

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M IN TRINITY HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Willshere (Chairman), Taylor, Vile, Corker and 8 members of the public.

**1. Co-option of a Councillor to fill one of the casual vacancies.**

Joanne Copping was co-opted to the council and duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Crissell..

**3. To receive a presentation on plans for residential development of land South of Union Road (west of approved Hopkins Homes development to Starhouse Lane) from Pegasus Planning and Endurance Estates.**

Rob Barber (Pegasus Planning) and Rob Evans (Canon Consulting) as the highways engineers outlined plans. The proposals are for either 143 dwellings or 126 dwellings and a nursing home. The only entrance to the site will be from Union Road. Cllrs raised concerns regarding additional traffic using the narrow Starhouse Lane and infrastructure. There is to be a public exhibition at Stowmarket Rugby Club 4pm – 8pm on 19 November.

**4. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 14 October 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**5. To receive members Declarations of Interest on agenda items.**

There were none.

**6. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8.15 p.m.

**7. Report from County Cllr Otton.**

On 15 October, there was a major reshuffle of the Suffolk County Council Cabinet. SCC has in reduced Health Visitors by 35%, without informing either the public or councillors. The staffing cuts were made as part of an internal restructure of the 0-19 Healthy Child Service in order to save £1m. The Boundary Commission has extended the deadline for their consultation on new division boundaries for Suffolk County Council until 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. There will be a review of the new school transport policy. However, it is likely that this review will only focus on the implementation of the new policy, rather than the inherent problems with the policy itself. A new recycling centre is to open on Fornham Road, Bury St Edmunds. All containers will be on ground level and later this year there will be a charity RE-USE SHOP where materials etc can be taken for re-use. Parking enforcement will come under council control from the end of January 2020. Ipswich Borough Council will do this on behalf of Mid Suffolk DC. Cllr Otton has raised the footway along Forest Road again at cabinet and asked to meet an officer on site regarding the Finborough Road footway. All formal meetings will be cancelled until after the election and no locality awards will be made.

**8. Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

The Joint Strategic Plan (2016 – 2020) has been refreshed by the Cabinet members of both Councils. The new corporate plan includes both a vision and a mission statement and is summarised with a graphic representation. A cross

party group of councillors from Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils has now formed and agreed a programme of meetings to address the Climate Emergency and hopefully come up with some strategies for the Councils to adopt in due course. Mid Suffolk are planning to deliver two completely affordable housing developments on the middle school sites in Needham Market and Stowmarket. Both developments will include homes for affordable rent, social rent and shared ownership. Over the last 4 years Mid Suffolk have built and acquired enough homes to just about keep pace with the loss of properties to the Right to Buy Scheme. All MSDC Council and Cabinet meetings will be cancelled, as will Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings due to the forthcoming general election. MSDC will be running free swims for youngsters over the Christmas holidays at Stowmarket to help promote healthier and active lifestyles in the district.

The meeting reconvened at 8.17 p.m.

### 9. Planning Matters

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

**19/04828** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for the variation of Condition 1 ii 0049/90 (previously varied under Condition 3 ii (b) of 3373/13 for information) to allow an increase in aerotow launch operation from 1000 hours to 1800 hours from 1 May to 30 September. Rattlesden Gliding Club, High Town Green, Rattlesden - support

**19/05016** Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing. 2 North Lodge, Lower Road - support

**19/05149** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for 4455/16 without compliance with condition 5 (external facing materials). Land to the South of Union Road – object should remain renaissance red as originally approved.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

**19/04713** Discharge of Conditions Application for 4455/16 - Condition 3 (Archaeological Investigations), Condition 4 (Post Archaeological Investigation Approval). Land To The South Of Union Road – acceptable and satisfied.

**19/04664** Non-Material Amendment to DC/19/02944 for extension roof sheets to underlap the existing instead of being flush. Stowmarket Golf Centre Lower Road – approved.

**19/04717** Discharge of Conditions Application for 4455/16 - Condition 15 (Estate Roads and Footpaths/Cycleways). Land To The South Of Union Road – acceptable.

19/03996 Over-cladding of external walls and erection of single storey extension. Church Room Forest Road – approved.

**DC/19/04363** Erection of two storey side extension (following demolition of garage and removal of carport), erection of front porch and hard and soft landscaping. 27 Ash Road – approved.

**EN19/00482** Non-compliance with approved plans of planning permission 4776/16. 1 North Lodge, Lower Road.

### 10. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 19/034 £315.16 Gipping Press November OHSMag

b)19/035 £66.00 SALC Councillor training day Cllr Vile

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c)19/036 £42.00 MSDC dog & litter bin emptying 2019/20 additional invoice

d)19/037 £156.46 Suffolk County Council pension payment to be posted 5 December 2019

Items a) - d) were approved and cheques issued

e)To receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

Balance of the Community Account at the end of October was £40,814.14. Less this month's cheques totalling £579.62 and adjustments of £40.00 for adverts and £197.95 for insurance paid in advance, the corrected figure is £40,392.47.

**11. To consider how to fill one casual vacancy by co-option and take any necessary action.**

It was agreed to put an advert in OHSMag.

*Action: the Clerk*

**12. Highways**

a)To discuss the purchase of speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

Costs for 2 solar powered signs is £7410 + VAT and 2 battery powered signs is £5600.00 + VAT. Batteries need recharging every 2 weeks. After discussion it was agreed to look to include £5600.00 within the 2020/21 precept if there is insufficient funds in reserves. This will be looked into at the December precept meeting.

**13. To consider a request that the Parish Council provides a defibrillator for the village and take any necessary action.**

The OHSMC are to consider our request for a defibrillator to be sited on the Community Centre wall at their meeting 12 November. Funding for the defibrillator will be considered funding at the precept meeting.

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

100 forget-me-not plants have been donated and planted along with 2 trees. The mower which was approved will be purchased shortly.

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

Councillors are invited to attend the public meeting regarding the land south of Union Road one hour before the public. Cllrs see the widening of Starhouse Lane as essential along with infrastructure requirements. The possibility of an access into the site from Finborough Road needs to be explored.

MSDC are conducting a survey of residents in Ash Road need the mound providing two options for half mowing of the grass area.

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

A new advert has been place for 12 months and no further adverts have been cancelled this month. Advertising is up to date and there are two larger outstanding balances which the Clerk is pursuing.

**17. To consider and approve a Social Media Policy and consent form for a Facebook page and take any necessary action.**

Cllr Vile has drafted a policy and consent form. With a small amendment these will be sent to Cllrs for adoption at the next full meeting.

18. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items have been circulated to Councillors: Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 15, 22, 29 October, 5 November, Rural Funding Digest November. **MSDC** free swims at Leisure Centres during half term, formal adoption of Haughley NP, message from MSDC election team postal voting for general election, promote tree for life, Suffolk fly tipping campaign. **SCC** Trading Standards news 17, 24 October, 7 November. **SALC** Annual Conference Shaping Suffolk 18 November, forthcoming courses, e-bulletin 31 October, AGM 26 November. **LGBCE** have your say on council ward boundaries for Suffolk. **Suffolk Preservation Society** Suffolk View autumn edition. **Community Action Suffolk** news 24 October, 8 November, Village Hall conference 19 November. **Birds Farm Trees** circular. **AED donate** defibrillators for your community. 2 residents comments regarding development of land south of Union Road.

**19. To receive reports**

a)Report from the Clerk

**Ditch opposite 46 Forest Road** – the Clerk has spoken to Lawrence Fielden and asked for the ditch to be cleared to alleviate flooding of the road. He was also asked to cut the hedging/trees back from the road to improve visibility.

**White lines Chilton Leys bend** – SCC staff have visited and believe at this time this doesn't warrant remedial action.

**Photo consent form and privacy policy** – SALC does not have templates.

b)Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

Due to the development of land south of Union Road speedwatch checks are only being carried out on Forest Road; all vehicles were travelling below the speed limit.

**20. Questions to the Chairman**

A new councillor will need to be appointed to conduct internal audits as Cllr Willshire should be a cheque signatory.

**21. Items for next agenda**

The precept

**22. To confirm date, time and place of the precept meeting as Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Trinity Hall. Noted.**

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m

Signed.....

Dated.....