

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Willshere (Chairman), Corker, Taylor, Vile, Copping, Crissell and 2 members of the public.

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

**2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 9 December 2019**

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 7.32 p.m.

**5. Report from County Cllr Otton.**

Council Tax is due to increase by 4% in 2020-21 .1.9% of this will be for general council tax, whilst another 2% will be the final increase for the Social Care Precept. There are no major cuts to services proposed in the 2020-21 budget. However, the budget does rely on the council achieving £7.2m of savings and a further £12.3m. In last year's budget, Suffolk County Council announced that it would be removing the £368,000 grant for Citizens Advice. However, the budget proposals for 2020-21 include £120,000 funding for Citizens Advice. This grant will remain in place for three years only and will be subject to annual review of the service in terms of efficiency, income generation and impact. After three years of additional funding, the council expects Citizens Advice to become financially independent. I have asked why the grant could not be increased.

**6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen.**

It is proposed that there will be a Council Tax increase of 1.66%, this equates for a Band D property to £2.76 pa, 5p per week. (NB this is only for the District, there are precepts for SCC and Police to be added.) After four years of government-enforced reductions, the council is also proposing putting up council house rents by 2.7% - 1% above Consumer Prices Index. MSDC Cabinet on 6 January approved an initiative to introduce new fines for Council Tax fraud. Cabinet adopted a new protocol produced by Citizens Advice and Local Government Association for the collection of council tax arrears. Plans for a £600,000 visitor centre/cafe at Needham Lake have been approved. Planning permission was granted on 11<sup>th</sup> December and 127 Trading company are the preferred tenants. Works should begin in spring 2020, and this will be a welcome addition to East Anglia's most visited free attraction.

The meeting reconvened at 7.34 p.m.

**7. 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.

**19/05355** Discharge of Conditions appl 4455/16 Condition 21 (Resource Efficiency Measures-Sustainability). Land South of Union Road – acceptable.

**19/05356** Discharge of Conditions appl 4455/16 Condition 19 (fire hydrants). Land South of Union Road – acceptable.

**19/04714** Discharge of Conditions appl 4455/16 Condition 28 (Construction Surface Water Management Plan). Land South of union Road – acceptable.

**19/05049** Discharge of Conditions appl 4455/16 Condition 25 (Foul Water Strategy). Land South of Union Road – satisfied.

**19/05016** Erection of a single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing). 2 North Lodge, Lower Road – granted.

## **8. Finances**

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a)19/042 £295.95 Gipping Press January OHSMag

b)19/043 £156.46 Suffolk County Council pension payment to be posted 5 February2020

c)19/044 £291.00 HM Revenue & Customs Tax October-December

Items a)-c) were approved and cheques issued.

d)To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The statement balance at the end of December was £40,321.13.

## **9. To consider how to fill one casual vacancy by co-option and take any necessary action.**

There has been no response to the advert in OHSMag. Cllrs were asked to consider who could be asked to join the Council.

## **10. Highways**

a)To discuss letters to residents regarding location of speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

Each location point needs to have the support of nearby residents. The Clerk will send letters to residents at both ends of Forest Road, Heron Hill area to the Shepherd & Dog on Lower Road.

*Action: the Clerk*

## **11. To consider costs for a defibrillator and locked cabinet to be sited on the wall of OHS Community Centre and take any necessary action.**

AEDDonate has offered a defibrillator and cabinet at a cost of £1,499.00 instead of £1,999.00. Cllrs asked to Clerk to find out if a maintenance package is available through AED but agreed to go for this offer.

*Action: the Clerk*

## **12. To discuss CIL available to the parish and take any necessary action.**

Cllr Crissell has been told that there is £6821.20 for the parish in due course. He understands that Hopkins Homes development is strategic land and that there will be no parish proportion of the Sect 106 money. Cllr Willshire feels this is incorrect as the land was identifies as a reserved site in the SAAP. It was agreed that Cllr Crissell will approach MSDC for clarification.

*Action: Cllr Crissell*

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

There were no working meetings in December due to the bad weather. The Dog Walkers Association has donated a male and a female holly tree for the area. A  
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further 2 trees and 36 plants have been donated. Chippings have been put on the paths. The Woodman's dinner has been held at the golf club.

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

Nothing further has been heard on the application from Endurance Estates. A copy of a letter from a resident to MSDC regarding the proposal, Hopkins Homes and flooding in Finborough Road has been received. Cllr Willshire has written to MSDC Planning regarding flooding in Finborough Road and will write to the Environment Agency and Highways regarding her concerns following Discharge of Conditions application for surface water drainage for the Hopkins Homes development and the recent flooding of Finborough Road with a copy to MSDC CEO.  
*Action: Cllr Willshire*

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

The Facebook page is pending under the name of Onehouse if available or Onehouse Parish. The page will be set up using the parish council website address.

The meeting adjourned at 8.33 p.m.

Cllr Otton reiterated her report. Flooding over the Christmas period was discussed. The potholes in Starhouse Land and Lower Road need attention.

The meeting reconvened at 8.41 p.m.

16. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: MSDC** regarding their website. Cllr Willshire has responded, Great British Spring Clean 2020, New Christmas recycling guide, free swims Christmas holidays for under 17s. **Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 10, 17, 27 December, 7 January, Rural Funding Digest January, Christmas greetings. **SCC** Trading Standards news 12 & 19 December. **SALC** planning survey, Mid Suffolk Area Forum follow up, Buckingham Palace Garden Party 27 May 2020 nominations, ebulletin 20 December, 10 January, MSDC Town and Parish Liaison meeting 4 February. **CAB** Christmas opening times, news from CAB and request for donation. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 20 December, 9 January. **Penny Otton** new and improved recycling centre to open in Bury St Edmunds 16 January 2020. **Suffolk NWA** request for donation.

**17. To receive reports**

a) Report from the Clerk

**Flooding opposite 46 Forest Road** – as the matter has not resolved, this will be reported to SCC.

**Parish proportion of precept** – MSDC has advised an increase of 1.9%.

b) Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

A check has been carried out on Forest Road.

**18. Questions to the Chairman**

A handyman needs to be found to change to batteries to the speed reduction signs, maintaining flower boxes etc. This will be an agenda item for the February meeting.

**19. Items for next agenda**

Handyman, Paupers Graves, OHSMag, Community Speedwatch, defibrillator, speed signs, development, casual vacancy.

**20. To confirm date, time and place of the precept meeting as Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Trinity Hall. Noted.**

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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