

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDY 8 FEBRUARY AT 7.30 P.M.

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

1. Apologies for absence. There were none.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting 11 January 2021.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

There were none.

4. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7.33 p.m.

A resident requested that OHSMag be reinstated in print form. Volunteer deliverers have been contacted and they plus members of the Good Neighbour Scheme are willing to cover the delivery areas.

A resident advised that the road is still flooded opposite 40 Forest Road. SCC has been to assess the situation and think the culvert is blocked.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

County Council elections will take place in May. Suffolk residents are urged to donate their spare digital devices for school children as part of a new campaign 'IT kit for kids' The Suffolk County Council Budget has now been presented to Scrutiny and to Cabinet and will be presented to Full Council on 11 February. The net expenditure budget is £597.877m. Basic council tax will be raised by 1.99%, the Social Care Precept will be raised by 2%, rather than the full 3% allowed. £16.702m from risk reserves will be used to balance the budget. The LDGI Group has constructed a Budget Amendment which will be submitted to Full Council on February 11th alongside the administration's Budget. The key change proposed by the LDGI Group would be to authorise the use of the full 3% social care precept. Suffolk County Council is currently running a consultation on a new Streets Guide, which will assist designing streets for new residential developments especially by promoting walking and cycling. Cllr Otton and other members of her group are so fed up with the lack of work on areas that are continually flooded; they are taking the problems to the Chief executive. This includes the fact that for example in Onehouse this is not taken seriously as part of any planning applications. : Cllr Otton has agreed to put in an extra application for funding for the new flooring at Trinity Hall.

6 Report from District Cllr Matthissen

Due to the laying snow refuse collections have been suspended for a few days. MSDC has purchased 97 homes on new housing developments in Haughley, Woolpit and Stowmarket. These new homes form some of the S106 affordable homes contributions from these new developments. These will help to redress the loss of council houses which have been sold under the Right to Buy scheme. Work is currently underway building more council houses on both the Needham Middle School site and the former Council office site in Needham Market. A new awareness campaign to get Suffolk's recycling right has been launched. A leaflet explaining what can and can't go into recycling bins will be delivered to all

homes. MSDC has approved and adopted a Strategic Asset Management Plan for 2020-2025. This is a document outlining how the Council uses and manages all the land and buildings to support the strategic priorities. The half yearly Treasury Management report was discussed at Full Council in January. There was full compliance with the CIPFA code of practice. Despite Government announcing that such borrowing would cease, MSDC with Babergh has bought a business centre in Coventry for £5.5m. The Conservative administration concede they will have to stop this after 31st March as any property purchase for income would mean no further recourse to Public Works Loan Board to finance affordable house building. Mid Suffolk Council has agreed to adopt the definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, and pledged to combat anti-Jewish racism, in line with the Government ahead of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Flooding issues were discussed along with the response received from SCC. It was felt that although SCC is the lead local flood authority, as some water will be piped into the River Rat from the Union Road development the Environment Agency should be commenting on the planning application. Issues of flooding must be pressed home when the deferred planning application comes back to committee.

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 no new applications.

It was agreed that Cllr Willshire will co-ordinate objections to the Union Road development with photographs of flooding and for maintaining a strategic gap between Stowmarket and Onehouse also evidence of need. *Action: Cllr Willshire*

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

20/04414 Erection and alteration of the boundary fence (retention of). 30 Ash Road – permission granted.

8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 20/034 £336.00 V & R Waspe & Sons grass cutting of the playing field

b) 20/035 £124.28 Viking Direct stationery

c) 20/036 £225.19 Mrs P Fuller salary increase and expenses July 2020-February 2021

d) 20/037 £151.33 Suffolk County Council pension payment February to be posted 5 March

Items a) – d) were approved

e) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community Account at the end of January 2021 was £38,750.84. Less this month's cheques totalling £836.80 and adjustments of £138.56 for insurance and £466.00 for adverts, the corrected figure is £38,518.60. This adjustment for adverts does not include £500.00 for three advertisers which have not paid for previous years. The Clerk is

recommending these be written off. This will be discussed at the net meeting.

9. To consider high-vis clothing for Alan Row handyman and take any necessary action.

Cllr Vile has investigated these and it was agreed to purchase a jacket for £23.68 and £6.21 for a vest from GoCustom Clothing. Printing or embroidering Onehouse Parrish Council on the back will be investigated. Mr Row will be asked to purchase his own bump cap and gloves for which he will be reimbursed so that he gets a good fit. The Clerk has been in contact with Mr Row and he will commence employment on 1 March 2021. A contract has been drafted showing 2 hours a week at a starting salary of £10.00 per hour. *Action: Cllr Vile/the Clerk.*

10. Highways

a) To receive an update on additional sites for speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

Cllr Vile is to finalise the application for the second site on Forest Road and contact SCC for the agreed locations and posts. Delivery of the SID is imminent.

Action: Cllr Vile

b) To discuss flooding around the parish

Work to resolve the flooding outside 42 Forest Road was ordered by SCC 28 January.

11. To consider the Help Shape Guidance for new housing in Suffolk consultation and take any necessary action.

Cllrs do not wish to comment.

12. To consider a request from OHS Management Committee for a grant towards the purchase of a sit on mower for the playing field grass cutting and take any necessary action.

Cllrs are concerned that the model of ride on mower being considered by OHSMC is not suitable for the size and condition of the playing field. Information of how OHSMC will fund maintenance and servicing of the mower will be requested before discussing a grant further.

Action: the Clerk

13. To consider a request from OHS Management Committee for a letter of support for an application to MSDC for a grant from Section 106 funding towards new flooring at the Community Centre and take any necessary action.

Cllrs asked for further information on how much is being applied for and the type of flooring.

Action: the Clerk

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

This has already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

It was agreed to print the March issue of OHSMag. Mr and Mrs Raisey will be asked to organise distribution if the usual volunteer deliverers do not wish to

deliver during lockdown. They will be advised that the Good Neighbours Group have offered to assist with deliveries if required,

16. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 2, 26 January, 2 February, Rural Funding Digest February. **SCC** Trading Standards news 4 February, severe weather warning 6-8 February and 8-1 February. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 14, 25 January, Eastern Community Homes launch registration opens. **.MSDC** Suffolk Waste Partnership recycling leaflet. **SALC** NHS Suffolk virtual community event – COVID, ebulletin 25 January, 1, 8 February. **Cllr Penny Otton** various correspondence regarding flooding, laptops for struggling families, rapid testing centre to open in Bury St Edmunds, donate spare digital devices for school children. **Jo Churchill MP** we are aware of Covid 19 vaccination scams.

17. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Casual Vacancy – a resident who had previously has shown an interest in joining the council is no longer wanting to be considered. The vacancy will be advertised in OHSMag again.

Commemorative bench - £100.00 from Cllr Otton Locality Budget has been approved for the license.

Hopkins Homes marketing – the Clerk has contacted the sales office to see if they will change the online adverts to show as in Onehouse rather than One House.

18. **Questions to the Chairman.** There were none.

19. **Items for next agenda** development around the parish, OHSMag, website & Facebook, to consider writing off three OHSMag bad debts.

20. **To confirm date and time of the next virtual meeting as Monday 8 February 2021 at 7.30 p.m.** Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.01 p.m.

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