

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3 JULY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Raisey (Chairman), Cruickshanks, Copping, Corker and Crissell.

**In attendance:** County Cllr Otton, Mrs Raisey, Mr Eade and Mr Pleasence.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Taylor and District Cllr Matthissen.

2. **To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 5 June 2017.**

Mrs Raisey was added to in attendance. With this amendment 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 7.35 p.m.

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

SCC is considering changing to a Hybrid system of governance but these will not be held in public which Cllr Otton will argue against as not open and transparent. It is proposed that the Education and Children's Scrutiny Committee will be disbanded where there is a legal requirement for representatives from school governors to be a part of it: Cllr Otton has insisted that they must be part of any new committee dealing with schools and young people. Claims against SCC for damage due to highways defects for the last 12 months is approx. £23,468, £1,180 on Starhouse Lane alone. £400k has been spent on care beds for people who have died. The care home had informed SCC but the council failed to spot the payments. These have now been reclaimed with £40k outstanding. There appears to be little common sense regarding road closures and Cllr Otton has asked the director to review the way these are agreed. Cllr Otton has again spoken to the director and cabinet member regarding getting the 40mph signs in Finborough Road erected. A Locality Budget request for improvement work at the Community Centre has been put in.

6. **Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

Cllr Matthissen has been asked for his opinion regarding the current MSDC ward boundary review. He will argue the case of the existing five villages of Onehouse Ward (Onehouse, Harleston, Shelland, Gt Finborough and Buxhall) plus the addition of Combs and Little Finborough.

District Cllrs now have a Locality Budget.

Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of grass cutting of the verges which are now a danger to both pedestrians as they cannot get on the verges out of the way of traffic as well as drivers who have restricted visibility. Footpaths are also very overgrown. It was agreed to make grass cutting an agenda item for the September meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 7.52 p.m.

7. **Planning Matters**

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

**1867/17** Outline Planning Application including access, landscaping and layout to be considered. Demolition of existing storage building, erection of 6 dwellings with  
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appearance and scale to be the subject of Reserved Matters Application. Chilton Leys, Forest Road - object. Access onto Forest Road on a dangerous bend yards from the approved emergency vehicle and bus access to the Taylor Wimpey site. The access route crosses a Bridleway single track and protected trees and roots damage will be caused by vehicles to the site, any entry to the site should be via the Taylor Wimpey development. The access to the site crosses the cycle/pedestrian route. A greenbelt needs to be maintained between Onehouse and Stowmarket. Does not address housing needs of the area

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

**1775/17 & 1776/17** Erection of timber decking. Shepherd & Dog, Lower Road – permission granted.

**1642/17** Erection of single storey sun room extension following removal of existing conservatory structure. 1 Birch Road – permission granted.

**5005/16** Application for full planning permission for highways and utilities infrastructure, including main spine road, emergency access, drainage and attenuation, a pumping station, electricity substation and other utilities. Land North of Chilton Leys – permission granted.

## **8. Finances**

### **To approve payment of the following invoices:**

a) 17/014 £411.55 Mrs P Fuller salary June 2017

b) 17/015 £148.40 Suffolk County Council pension payment June to be sent off 5 August  
Items a), b), d) and e) were approved and cheques issued.

c) To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The Community Account at the end of June was £20,224.56. Less this month's cheques totalling £882.15 and adjustments of £42.61 for insurance and £640.00 for adverts, the corrected figure is £20,025.02. The Treasurers Account stands at £18,264.95.

d) 17/016 £118.20 HM Revenue & Customs Tax April-June

e) 17/017 £204.00 MSDC dog bin/litter bin emptying 2017/18.

## **9. Highways Matters**

Road markings have been repainted following surface dressing in Northfield Road.

B1115 Finborough Road between Starhouse Lane and Lower Road to be closed 10-14 July for ditch clearance.

## **10. Nomination of representative to SALC.**

Cllr Crissell volunteered.

## **11. To receive an update on a Health and Safety Policy and take any necessary action.**

Although Onehouse PC does not legally require a Health & Safety Policy as we have less than 5 employees, Cllr Crissell has drafted a policy suitable to our needs. Cllrs were asked to comment to Cllr Crissell before the next meeting.

**12. To discuss recent vandalism at the Paupers Graves area and take any necessary action.**

Some vandalism has taken place and the working group has requested a movement activated camera by the cross. This will require notices to be erected and some Cllrs feel that this will detract from the ambiance of the area. It was felt that as the vandalism is very infrequent the situation should be monitored but a camera will not be installed at this time.

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

It is believed that the Hopkins Homes application for 300 homes in Union Road will go to Committee in July.

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

Two new adverts have been placed in the last 2 months.

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

All areas were mowed 23 June. The trees need to be inspected annually. The History Group are visiting the site 8 August.

16. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters.

**Seafarers UK** fly the Red Ensign flag for Merchant Navy Day. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Clerk & Councils Direct** May & July. **Suffolk View** spring 2017. **SALC** information bulletin 5 & 19 June, forthcoming courses. **Rural Services Network** news digest 12, 19, 26 June, 3 July, Rural Economy spotlight, rural residents views requested, Rural Conference 2017, Spotlight on Rural Health, Rural Vulnerability Service – rural transport July. **Local Government Boundary Commission England** Review of Mid Suffolk Warding arrangements. Community Action Suffolk news 14.20, 28 June. Royal British Legion Remembrance service parish survey. **MSDC** slides on briefing pack in relation to phase 2 of the Boundary Review for Mid Suffolk, planning team's pre-application services, CAS Awards 2017. **SCC** new way to access information on road closures and roadworks, suffolkonboard newsletter July, Temporary Traffic Order B1115 Finborough Road closed 10-14 July ditch clearance. **Suffolk Community Foundation** grants update July. **Local Council Review** July.

**17. To receive reports**

a) Report from the Clerk

**Flower boxes** – Mr Bennett is unable to make replacement boxes. There has been no response from Mr Daniel.

**Dog bin footpath near garages Northfield Road** – 2 resident landowners have said no to the erection of the bin therefore the matter will not be taken further.

**Brown Bins** – the Clerk has contact MSDC and they have a new system which should improve collection issues.

**99 Northfield Road** – the Clerk has been advised of a rear extension being built and will check if planning permission required or falls under larger extensions regulations.

b) Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

two sessions carried out, one in Union Road and one in Forest Road where one car was recorded over the speed limit.

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

19. **Items for next agenda.** Health & Safety policy, OHSMag/website, Community Speedwatch, development, grass cutting, Paupers Grave.

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

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....