

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Cruickshanks (Chairman), Willshere, Copping and Corker.

In attendance: County Cllr Otton and 5 members of the public.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of Vic Bennett who had helped around the village for many years and was an example to all.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Taylor, Crissell, Raisey and District Cllr Matthissen.

2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting 3 July 2017.

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 7.37 p.m.

Cllrs were made aware of some antisocial behaviour and a letter will be sent to the Police.

Action: the Clerk

Matthew Ball is off to university but can continue his work on OHSMag and Onehouse website from there. Cllrs are happy for him to continue and are pleased with all he is doing.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

I am dismayed that a change to the policy of providing free school transport to some pupils is being withdrawn. This will only be available for pupils who live more than 2 miles from their nearest school up to age 8 and 3 miles for 8-16 year olds. There will also be a reduction in help for post 16 s. There will be some consultation with a decision March 2018. I intend to challenge the cabinet on Tuesday and hope to get it called into the scrutiny committee. The review of highways staff has been completed; we now come under the team based in Rougham. The carers allowance for children has been increased to £10 an hour. Following concerns by residents the ditch near the Shepherd and Dog has been cleared.

Cllrs expressed concern regarding school transport as these were agreed due to road safety and not distance from schools. Cllr Otton will find out what is happening.

6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen

The first draft of the new Local Plan is out for public comment until 10 November. This is an important document for the future of villages and the government are requiring villages to state where they want development.

The meeting reconvened at 7.56 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

17/04257 Outline planning application (all matters reserved). Change of use of land and erection of 2 one and a half storey dwellings with garages and formation of 2 new vehicular accesses. Land to the North of Combs Lane, Combs Lane - support.

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b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

17/02626 Erection of a new dwelling. Riverside, Wash Lane. MSDC decision – permission granted. The original application 1473/17 for the dwelling on a smaller plot was withdrawn.

MSDC has confirmed that the rear extension at 99 Northfield Road is permitted development.

8. Finances

To ratify the following payments:

a) 17/018 £325.41 Gipping Press July/August OHSMag

b) 17/019 £411.55 Mrs P Fuller salary July 2017

c) 17/020 £148.40 Suffolk County Council pension payment June to be sent off 5 September

Items a) – c) were unanimously ratified

To approve payment of the following invoices:

d) 17/021 £411.55 Mrs P Fuller salary August 2017

e) 17/022 £68.00 NALC LCR subscription 2017/18

f) 17/023 £148.40 Suffolk County Council pension payment June to be sent off 5 October
Items d) – f) + i) were approved and cheques issued.

g) To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The current account at the end of August was £19,389.41. Less this month's cheques totalling £1838.72 and payment of £545.00 received for advertising and adjustment of £240.00 for outstanding adverts, the corrected figure is £18,335.69. The Treasurers Account stands at £18,269.25.

h) To Receive the Audit Opinion for accounts to 31 March 2017 and approve the Annual Return following the conclusion of audit

There were no matters which came to the auditor's attention requiring the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. Cllrs unanimously approved and accepted the audit opinion of the Annual Return.

i) 17/024 £325.41 Gipping Press September OHSMag

9. Highways Matters

The 40mph signs for Finborough Road have now been erected. There is an issue with excess chippings following the recent resurfacing in Northfield Road. The Clerk will contact SCC and request sweeping.

Action: The Clerk

10. To consider new bank account/s following notification that the Bank of Ireland is to close our Treasurer's account and take any necessary action.

The best account that the Clerk has been able to find is Nationwide Building Society. Cllr Willshire suggested CAF. The Clerk will investigate further. In the meantime funds will be transferred into our current account.

Action: The Clerk

11. To discuss the purchase of a Multi-Function 4 in 1 garden power tool and two safety helmets for the use in Paupers Graves site from a £200.00 donation from Stowmarket Lions Club and take any necessary action.

It was proposed, seconded and carried to buy the equipment. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks to Stowmarket Lions Club. *Action: The Clerk*

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

20 members of OHS History Group had a very successful visit. Summer mowing continues and autumn working parties commence 6 October. There has been no further vandalism.

13. To receive an update on a Health and Safety Policy and take any necessary action.

Cllrs have perused the updated policy and will be debated further at the September meeting.

14. To discuss grass cutting around the parish and take any necessary action.

Carried forward to next meeting.

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

Both applications at Chilton Leys and Union Road were granted by MSDC Planning Committee. Cllr Willshire spoke to object for the Parish Council.

16. To discuss Onehouse website and OHSMag and take any necessary action.

No response has been received from Shelland or Harleston regarding our request that they contribute to any losses on OHSMag this year. The Clerk felt there may not be a response but they would just be waiting to see how much we need to request at the end of the financial year.

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

The following items have been circulated to Cllrs :MSDC request for dates September & October meetings, Town & Parish newsletter July, Joint Local Plan- Town and Parish Council briefing 25 September, Stowmarket Visioning event invitation 14 September. SCC temporary closure of Onehouse Road and union Road for carriageway surfacing 8-11 August, Suffolk Pension Fund annual employers meeting 22 September, suffolkonboard newsletter September. SALC weekly information bulletin 3, 10 July, 7, 11 August, all you need to know about the reform of data protection legislation, area meeting 7 September, LAIS1401 Litter Strategy, vacancies at SALC. **Rural Services Network** weekly news digest 10, 17, 24, 31 July 7, 14, 21, 31 August, 4, 11 September, Rural Vulnerability Service Rural Broadband July, fuel poverty, rural transport, rural broadband August, spotlight on older people, rural housing spotlight, rural opportunities bulletin, rural conference 2017, spotlight on rural health. **Suffolk Community Foundation** Suffolk sports fund, grants update August, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Living safely online fund. **Parish Councils websites** Transparency Fund

update. **Community Action Suffolk** news 12, 26 July, 9, 23, 30 August, CAS awards 2017. **Penny Otton** ATC Cadets taking part in D of E Award. **Woodland Trust** mountain bike activity in Northfield Wood and associated vandalism to trees. **East Anglian Tree Wardens** forum 30 September. **Suffolk Accident Rescue Service** update, annual report and request for donation.

18. To receive reports

a) Report from the Clerk

Flower boxes – still no response from Mr Daniel. The Clerk will investigate prices at Roots and Shoots.

Odd jobs – one job has been completed but no invoice received, the other 3 are still outstanding. It was agreed to look for another odd job man.

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b) Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

Checks were carried out at both locations during July and August with all vehicles observing the speed limit.

19. Questions to the Chairman. There were none.

20. Items for next agenda

Bank accounts, Health and Safety policy, Paupers Graves, grass cutting, OHSMag/ website, Community Speedwatch.

21. To confirm date, time and place of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 9 October at 7.30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.46 p.m.

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