

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Onehouse Parish Council held on Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

1. Apologies for absence. There were none.

2. To suspend the functions of Onehouse Parish Council from the Clerk for the period of this meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

3. To receive members Declarations of Interest on agenda items.
There were none.

4. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7.34 p.m.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

Suffolk County Council has published a Local Outbreak Control Plan which sets out how Suffolk would prevent and respond to a localised outbreak of COVID-19. Suffolk has received £2.79m from the Government to support the delivery of the plan. Suffolk County Council has announced that concessionary travel rules, which had been relaxed during lockdown, will be reintroduced from July 6. All passengers are now required to wear a face covering on public transport. The Planning Inspectorate has agreed that EDF Energy's DCO application for Sizewell C could proceed to the examination stage. The formal pre-examination stage of the process (Section 56 Notification Stage) will begin on 8 July and run to 30 September. The Cabinet has approved a 5-year cycling plan for Suffolk, which identified 148 potential routes to be prioritised. Due to social distancing requirements, school buses will only be able to transport children eligible for school transport not allowing anyone to purchase a seat on school buses. Larger vehicles and vans can now use recycling sites by appointment only. Libraries and mobile libraries opened again on 6th July. It has been agreed with Greater ANGLIA that those with disabilities can be given assistance if they have a sunflower lanyard at manned stations. The virtual Women's Cycle Tour will take place from 20th July to 16th August to raise funds for the East Air Ambulance. Consultation on the new primary school at Chilton Leys will commence shortly. Letters have not been sent to residents in Onehouse and Cllr Otton has raised this since it is likely to be village children's catchment area. SCC is to plant more trees for a healing wood. An announcement is to be made on the future of Children's centres.

Cllr Crissell expressed concerns that Onehouse seems to be the forgotten village and already taken into Stowmarket since SCC has ignored consulting residents on the new school and MSDC ignore the Parish in planning matters. He still has not received any reply from MSDC Head of Planning and feels that we are treated with contempt.

6 Report from District Cllr Matthissen

Staff are continuing to work from home, making use of Microsoft Teams to hold virtual meetings with colleagues, councillors and residents. Non-urgent site inspections are starting soon. Some officers are beginning to return to their normal jobs having been seconded to different duties arising from the pandemic.

The Home but not Alone emergency line continues. All District Council and Committee meetings are now being held as virtual meetings using the Microsoft 2990

Teams platform. It is still not known when the Joint Local Plan will be available and ready to be considered at a meeting of the full Council. Cllrs will soon be provided with a timetable for the remaining steps that need to be followed; the JLP timetable is expected to be an item on the Council agenda for 23 July. Proposals from the Cross-Party Task Force of Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councillors were approved by Cabinet on 6 July. They contain a number of environmental measures which could form the councils' first Carbon Reduction Management Plan, setting out how they aim to fulfil their ambitions of becoming carbon neutral within the next ten years. MSDC and the Greater South East Energy Hub (GSEEH) will be jointly funding a study into low carbon opportunities for Gateway 14, the commercial development site bought by MSDC in 2018. Government recently announced both short-term and long-term funding, and MSDC is commencing work on rewriting the Cycling Strategy which is out of date. Cllrs have asked for clarification of what provision is proposed for cyclists within the town of Stowmarket and linking neighbouring villages to improve links to schools, local retail outlets etc. as well as for leisure. Three years ago, MSDC and Babergh set up an investment company (CIFCO) and have so far borrowed around £60 million which they have loaned to CIFCO to buy commercial properties, all of but one of which are outside Suffolk. The scheme was set up to make profits to improve services for residents of the districts. A recent revaluation of the portfolio shows a loss in the last 12 months of around £3 million; with fees of some £500,000. In recent months only 50% or so of the rental due to CIFCO has been paid. A recent scrutiny of the CIFCO Business Plan for 2020/2021 raised many concerns which need to be considered before full Council is asked to approve the Business Plan at the meeting on 23 July. Another round of business grants has just been launched; Early Years Settings will be eligible, amongst others not covered by previous grant schemes. Locality Awards have been launched for 2020/21.

A resident asked if children are allowed to play on the grass area in Ash Road since the part mowing scheme has commenced. As MSDC introduced this he was advised to contact MSDC Public Realm.

The meeting reconvened at 8.05 p.m.

7. Planning Matters

a) To discuss and make recommendation to MSDC on any applications received prior to this meeting. There were none.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 20/ Mrs P Fuller £37.26 expenses April-June 2020

The payment was unanimously approved.

b) To complete and sign the Statement of Assurance and Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2020 and agree to send an exemption certificate to the external auditor.

The form was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk, as were the accounts. As both income and expenditure were below £25,000, an exemption certificate will be sent to the auditor.

Action: the Clerk

9. To discuss OHSMag, Onehouse website and Facebook page and take any necessary action.

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Hard copy OHSMag has been produced for July and distributed. The Clerk expressed concern regarding advertisements as a copy of OHSMag is now put on the website and Facebook. Since adverts are not on the Parish Council page and only a link is included on the OPC page of the village website it is felt to be acceptable particularly as no additional advertising revenue is received.

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

Socially distancing mowing has been taking place. It is hoped to resume normal working group activities from 2 October subject to coronavirus restrictions.

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

The consultation for the new primary school at Chilton Leys commences 27 July for two weeks. Part of Union Road will be closed from 27 July for road widening at the Hopkins Homes site.

12. To discuss OHSMag, be published on the website with advertisements and take any necessary action. This was covered under item 9.

13. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Computer – the Clerk has been experiencing problems with the computer and Mr Sykes is investigating a replacement.

New printer – this has not been purchased yet due to coronavirus lockdown.

Defibrillator – this has been received and the Clerk is awaiting collection and installation by Bryan Jones as agreed by OHS Management Committee.

b) Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

No sessions have been completed due to coronavirus.

Cllr Vile has contacted SCC regarding the locations to be checked for speed indicator signs.

14. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Crissell asked Cllrs to think of projects that CIL money can be spent on. The Clerk advised that no CIL money has been received and who had advised Cllr Crissell that £6,000 is available. Cllr Crissell will contact MSDC and copy to the Clerk.

Action: Cllr Crissell

15. To discuss holding virtual monthly Parish Council meetings from September until face to face meetings are permitted.

It was agreed to hold full virtual meetings from 14 September 2020. The Chairman will host via Zoom.

16. To confirm discharge the functions of Onehouse Parish Council to the Clerk during the period of the Corona Virus crisis following this meeting.

This was unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

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