

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 JULY AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL.

Present: Cllrs Copping (Chair), Nutman, Boulter, Leek and Roberts.

In attendance: County Cllr Otton, Mr Fuller, Clerk and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

These were received and accepted from Cllrs Corker and Crissell.

2. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 10 June 2024

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

There were none.

4. Public comment.

Concerns were expressed regarding the HGV's coming along Starhouse Lane to the Fieldens site causing problems. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC to see if a weight restriction can be implemented on Starhouse Lane. The hedgerow at the junction of Union Road and Starhouse Lane needs cutting back for visibility, there has already been one accident recently. Concern was expressed regarding the missing dog bin at the top of Church Walk. This is due to be replaced. A resident concerned that the grass is not being cut on the mound in Ash Road. MSDC has designated this as meadowland and only cut the edges. The resident feels this should be changed as there would appear to be a lot of cat faeces in the grass.

5. Report from County Cllr Otton.

Information on overnight closures of the A14 and verge cutting programme have been sent to Clerks. Cllr Otton is very frustrated by the lack of progress on the design of the Forest Road footpath and has sent a strong letter to Cllr Paul West (Cllr for Operations – Highways).

Scrutiny Committee met on Thursday 13 June to review the council's priority action plan to improve SEND services. The plan had to be created following the poor Ofsted/CQC inspection report which was published at the end of January. The committee heard about the extra £4.4m funding to recruit more staff, including educational psychologists. There are plans to invest more money in the improvements and this will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting in July. Among the issues discussed were communication with parents and carers and responses to complaints and the importance of early intervention to support young children with needs as soon as possible. Suffolk County Council is taking part in a new initiative for fostering under the banner Foster East along with ten other councils in the region. There is an urgent need for foster carers in the East of England, with more than 7,000 vulnerable children already in the care of their local authority, and a further 150 children coming into care every month. The Foster East initiative is funded by the Department of Education and is a new, collaborative approach to foster carer recruitment and support. Potential foster carers will be supported by local council and via a buddy network. Fostering is a flexible role with options for short term care from a weekend a month to longer term opportunities, all providing life-changing support for local children.

Foster East will give people considering fostering the opportunity to speak to an advisor from 8am to 8pm daily, and the chance to talk to an experienced foster carer to find out more about what the role involves and ask any questions. During June the council has been celebrating Eco Month to celebrate all the work being done internally and externally to tackle climate change, enhance biodiversity and protect the environment. Events have included a market at Endeavour House, a workshop for staff on energy bills, wildlife walks, litter picks and a guided visit to the Ipswich tidal barrier. Council staff were also coached on how they can make a difference in their jobs to reduce waste and printing and promote sustainability. Suffolk County Council has ambitions to achieve carbon net zero by 2030 and has taken many steps already to achieve this, including switching to a 100% renewable energy tariff, moving to electric vehicles for all staff pool cars, and moving street lights over to LEDs, which are 50% more efficient than traditional street lighting. The council has also reduced its gas use by 38%. Suffolk County Council's Trading Standards have asked residents to be vigilant about tradesmen knocking on their doors to offer services, after several examples recently of cold callers persuading people to part with large sums of money for unnecessary or substandard work. The council is recommending that residents only use workmen on the Trusted Trader website. Residents can also protect themselves and their neighbours by nominating their area to become a No Cold Calling Zone – there are now more than 200 of these across Suffolk.

6. Report from District Cllr Matthissen. No report.

7. To confirm Cllr Leek as Tree and Footpath Warden

Cllr Leek confirmed his acceptance of the post. Footpath 28 is very dangerous as you are unable to see the edge for the ditch. This will be strimmed and the Clerk will contact Kevin Villander, SCC Rights of Way to see where he is with the design to make the path a better width and level. *Action: the Clerk*

8 Planning Matters

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

24/02697 Erection of single storey rear and first floor side extensions including re-roofing conservatory, 58 Ash Road – no comment.

b)To receive MSDC decisions on previously considered applications.

There were none.

c)To discuss concerns reported to OPC regarding building work at 105 Northfield Road and take any necessary action.

Several residents have asked regarding the second storey extension at 105 Northfield Road. OPC understands that there has been no planning application and MSDC is looking into the matter.

9. Finances

To approve payment of the following invoices:

a)24/023 £546.00 Onehouse PCC hire of Trinity Hall for meetings 2023/4

b)24/024 £392.00 Gipping Press July/August OHSMag

c)24/025 £45.00 Mike Smith plants for barrels Ash Road

d)24/026 £478.34 Mid Suffolk District Council dog & litter bin emptying 2024/5

e)24/027 £500.00 Suffolk County Council contribution to replacement road signs

f)24/028 £300.88 Mr R Cook reimbursement for bricks & Pauper's memorial

- g)24/029 £634.81 Mrs P Fuller salary June and expenses April-June
 h)24/030 £346.40 HM Revenue & Customs Tax April-June
 i)24/031 £161.98 Suffolk County Council pension payment July to send 5 August
 Items a) -i) + k) were approved and payments authorised.
 j)to receive monthly financial report from the Clerk
 The balance of the current account at the end of June was £33,358.74. Less this month's cheques totalling £3,855.41 and adjustment for insurance £50.00, the corrected figure is £29,553.27. A cheque has been received from Barclays Bank for £729.43 following the closure of the Community Account. This will be paid in to the Unity Trust Bank account.
 k)24/032 £450.00 J R Landscapes grass cutting of the playing field 12 & 19 June, 4 July.

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

a)agree to £100.00 from our donation to provide refreshments at the unveiling ceremony 19 July

This was unanimously agreed.

b)invitations to the ceremony

These have been sent to the villages involved via their parish magazines and anyone District or County Cllrs who have made donations. It was agreed that the Clerk would send an invitation to all Stowmarket TC councillors via STC Clerk and a draft was agreed. *Action: the Clerk*

c)on the building of the memorial

The construction of the base is almost completed and the plaque will be installed on 11 July. Items for a time capsule to be place in the base are a copy of March OHSMag with the article about the Pauper's Graves area and what the group have achieved, photo of the working group with names on the back, order of service for the unveiling, a copy of the Heritage Award letter and a map of the village as it is now.

d)recent working parties

The footings of the infirmary have been discovered and an information board will be erected.

e)improved disabled access

Disabled access for the unveiling will be via Mr Taylor's garden. Improved access for disabled and buggies will be investigated but it will still be necessary to stop bikes and motorcycles from entering.

11. To consider moving monthly meetings to the second Tuesday of the month and take any necessary action.

It was unanimously agreed to change to the 2nd Tuesday from September.

12. To consider the CIL/Section 106 figures for Onehouse on MSDC website and take any necessary action.

Cllr Leek has concerns that the figures published by MSDC for CIL seem to have disappeared from the village list and would like Cllr Matthissen to investigate. It was agreed to contact Cllr Matthissen and CEO Arthur Charvonia on this matter.

Action: the Clerk

13. To consider funding an Oompa evening in September at the Community Centre and take any necessary action.

It was agreed to hold a meeting on 13 August to discuss this. It is hoped to fund the event in advance and then recoup from ticket sales. Cllrs Boulter and Copping agreed to be part of the OPC events committee.

14. To consider the introduction of a village mascot and take any necessary action.

Cllrs Boulter and Copping are looking to come up with ideas of getting local children involved in the design of the mascot. They hope to have something ready for the September OHSMag.

15. To receive an update on the new noticeboards in Forest Road and Union Road and take any necessary action.

Cllr Boulter is sorting the old metal section of the leg and this should be complete by the end of the month. *Action: Cllr Boulter.*

Originally it was felt that a three door noticeboard would be required for Union Road so that OHSMC could have a separate section. However, Cllrs feel that a 2 door unit will be sufficient and the Clerk will now order this from Realise Futures and it will be funded from CIL. It was also agreed to have coloured writing on the sign. *Action: the Clerk.*

16. To discuss the reinstatement of the Onehouse sign on Union Road and take any necessary action.

The Clerk has not heard back from Arthur Charvonia and will email him to see what progress has been made. *Action: the Clerk*

17. To receive an update regarding the extension of the footway from 22 Forest Road to Chilton Leys and take any necessary action.

Cllrs are very frustrated and concerned regarding the lack of any progress following Milestone becoming the contractor for SCC. Julie Proctor, SCC Officer is expecting the design from Milestone on 14 July.

18. Environmental issues.

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

Forms have been completed and returned to SCC. A training date has been provided but Cllrs Boulter and Copping were unavailable on that date. New dates will be sent in due course.

Cllr Leek will find out costs of the Sudbury Wardens as a possible contractor who have received all the necessary training. *Action: Cllr Leek*

b)To receive an update on the flooding in Forest Road and the ditch a beside Footpath 28 towards Forest Road and take any necessary action.

The flooding in Forest Road appears to have cleared following work on the drains although it is noted that Anglian Water are aware of an issue opposite Trinity Hall.

c)to discuss flower tubs and take any necessary action.

Some of the boxes have not been adopted and an item will be included in the next OHSMag. It was agreed to move one of the tubs from Northfield Road corner to under the Onehouse sign opposite 22 Forest Road.

Action: Cllr Boulter.

19. To discuss OHSMag, new Onehouse website with Suffolk.cloud, old website, Facebook page and take any necessary action.

OHSMag – the sourdough event went very well and raised £90.00. A second event is being held. There is an OHSMag committee meeting 11 July. The Chili Night has been arranged for 20 July and if that is successful in raising funds for OHSMag, there will be two further invents, one in November and a Burns Night in January 2025.

Website with Suffolk.cloud – training will be arranged for Cllrs Copping and Boulter once a suitable date has been established. The Clerk will organise a onehouseparishcouncil email address from Cllr Roberts and all Cllrs should use the onehouseparishcouncil.gov.uk email address from 1 August.

Old website – this needs to be sorted before February 2025.

Facebook- there has been no progress in setting up a new page.

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

Nothing further has been received regarding Onehouse Meadow. Kate Parum has been invited to attend the village walk about with Arthur Charvonia and Cllr Matthissen on 18 July. She will also attend the September meeting.

Cllr Copping advised that with the change of Government and their likely housing policies it may be that we receive a further planning application for the site on Forest Road opposite 22 Forest Road.

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

Resident concerns regarding overgrown footpaths and speeding along Lower Road. The Clerk advised to report footpaths to SCC rights of Way and explained that our request for 40mph along Lower Road has been rejected. **Resident** regarding trees shading property by the playing field was referred to OHSMC.

The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: **SALC** Training Bulletin 11,18,25 June, 2 July, News Bulletin 17, 25 June, 1, 8 July, SALC AGM 1 July, SALC climate forum 3 July, Suffolk Community Awards. **Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 11, 18, 25 June, 2 July, Rural Funding Digest June and July. **SCC** Trading Standards news 14, 21, 27 June, 4 July, Suffolk Highways advanced notification of road closure Finborough Road 10-12 July, Suffolk EP Passenger Group AGM 10 July. **MSDC** UK Parliamentary notice: Statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and polling stations, Funding Surgery 11 July, BMDC's summer holiday activity programme. **County Cllr Penny Otton** Fire Service urges people to stay safe this summer, Suffolk Highways lifting the temporary local speed restrictions 24/25 June regarding A14 work, A14 resurfacing work J45 overnight 4/5 July. **Suffolk Highways** Lower Road closure 14 June. **Suffolk Police** 10 homes broken into Pipistrelle Drive 15-17 June and took boilers and gas hobs, Suffolk South Neighbourhood Watch members meeting and AGM 2 July, countrywide 'fatal four' road policing campaign. **National Grid** Norwich to Tilbury project update statutory consultation extended to 26 July. **Stowmarket Striders** Scenic Seven race 10 November. **Tuckwells** has completed acquisition of Tomlinson Groundcare.

22. To receive reports

a)Report from the Clerk

Village tour – a reminder that this will be on 18 July with MSDC

b)flood meeting 17 June

Cllrs Boulter and Roberts attended. There was not much that came out of the meeting which was of benefit to Onehouse. It was more to get landowners who attended to consider bunds on their land. The sluice was discussed but not in details. There will be more information on this at the next meeting which will be arranged in due course.

23. Questions to the Chairman

There were none.

24. Items for next agenda.

The August meeting will be to consider the Oompa evening and other events.

25. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council meeting.

A short meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 August at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.

Signed.....approved.....

Dated.....13 August 2024.....