

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ONEHOUSE PRISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY 2002 AT 7.42 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Willshere, Nutman, Taylor, Crissell, Cook and Corker.

In attendance: District Cllr Matthissen, Mrs Fuller (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. **Election of Chairman.** Cllr Willshere was proposed, seconded and carried.

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman.** Cllr Copping was proposed, seconded and carried.

3. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Copping.

4. **Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr Willshere signed the form which was witnessed by the Clerk, Cllr Copping will complete before the next meeting.

5. **Nomination of representative to SALC.** Cllr Crissell was duly elected.

6. **Nomination of representative to OHS Village Hall & Playing Field Trust Management Committee.**

Cllrs Corker and Cook were proposed, seconded and elected.

7. **Nomination of Public Transport Liaison Officer**

Since we no longer have any public transport this post is no longer required.

8. **Nomination of Tree and Footpath Warden**

Cllrs Copping and Corker were elected to this joint role

9. **Nomination of Paupers Graves Officer**

Cllr Taylor was re-elected to this post.

10. **Appointment of OHSMag/website Committee**

This will be decided following a meeting with Harleston and Shelland Parish Meetings.

11. **To appoint Responsible Financial Officer**

Mrs Fuller as the Clerk was appointed.

12. **Nomination of Cllr to carry out internal audits**

Cllr Crissell was proposed, seconded and elected.

13. **To review insurance and cheque signatories.**

The current signatories are Cllrs Taylor and Corker. A revision of the bank mandate is still being sought however Barclays cannot find Cllr Copping's identification documentation and are questioning the number of signatories on a Community Account. Our 5 year long term insurance agreement through CAS Business Services Ltd comes to an end 30 September. Quotes will be sought from various companies before consideration before renewal. It is anticipated there will be a considerable increase in premiums this year. *Action: the Clerk*

14. To review the effectiveness of our internal audit and systems of internal control.

Cllrs have reviewed current systems which they find to be effective and satisfactory.

15. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 11 April 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

17. Public comment. There were none.

18. Report from County Cllr Otton.

The Department for Transport has confirmed Suffolk County Council will not receive any funding for their Bus Back Better strategy. The strategy was aimed to improve and expand bus services in Suffolk, connecting rural areas to local and important towns, as well as reduce carbon emissions in line with the goal to become net zero by 2050. The Cabinet met on 26 April to discuss Suffolk County Council's Post-16 Travel Policy for 2022-23. The policy outlines all the support offered to those who struggle to afford the travel sending their child to education, training, or an apprenticeship. The Cabinet voted to freeze the increase in costs to parents/guardians, meaning the price remains at £930 per year for a Mainstream Seat, and £750 for a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Seat. The Cabinet also discussed the positive report Suffolk County Council received from Ofsted's inspection into Care Leaver services and how it has successfully helped them transition to independence. Back in February, Suffolk was announced as one of nine county areas to be invited to negotiate a County Deal – a deal that would see Suffolk have more control over decisions in transport, education, skills, housing, and planning. The administration announced Suffolk would be pursuing a deal without the recommendation of a Mayor. Cllr Otton, Ian Crissell and a resident met with SCC highways officer to look at the areas where there are parking issues in the village. Photos have been forwarded to highways and we wait to see if the officer has any ideas of how to resolve issues. At a meeting with the head of social care it is obvious that the council and families prepared to take Ukrainian refugees are still finding it very difficult. There has been a real concern about accompanied children and offers by the very elderly to house male refugees. I am happy to pass on any specific concerns. There is still no date for the work to repair Burford Bridge.

19. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

Construction of the multi-million-pound business, innovation and development hub in Stowmarket is now officially underway. A ground-breaking ceremony was held last week. Gateway 14 is being brought forward as part of Freeport East, which will offer businesses tax relief and simplified custom arrangements. Both Mid Suffolk and Babergh are members of the county-wide scheme to support Ukrainian refugees. Housing officers are responsible for carrying out property inspections, once sponsors are matched up with Ukrainian families. Households in Council Tax bands A to D will receive a one-off £150 rebate. For residents who pay by direct-debit, this rebate should be processed automatically. Those households who do not pay by direct-debit will be contacted in the next few

weeks .The annual report on climate change and biodiversity was published in April. This summarised progress during the last year as well as indicated the next steps. These include the completion of the Solar Car port at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, increase the number of EV charging points in carparks with the help of Government grants, publish the tree canopy survey and consider the implications of the Government's Recycling and Waste Strategy. The Women's Tour is returning to Suffolk this year, with the finish of the opening stage on 6th June in Bury St Edmunds. The next round of Locality Grants is now open. Next week Cllr Matthissen will be arguing in the planning committee that there is no need to breach policies to allow another 20 houses opposite the bungalows on Forest Road. After months of argument, the idea of building on the land between Paupers Graves and the village has been withdrawn. Cllr Nutman advised that the use of land on Lower Road where rubble and waste is being stored has been referred to environment but nothing has been received back. Cllr Matthissen will look into the matter.

20. Planning Matters

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

22/01482 Application for Listed Building Consent - Replace the french doors to rear, including two fixed full-length window sidelights. Lodge Barn, Forest Road – no objection.

b)To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

22/01208 Discharge of conditions application 20/01110 Condition 26 (ground floor levels) Land South of Union Road – satisfied.

22/01617 Discharge of conditions application 20/01110 Condition 5 Provision of access). Land South of union Road – acceptable.

21/06966 Application for approval of reserved matters following grant of planning permission DC/20/01110 Town and Country Planning - Submission of details for the Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of up to 146No dwellings (some single storey and affordable) including vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, play space, landscaping, associated highways, drainage and utilities infrastructure. Land To The South Of Union Road – approved.

21. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a)22/009 £364.00 Gipping Press May OHSMag

b)22/010 £80.00 Mr Palmer playing field grass cutting April

c)22/011 £105.00 Mr Raisey edit, produce and deliver My OHSMag to distributors

d)22/012 £150.16 Suffolk County Council pension payment March to be posted 5 June

Items a) – d) were approved and cheques issued. Payment by standing order £389.05 Mrs Fuller April salary.

e)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community Account at the end of April was £32,593.58 including receipt of the first half precept.. Less this month's cheques totalling £699.16 and adjustments of £79.18 for insurance and £91.00 for adverts the corrected figure is £32,064.60.

22. To consider a request from OHS Management Committee for a grant towards the Queen's Jubilee Event and take any necessary action.

OHSMC are hoping to hold an evening of music on 4 June and a garden party on the field on 5 June with memorabilia for children who attend the event. No figures have been provided for any costs and the committee do not know how many people will be attending. Whilst Cllrs would like to support the events details of costs need to be available before any grant can be considered.

23 To discuss the current position regarding the extension of the footway from 22 Forest Road to Chilton Leys and take any necessary action.

No further update has been received however SCC has confirmed that funds have been paid over by Taylor Wimpey

24. Environmental issues.

a)To discuss the Suffolk County Council self-help scheme and take any necessary action.

Mike Smith has attended the required training. The Clerk will check that grass cutting can now be carried out. *Action the Clerk*

b)to discuss the condition of the flower boxes and take any necessary action. This item was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Copping is to report on which boxes need replacing. Cllr Crissell has advised that he knows someone who cleans and sells half barrels and it was agreed to get a quote for these.

Action: Cllr Crissell

c)To discuss dog litter bins around the parish and take any necessary action. Photos of the area near the garages in Northfield Road have been sent to MSDC to see if they would empty a bin if it was installed and we are awaiting response.

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

The group has a project to clean up the bath from the workhouse and concrete in along with an information board of what it was used for.

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

Cllr Willshere has attended a meeting with Kate Parnum and Fiona Duhamel of MSDC to further discuss Stowmarket SHELF project (master planning for the Stowmarket Sports and Wellbeing hub). After further consideration MSDC has agreed that an additional grass pitch by the Paupers Graves area will not work and would like to site the pitch, pavilion and MUGA elsewhere in Stowmarket. This would allow the area earmarked within the Taylor Wimpey site to remain a grass field informal recreation area and would give Onehouse PC the option to adopt the area and use as it wishes. The area is approx. 4 acres. Cllrs need to give the option consideration and also consult residents.

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

It would appear that several of the flats at Stow Lodge are empty and the deliverer is questioning whether OHSMag should be delivered to these flats. The Clerk will try to contact the housing manager. *Action: the Clerk*

214 people actively following the Onehouse Facebook page. 74% are registered as ladies and 26% men. 65% of our followers are based within a 16 mile radius

of Onehouse and the remaining 35% coming from further afield in the UK, plus a couple from Zimbabwe, South Africa and India.

28 To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. A resident asking if they maintain the grass triangle by their house. However as this is owned by SCC, OPC cannot grant this permission. Cllr Nutman referred to a response from SCC regarding a speed limit on Lower Road. This will be an agenda item for the June meeting. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** the Rural Bulletin 12, 20, 26 April, 4 May, Rural Funding Digest May. **SALC** training and networking ebulletin 12, 19, 26 April, 5 May, news ebulletin 19, 25 April, 3, 9 May. **County Cllr Otton** Women’s Tour update. **SCC** upcoming highways work various roads, Onehouse, Shelland and Woolpit 25-29 April, trading standard news 14, 28 April, 5 May. **MSDC** making a difference – key achievements, CIL application round May 2022. **National Grid** consultation on East Anglia GREEN. **Community Action Suffolk** newsletter 21 April, 6 May. **Suffolk Preservation Society** Suffolk View Spring 2022.

29. To receive reports

a)Report from the Clerk

Festival of Suffolk Torch Rally – the route has been advised as pick up Chilton Leys corner, photo at the village sign or community centre and drop off at the community centre. Cllrs think that the pick-up point would be dangerous and Cllr Taylor offered his driveway in Union Road as an alternative. It was agreed the photo needs to be at the village sign.

OHSMag – Harleston has responded that they would like a meeting to discuss the future of OHSMag at a separate meeting to an OPC meeting. This will be arranged.

b)Report on meeting with Highways regarding parking around the housing area. Cllr Crissell, County Cllr Otton and a resident walked around Northfield Road, Birch Road and Ash Road looking at the parking issues and number of cars. It was basically a courtesy visit as there is nothing SCC is able to do.

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

31. Items for next agenda

Traffic and highways issues, Dog bins, Footpath to Chilton Leys, flower boxes, OHSMag, website and Facebook, development around the parish, Pauper’s Graves.

32 To confirm date and time of the next meeting as Monday 13 June 2022 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.

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