

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDY 11 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.50 P.M. (after technical issues)

**Present:** Cllrs Willshere (Chairman), Taylor, Crissell, Vile, Copping, Corker and 3 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence.** There were none.

**2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting 14 December 2020.**

The minutes were approved.

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

There were none.

**4. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7.54 p.m.

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

Thank you for sending the photos and letter regarding flooding to the CEX of Mid Suffolk. It is obvious that the planning approvals have resulted in exacerbating any problems with water running off the sites. This will be forwarded to SCC as they have responsibility for flooding and are always a consultee on planning applications. Starhouse Lane has been left in a very bad state and Cllr Otton has reported this to highways. A family has requested a bench on Forest and it is confirmed that as this is highways verge an application has to be made by the parish council. If it is not too late Cllr Otton willing to pay for the licence of £100 from locality budget if the parish council wishes to support this idea. Information on COVID including grants available and financial support has been passed on. At Full Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, SCC unanimously passed a motion that will see SCC developing a biodiversity strategy and embracing biodiverse land management practices. SCC cabinet will be reclaiming unspent Local Highways Budgets from councillors on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. SCC is currently preparing its budget for 2021-22. SCC is currently running a consultation on its proposed Streets Guide, which will assist with the design of new residential developments showing how best to create sustainable transport layouts that promote walking and cycling. A new Street Guide has been commissioned to update guidance for residential streets.

Mr Crissell expressed concerns regarding the Sunnica consultation and that the company may have an area of land near to Northfield Wood. Cllr Otton advised that SCC has responded to the consultation and will forward a copy.

**6 Report from District Cllr Matthissen**

MSDC is continuing to administer payments of grants to businesses forced to close or suffering a significant loss of income during the current Coronavirus lockdown period. Council Members have received an initial briefing on the draft budget for 2021/22. Once again, the Council is planning for a surplus at the end of next year following a likely underspend during the current year. It is proposed that Council Tax be increased by 1.66%, which is equivalent to 23p per month for a Band D property. Cllrs continue to have concerns that inadequate staffing results in failure to deliver capital projects on time and shortcomings in other work such as planning enforcement. The budget will be debated by Council on 23 February. Despite Government announcing that such borrowing would cease, MSDC with Babergh has bought a business centre in Basingstoke; the cost is not

yet known. MSDC propose to increase Council House rents by 1.5%, equivalent to an average increase of £1.25 per week. There will be no increase in garage rents. Sheltered housing service charges are set to increase by £1 per week. MSDC has agreed to lease the former NatWest bank building to the John Peel Centre at a peppercorn rent which will provide a community space and entrance on the Market Place. The Council's vehicle fleet will be transferred from fossil fuel diesel to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) diesel, which is produced mainly from waste cooking oil. It is estimated that the council's fleet of vehicles currently emits nearly 900 tonnes of carbon dioxide. This could be cut by 90%. The period to challenge the latest Draft JLP document ended 24/12/20 and objections will go, together with the Submission Draft, to a Government Planning Inspector in the coming months.

The planning application for land south of Union Road was deferred at the MSDC planning committee on 6 January. Residents in Finborough Road had not been advised even though they have objected to the application. Apparently MSDC no longer informs interested parties other than the Parish Council when an application is going to committee. The letter and pictures of flooding in Starhouse Lane and Finborough Road were considered by the Chair and Vice Chair and the Chair decided not to allow the photos to be shown at the meeting as she felt they didn't materially add to the information already available to Members. It was suggested that a letter of complaint is sent to the monitoring officer.

The meeting reconvened at 8.28 p.m.

## 7. Planning Matters

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

**20/05826 + L/B 20/05825** Erection of single storey extensions, covered parking and insertion of bi-fold door, alterations as per Heritage Statement. Lodge Barn South, Forest Road - support.

**20/05912** Reserved Matters application following approval of 5007/16 Northfield View Phase 2B will be providing 100 dwellings including affordable housing, associated hard and soft landscaping and infrastructure; provision of public open space, footpath and cyclepath. Northfield View 2B, Fuller Way, Stowmarket – support requesting landscaping and trees planted early to minimise visual impact

**20/04414** Erection and alteration of the boundary fence (retention of). 30 Ash Road, Onehouse. – continue to object, all fencing forward of the front door should be 1m.

b) To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

20/03336 Discharge of Conditions Application for 2452/14- Condition 12 (Submission of Report) Red Willows, Finborough Road, Onehouse – satisfied.

## 8. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a) 20/031 £315.16 Gipping Press January OHSMag

b) 20/032 £151.33 Suffolk County Council pension payment January to be posted 5 February

Items a), b) & e) were approved.

c) to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk

The balance of the Community account at the end of December was £39,228.40.

d) To discuss and approve the precept to be raised for 2021/22

The Clerk produced the precept calculations. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and carried to set the precept to £13,500.00 with any overspend funded from general reserves. Full details of the precept are shown on folio 3010.

e) To sign precept form for 2021/22

The Chairman signed the form and the Clerk will get additional signatures following coronavirus guidelines.

e) 20/033 £291.00 HMRC tax October to December

**9. To consider the recommendation of the interview committee for the post handyman for various jobs around the parish and take any necessary action.**

Alan Row was recommended by the interview committee which was endorsed by full council. A contract will be drafted and safety equipment will need to be provided for Mr Row.

*Action: Cllr Willshere/The Clerk*

**10. Highways**

a) To consider additional sites for speed reduction signs and take any necessary action.

The pole next to Elder Cottage, Forest Road was suggested and an application will be submitted to SCC

*Action: Cllr Vile*

**11. To consider Revised CIL Charging Rates Consultation and take any necessary action.**

Cllrs do not wish to respond to the consultation. Cllr Crissell has spoken with MSDC officer and £6822.65 CIL funding is due to the parish in due course.

**12. To consider Suffolk Pension Fund consultation on Ill Health Liability Insurance and take any necessary action.**

The Pension Fund Trustees have made the decision that Ill Health Liability Insurance will be necessary for smaller members in case any employees have to retire early due to ill health. The recommendation is for members who have a turnover of less than £1,000,000. There will be no extra cost. Councillors support the recommendation.

*Action: the Clerk*

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

This was carried forward to the next meeting.

**14. To consider the Sunnica Energy Farm consultation and take any necessary action.**

As the site is on the Cambridgeshire border, Cllrs do not wish to respond as others nearer will have better local knowledge.

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

Working parties have been suspended due to Coronavirus lockdown.

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

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infrastructure Land To The South Of Union Road went to committee on 6 January. Cllr Willshere attended to object to the proposal. The application was adjourned for 1. insufficient information submitted to demonstrate there would be no significant landscape impact on rural character and locality to allow principle of 146 dwellings and 2. that Officers investigate and negotiate whether any further affordable homes could be secured. We await the adjournment notice before taking the matter further.

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

It was agreed to only publish an online Outline Planning Application. (Access to be considered) for the erection of up to 146no dwellings including vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, play space, landscaping, associated highways, drainage and utilities infrastructure | Land To The South Of Union Road went to committee on 6 January. Cllr Willshere attended to object to the proposal. The application was adjourned for 1) Insufficient information submitted to demonstrate there would be no significant landscape impact on rural character and locality to allow principle of 146 dwellings and 2) that Officers version for February due to Coronavirus restrictions which affects deliverers.

18. To receive **correspondence/communications** and to deal with any matters. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 15, 23 December, 5 January, Funding Digest January. **SALC** Mid Suffolk area forum summary notes, ebulletin 21 December, 4, 11 January, Knock and Check, Christmas Day bubble infograph, Suffolk Coronavirus cases escalate at an alarming rate, coronavirus and the festive break. **SCC** trading standards news 17, 22 December, 7 January. **Community Action Suffolk** news 21 December. **MSDC** TPO/439 land Wash Lane. **Suffolk Police** survey- PCC's proposal for the policing element of council tax. **Cllr Penny Otton** message cascade Tier 4 rules infograph, Suffolk Community Trust Foundation Grants update January, support payments available for those told to self-isolate on low incomes.

**19. To receive reports**

a)Report from the Clerk

**Defibrillator** – this has been collected by Mr Jones for installation on the outside wall of the Community Centre.

b)Report from Community Speedwatch Scheme

None taking place during coronavirus restrictions..

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

**21. Items for next agenda.**

Help Shape Guidance for new housing in Suffolk consultation, development around the parish, OHSMag, website & Facebook

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

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