

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON CRASCALL PAVILION
ON TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllrs W Greene (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Thomson, C Hart, D Frost, W Robertson, M Lewis, N Weaver, J Prigg, Mrs J Devenish & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk). D.Cllr J Davie-Thornhill

4 Villagers

Apologies: Cllrs C Faiers & J Bowden

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING 12.12.06

With the following amendments it was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour. (those present)

Page 629 – Apologies: add Cllr N Weaver

Page 629 – 1st paragraph, 2nd line:-“seconded by Cllr Bevan” (not Cllr Bowden)

TO DEAL WITH ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED – SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LGA 1972:

Copy of a letter from Stanley Tee Solicitors was circulated to all councillors and the Vice Chairman briefly outlined the current situation with regard to Palmers (Haughley) Ltd and the Council’s proposed registration of the Village Green. Palmers were now claiming rights of way, drainage and other ancillary rights across part of the Village Green and the Parish Council were being asked whether they wished to still continue with the registration. If the Council proceeded there would be an offer to negotiate within a specific time frame in the hope of reaching a settlement. If either party indicates they do not wish to negotiate or negotiations break down, Land Registry will refer the matter to the Adjudicator to HM Land Registry.

The Vice Chairman pointed out that despite several earlier attempts to meet with Palmers to discuss the various issues, there had been no response to date from them via their solicitors. Cllrs Faiers, Greene and Mrs Thomson had been nominated at an earlier meeting to represent the Parish Council should Palmers agree to a meeting

After some discussion councillors agreed to continue with the registration and were also prepared to enter into any negotiations arranged by Land Registry. Proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Robertson. All in favour.

Clerk to write letter to solicitors i) authorisation for Vice Chairman to clarify certain information with solicitor and ii) request copy of their letter to Land Registry

The meeting recessed for the following:

REPORTS

District Councillor - Report attached.

Police - Cllr Robertson advised that there had been no crimes since the last meeting..

The meeting reconvened.

Cllr Hart advised he had been in touch with the police regarding an incident where lighting on the Playing Field had been damaged and the police had followed this up with a visit. It was queried whether CCTV could be made available to take photographs. Clerk to check

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Allotment W.Party: Cllr Greene reported he had sought two quotes in respect of the rabbit fencing and the matter was ongoing.

Footpaths: There was further activity in respect of the Picnic Site and it was understood the gate would be moved nearer to the concrete posts. Clerk to look out earlier correspondence with SCC (August 2006) and write to SCC again

On completion of the new A14 section the road closest to the village would become a bridle path. There would be no safe access down Fishponds Way to that road. It was suggested asking SCC to put in a proper footpath along Fishponds Way for people walking and cycling. Agenda item next meeting.

The tree which had fallen down across a footpath was now believed to be on land belonging to Mr Finbow. Clerk to check and arrange clearance.

Village Green: Already discussed earlier. In view of there being no response so far, it was recommended sending a Recorded Delivery chaser letter to Ashton Graham in respect of the suggested meeting.

The recently damaged post would be replaced with something more substantial. There was a spare Bell available which could be used.

Cllrs Greene, Mrs Thomson, Hart and Bowden were to discuss other places including Haughley Green which needed protecting with posts.

Employment Panel: Contract of Employment had been issued to the new Booking Officer for the Ron Crascall Pavilion – subject to a 3 month trial period.

Traffic Calming: Update by Cllr Greene on his discussion with Brian Lomax regarding progression with the speed management for works on Fishponds Way and Haughley Green. The Parish Council had agreed funding at a previous meeting but official confirmation was required. Clerk to confirm to SCC Environment & Transport.

The Vice Chairman reported on a meeting he had attended covering the Haven Gateway Ipswich A14 Corridor Study. By the time of the next meeting the outcome of the Public Inquiry on the A14 would be known.

Village Hall: Architect plans had been drawn up for a disabled facility and a new toilet along with refurbishment of the kitchen. Builders were being asked to give prices for the project. The next meeting would be in March.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matters concerning the closure/winding down of the Youth Club were discussed with Mr David Kemp.
Discussion on the Church Mews development and the course of action to be taken
Discussion on 2nd & 3rd tier schools system and the consultation

On reconvening Cllr Davie-Thornhill agreed to vigorously pursue the Church Mews matter and request a site meeting with members of Planning, MSDC.

Councillors agreed that any remaining kit in the Youth Club should be sold/auctioned or possibly taken over by another suitable club. The Parish Council would “caretake” what was left over in the hope that at some point in the future the club would start again. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Devenish, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson. All in favour. Councillors gave a vote of thanks for all the hard work undertaken by Dave and Debbie over the years - this was much appreciated.

It was noted that the pre-school group would be taking over the space occupied by the Youth Club.

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PLANNING

Item 1

Application No. 0045/07/TCA
 Proposal: a) canopy reduce 2 limes by 50% b) trim epicormic basal shoots from 5 limes
 Site Location Haughley Churchyard
Comment Support

Letter from PCC Secretary had provided details of tenders invited for the work and the total cost would be approximately £1,500/£2,000. As the PCC had limited funds the Parish Council was being asked to assist financially. Cllr Prigg proposed a one off payment of £1,500 to the Church for this particular project. Seconded by Cllr Frost. 7 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

The following applications were granted by MSDC:-

2745/06/FUL 29 Bixby Avenue. Erection of a first floor side extension over an existing garage/outbuilding and erection of a conservatory
 Application withdrawn:-

987 & 986/06 Wassicks Farm, New Bells Lane.

C.Cllr Clover presented his apologies for late arrival to the meeting. (9.05 p.m.)

FOOTPATH THROUGH HAUGHLEY GREEN – It was understood a survey was being undertaken with a report being received shortly.

W I TREE - Nothing to report however the Vice Chairman thanked Cllr Prigg for making the difficult decision on the re-location of the tree. This item should remain on the agenda in the hope that a representative from the WI would come back with their suggestions on where the tree should be positioned.

The meeting recessed for the following item:-

REPORT

County Councillor - Council’s response to the Government White Paper on Local Government Review – going ahead with 3 tier government and arranging to join in working partnership between all three tiers of County / District and Parish councils. To combine local needs with County wide requirements. There had been duplication of a number of departments which would now be rationalised. C.Cllr Clover had attended the Hartismere Action Group meeting last month. Redevelopment of the site to combine health facility – doctors, dentists and home for the elderly. Primary Care Trusts are now combined under one heading except for Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth who had maintained they were in a healthy financial position and would not join. Subsequently it had been confirmed Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth were experiencing similar financial problems as the rest of the Group.

The meeting reconvened.

FINANCE

383 **Monthly Accounts:** It was proposed by Cllr Robertson, seconded by Cllr Weaver that the accounts for January be approved. All in favour.

<u>Chq</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101795	Handyman (sal/exp)	£206.68
101796	Cancelled	
101797	J Cattermole (S/cleaning)	£306.74
101798	Mrs Bottomley (quarterly office expenses)	£ 85.00
101799	The Cleaning Service	£114.00
101800	D Bearcroft (2yrs clock maint.)	£280.00
101801	Post Office Ltd (PAYE tax)	£237.51
101802	Anglian Burglar Alarms (call out 23/12/06)	£ 77.02
101803	E-On Energy (Christmas lighting)	£ 46.31

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Income: Barclays Bank Interest on Tracker Account £574.40

S/Os & D/Drs.

Clerk	Salary	£413.70
Anglian B. Alarms	Monitoring	£105.75

Tracker Account £79,690.83

Current Account £12,903.51

- 384 **Precept 2007/2008:** Accounts for the year to date along with expenditure proposals for 2007/08 were circulated. Brief discussion followed and it was proposed by Cllr Prigg, seconded by Cllr Weaver to precept for £42,000. All in favour.

EMERGENCY PLANNING - nothing to report

AREA AROUND MOAT – No further progress at present but the Handyman has been clearing and mowing area around wall to the vicarage and it looks quite reasonable.

BY LAW ON DRINKING - remain on the Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

- 385 Various brochures for circulation including Go-East changes & Calor Village of the Year information.
 386 Ashton Graham letter – ROW Haughley Village Green. Discussed earlier in meeting
 387 SCC Haven Gateway Ipswich A14 Corridor study. Cllr Greene attended. Discussed earlier in meeting
 388 Public Inquiry – re determination of Order. Cllr Prigg reported on the outcome of losing and it remaining a footpath. Councillors were appreciative of Cllr Prigg taking the time to attend and represent the Parish Council.
 389 SCC – Pavement 1 Station Road. Tabled.
 390 MSDC Parish liaison meeting on 22nd February. Cllr Greene to attend.
 391 SALC – building and strengthening your community – 22nd March. Cllrs Green and Hart to attend.
 392 SCC – Mineral Core Strategy. Tabled
 394 HGV parked overnight in the school gateway was reported to SCC. Noted
 395 NALC Health Bill. Agenda item.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 20th February 2007.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.02 p.m.

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