility will encourage more visitors to the Lake, and the council are seeking tenders for the management of the facility. The Clerk was asked to contact Christine Thurlow regarding any CIL payments that may be due for the two houses in Woodland Close and redevelopment of Red Willows industrial site. It is noted both the Hopkins Homes development in Union Road and Taylor Wimpey at Chilton Leys still fall under Section 106 not CIL.

A resident asked if signs can be put up near to Fieldens Saying No Development Traffic so that large lorries do not come through the village looking for the Hopkins Home development.

A resident asked regarding the landscaping trees for the Taylor Wimpey site be planted so that they start to grow to before the development at Chilton Leys bend. Cllr Matthissen will raise this issue with the planning officer.

White lines on the Chilton Leys bend have faded away. The Clerk will ask SCC to reinstate.

*Action: the Clerk*

The ditch opposite 40 Forest Road needs digging out to alleviate flooding. The Clerk will contact the landowner.

*Action: the Clerk*

The meeting reconvened at 8.02 p.m.

## **8. Planning Matters**

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

Cllrs Crissell and Taylor left the meeting at 8.03 p.m.

**19/03996** Over cladding of external walls and erection of single storey extension. Church Room, Forest Road – support

Cllrs Crissell and Taylor rejoined the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

**19/04363** Erection of two storey side extension (following demolition of garage and removal of carport) erection of front porch and hard and soft landscaping. 27 Ash Road - support

**19/04654** Listed Building application – Internal alterations to facilitate change to layout of WCs. Shepherd and Dog, Lower Road - support

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

**19/03963** Erection of detached annex. 42 Forest Road – permission granted.

## **9. Finances**

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 19/030 £359.85 Gipping Press October OHSMag

b) 19/031 £237.54 Business Services at CAS insurance annual premium

c) 19/032 £290.80 HMRC tax July-September

d) 19/033 £156.46 Suffolk County Council pension payment to be posted 5 November 2019

Items a) – d) were approved and cheques issued

e) To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community Account balance at the end of September was £42,463.72 including the 2018/19 VAT refund and 2<sup>nd</sup> half precept payment. £88.00 has been received for an advert since month end. With adjustment of £346.00 for adverts paid in advance, the corrected figure is £42,205.72.

## **10. Highways**

a) To discuss the purchase of speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

After discussion it was agreed to look into solar panels instead of batteries as these only last for 2 weeks before needing replacements. All information on sites, who is willing to move the signs around the sites, costs of the equipment and solar panels/batteries will be available at the next meeting so a decision on how many signs are to be purchased.

County Cllr Otton joined the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 8.22 p.m.

## **6. Report from County Cllr Otton.**

The Boundary Commission has now announced that they will be looking to reduce the number of councillors at Suffolk County Council from 75 to 70. The next stage of the process is to determine where the division boundaries should be. There is now a new process in place for requesting speed limit changes. The local county councillor must act as a “filter”: all requests for changes need to come through them, and any individual or parish council who requests a change will be referred to the local councillor. The local councillor will need to persuade the officer group to support a request for a speed limit change. The group will then produce a report on the pros and cons, which the local councillor can comment on before the report goes to Cllr Mary Evans (Cabinet Member for Highways) for a final decision. Cllr Otton is putting a motion to the council next week asking that the council re-instates the number of health visitors as there is a crisis in the current number having to cope. On 24 September, the Cabinet agreed a response to EDF’s Stage 4 consultation for Sizewell C. The Cabinet maintains that they support the principle of nuclear technology, but do not currently have sufficient information to support the proposals for Sizewell C. There are still numerous pupils waiting for their bus pass, some have been given temporary ones, Cllr Otton is asking how many appeals have taken place and how many have been successful. Some of these will be officer decisions but many will go to the transport appeals panel. She has been on a walk for an appeal from Onehouse but feels it would be difficult for parents to use footpaths during poor weather. Cllr Otton will be asking the cabinet member how he can justify the unmitigated disaster not just in PR terms but the awful impact on families. The state of the footpath from Forest Road which is part of the diversion has been reported to officers.

The meeting reconvened at 8.31 p.m.

## **11. To consider a request that the Parish Council provides a defibrillator for the village and take any necessary action.**

The Clerk has sent a letter to OHS Management Committee to request permission to house the defibrillator on the Community Centre wall. She is awaiting a response.

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

Two working parties have taken place since the last meeting to tidy the site.

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

The Hopkins Homes development in Union Road is about to commence. Concerns were expressed regarding the hedge and trees along the boundary. The Red Willows redevelopment is well underway.

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

Matthew Ball has advised that he has the website accessibility regulations under control. OHSMag has lost a further long term advert. Mr Raisey has advised that he is happy to continue as OHSMag Editor.

**15. To consider launching a Onehouse Village Facebook page along with a Social Media Policy and take any necessary action.**

Matthew Ball can set this up and will liaise with Cllr Vile. This will need to be a closed site, have nominated people to update and link to the website. A social media policy will need to be signed and published on our website. Cllrs agreed for this to go head.

*Action: Cllr Vile/Matthew Ball*

16. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **Trinity Hall Project Committee** has asked for a letter of support for the Trinity Hall toilet block to enable it to obtain grant funding. *Action: the Clerk.* **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 10, 17, 24 September, 1, 8 October, Rural Funding Digest October. **Mid Suffolk CAB** invitation to AGM 15 November. **MSDC** publication of Mid Suffolk housing land supply position statement, planning search webpage issues. **SALC** AGM 26 November, Mid Suffolk Area Forum notes and website accessibility information, ebulletin 13, 26 September, 11 October, Suffolk Local Authorities parish engagement 15 October, consultation – independent review into local government audit, extended review of governance and constitution with members, SPS landscape training, Suffolk electoral Review – briefing for Town & Parish Councils 10 October + notes, increase in thefts from vehicles east Suffolk September, Suffolk Community Award winners, SALC annual conference Shaping Suffolk 18 November, Suffolk Action Week – volunteering Suffolk Foundation 30 September – 6 October. **Local Boundary Review Commission for England** have your say on arrangements for SCC. **Community Action Suffolk** news 13 September, 3, 8, 10 October. **Suffolk Constabulary** PCC says this is your police service – tell us what you think, PCC/constabulary drop in session Stowmarket 8 October, Partner funded PCSO project 2025 cut-off date 15 November Cllrs do not wish to respond, Constable County October. **We find any learner** training courses. **Graham** upcoming works A14 J42-47. **SCC** Reminder of forthcoming CIL bid round 4 1-31 October, Trading Standards news 18, 25 September, 3, 9 October, rest centre training September 2019-May 2020, Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan modifications consultation, Suffolk Pension Fund triennial results 2019.

**17. To receive reports**

a) Report from the Clerk

**Bank Mandate** – due to changes on OPC, the Clerk will need to make further changes to the bank mandate.

**Insurance** – the Clerk has contacted Business Services at CAS and has increased the All Risks sum insured to the next band of £10,001-£20,000, otherwise the changes to the policy are acceptable.

**Mower for the Pauper's Graves** – a letter has been sent to District Cllr Matthissen to consider a grant from Locality Funding.

b)Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

A further session has taken place with no vehicles over the speed limit recorded.

**18. Questions to the Chairman**

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr Raisey for all his hard work over the last 15 years, 7 of which he was Chairman.

**19. Items for next agenda**

Speed reduction signs, defibrillator, CIL money feedback, Pauper's Graves, development, Community Speedwatch, social media policy and consent forms.

**20. To confirm date, time and place of the next meeting as Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Trinity Hall. Noted.**

The meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.

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