

MINUTES OF THE ONEHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2024 AT 7.30 P.M. IN TRINITY HALL.

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

In attendance: District Cllr Matthissen (in part) and Mrs Fuller, Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence. There were none.

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

Cllr Roberts declared a pecuniary for item 12 grass cutting as she is a Trustee of the Village Hall and Playing Field Trust and Cllr Copping declared a pecuniary interest in item 14 as family members are in the band. They duly signed the interest book.

3. To receive any Applications for Dispensation

There were none.

4. To confirm and approve the minutes of the meetings 8 July 2024

The minutes were approved and signed.

5. Public Participation Session. There was none.

6. Report from County Cllr Otton No report.

7. Report from District Cllr Matthissen.

I would encourage all parishes to respond to the survey regarding the District Council planning system. Although the new target housing numbers are yet to be finalized, they should not present an immediate problem for the district council. This is because we already had a 10-year housing land supply which would be reduced to roughly seven if the new target is applied. In addition, we are currently seeing far more than the new target being built so our delivery is also adequate. With the adoption of the Joint Local Plan for the two districts, the old Stowmarket area action plan (SAAP) now has very limited weight in this decision making. Where is a case for considering whether parishes within the SAAP area should now work on a neighbourhood plan or the alternative more Limited document. I will discuss this with planning policy officers and if a Parish Council is interested let me know and I will arrange for a briefing. The Annual Governance Statement describes in considerable detail how the council is run and the version for 2023/2024 has just been approved. It should shortly be on the council website. At July's Council meeting, a process was agreed to enable hundreds of Grade II listed building owners to make sensitive energy efficiency upgrades more quickly and easily. The first such initiative in the country, it will involve both Mid Suffolk and Babergh working closely with Historic England, and potential upgrades will include improving or replacing windows, and permitting solar PV and other renewable technologies to be installed on unlisted outbuildings. The aim is to enable residents to more easily reduce the energy needed to power and heat their listed homes. Suffolk's second State of the District Report (2024) was discussed at last month's Council meeting, the first was produced in 2023. Drawing on a range of open-source data and the Council's Resident Survey, the report provides an overview highlighting many of our district's strengths,

alongside some key challenges that the Council is seeking to address. In doing so, it forms part of the evidence base underpinning the strategic plan (The Mid Suffolk Plan) and helps to inform and support the district's actions. MSDC have launched 3 new grant funds which utilise the Government's REPF funding. There are three schemes available for activities which will have a positive impact on rural business and communities. Some of the income generated from Gateway 14 is being used to provide grants to enhance Stowmarket Town Centre.

Cllr Copping advised several residents have received emails from MSDC saying the Boundary Review goes to committee in September. Cllr Matthissen believes this is to confirm the decision taken at the May meeting.

8. Highways matters

Following our request for a weight restriction on Starhouse Lane SCC has advised B1115 Finborough Road is categorised as a main distributor road, a road intended to connect different areas, and to feed traffic between the A14, and B1113 to smaller roads on the network. HGV's should use the B1115 Finborough Road which is a designated local access route and then Starhouse Lane to get to Fieldens. A weight limit or not suitable for HGV sign would not be approved for this short extent of Starhouse Lane, the consequence of imposing these measures would be that lorries would re-route themselves via Onehouse Road and Union Road (which are lower category roads) past the High School and Leisure Centre in a more densely residential area. The Clerk was asked to go back to SCC and ask about passing places along Starhouse Lane.

Action: the Clerk.

Road signs have been replaced around the parish as per the list agreed with SCC and funded by Cllr Otton budget plus our £500 contribution.

Anglian Water has completed the repairs to the burst pipe in Forest Road and the road has been reopened.

9 Planning Matters

a) To consider planning application consultations

There were none

b) Any other planning matters

24/03533 Discharge of Conditions Application for 4455/16 - Condition 27 (SUDS Asset Register) Land To The South Of Union Road – satisfied.

10. Finances

a) to receive a report from the Clerk. No report

b) To approve payments and receipts as per Payment and Receipt document – including Clerk salary. of the following invoices:

24/033 £32.40 Gipping Press Pauper's Graves infirmary information board

24/034 £4072.00 Spencer Wix Stone Mason Ltd Paupers Graves Memorial

24/035 £620.00 Mr A M Green Paupers Graves Memorial Base construction

24/036 £840.39 Mrs P Fuller July salary

24/037 £300.00 J R Landscapes playing field grass cutting 18 July & 1 August

24/038 £514.51 Glasdon UK Ltd dog bin + litter bin playingfield

All invoices were approved and payments authorised.

11. To receive an update on the Paupers Graves archaeological work proposal

Suffolk Archaeological Field Group have some equipment which can trace the other walls of the infirmary without breaking the ground. They may also be able to trace other graves. There will be no charge. Cllrs agreed to the work.

If there are any funds left from the Memorial Fund the Pauper's Graves working group would like to be able to replace a rotten wooden bench with a plastic one from Realise Futures.

A metal plate has been found and thought will have to be given to how to display any finds. Realise Futures make display cabinets, the one in the brochure is £603.00.

12. Grass Cutting

August is the last month that it was agreed that there could be three cuts if necessary. Since only two cuts have been required in the last month, an extension to September is not required.

13. Public Participation Policy

The policy formalises the process and a paper copy can be taken to the meetings. The policy was unanimously adopted.

14. Oompa evening Update

This event is being considered to bring the community together. It has been agreed to hold on 5 October and advertised as Octoberfest. The maximum cost will be £600.00 and it is proposed to charge £12.50, under 16's free. Any profit will be put into the entertainment reserve to fund a weekend event next year. The maximum number that could attend is 100 and 48 tickets would need to be sold to break even. All Cllrs were in favour of arranging this event.

15. Cycling and Music for Children Information Provision – Update

Cllr Leek has produced a comprehensive list of contacts for both subjects. Whilst these are not the responsibility of the Parish Council he feels we should be seen to provide information. It was agreed that both items can be published in OHSMag. If there is insufficient room in the September issue for both, then the music for children contacts should be published first so that parents have the information for the new school year.

16. Noticeboard Purchase Update.

The old metal post in Forest Road has been removed and the ground made good. Regrettably fly tipping appears to be an issue next to the Forest Road noticeboard and a laminated poster will be attached to the side of the noticeboard requesting this to cease.

Realise Futures has advised that a local company can produce the signage we require on the noticeboard at a cost of £70.00 + VAT. The Cost of the noticeboard will be £999.99 as before. This was unanimously approved.

Action: the Clerk

17. OHS Magazine, Parish Council Website and Facebook Page Discussion

OHSMag -The sourdough events have raised £330.00 towards OHSMag.

Thanks go to Bob Caley for organising, donating the ingredients and taking the events. He is hoping to hold a tutorial on an Indian meal where attendees will go

home with some food and a spice pack. Costs and dates to be finalised. Invoicing for adverts is up to date.

Website – further information still needs to be added

Facebook page – Cllr Copping has now been able to add other Cllrs as administrators.

18. Councillor E-mail addresses

All Cllrs should be using the .gov.uk email address. Cllr Copping will help Cllrs set these up if they need help.

19. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

The Chair advised that after a week, the new Clerk has decided not to continue. This is obviously very disappointing and the post will be re-advertised. In the meantime, Mrs Fuller has come out of retirement to continue until the matter can be discussed fully at the September meeting.

Items for the next agenda position of Clerk, Biodiversity course for Cllr Leek, events, parish assets, Onehouse Meadow update, Chilton Leys footpath - the Clerk was asked to invite Julia Proctor SCC and a representative of Milestone to the meeting to give an update on progress.

20. Date of next ordinary meeting – Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.30pm

This has been changed to Monday 9 September so that Mrs Fuller can Clerk the meeting as she is unavailable on 10 September.

The meeting closed at 9.52 p.m.

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