

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON CRASCALL PAVILION
ON TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

5 Villagers

Apologies: Cllrs J Prigg, Mrs J Devenish

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING 16.01.07

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Greene that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

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

The Chairman had received another letter querying when the WI tree would be moved to a new more suitable site. Councillors discussed several possibilities but agreed that Denny Avenue seemed to be the most suitable place.

The meeting recessed for the following:

REPORTS

District Councillor: the matter of the re-development of New Mill, Duke Street was looked into with regard the health and safety aspects of scaffolding etc. An Enforcement Officer has been assigned and visited the site. Any areas of discrepancy between the approved plans and the actual activity on the ground should be notified to him.

The railings along Eve Balfour Way have been repaired / re-instated to a safe standard.

An updated recycling plan has recently been produced and will be used as a supporting document to the revised Suffolk joint municipal waste management strategy that will be reviewed later in the year. Tetrapak cartons are an ongoing issue as there is only one dedicated plant able to fully deal with them, which is in Scotland.

Although the Great Blakenham site will not reject recycling bins that contain them, MSDC will not promote putting tetrapak cartons in the recycling bins.

The Parish Liaison meeting takes place on Thursday at the MSDC offices and the Snoasis enquiry continues at the Corn Exchange in Ipswich.

The meeting reconvened.

Allotment W.Party: Cost for the fencing of the allotments worked out to approximately £968.80 plus the 5-bar gate £286, the personnel gate £196, and rabbit netting - £23.80. Total cost £1,474.60 plus VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Faiers to accept the quote, seconded by Cllr Greene. All in favour.

Footpaths: The footpath next to the property Sorrento, Station Road and behind Millfields needed clearing up as there was considerable rubbish being left there. Clerk to speak with SCC Rights of Way.

Village Green: The matter of dispensation was discussed as this expired in March. Cllr Green proposed asking MSDC for an extension as nothing yet had been resolved. Seconded by Cllr Weaver. 9 Councillors in favour – 1 abstention.

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A further 20 posts were required for Haughley and Haughley Green – proposed by Cllr Greene, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson. All in favour.

Employment Panel: Nothing to report

Traffic Calming: The roundels would be installed shortly and Cllr Greene advised that the Inspector's determination on the A14 Inquiry should be known some time this month. Concern was expressed over the response to the A14 petition on noise abatement. Cllr Hart suggested putting information in the parish magazine and then discussion followed about the website.

Village Hall: Cllr Lewis had nothing further to report as the next meeting was scheduled for 5th March. Cllr Mrs Thomson asked for an update on the Youth Club closure discussed during Public Participation and afterwards at the last meeting but there had been no further contact from Mr Kemp.

PLANNING

Item 1

Application No. **0134/07**
 Proposal: Construction of new vehicular access
 Site Location **12 Station Road.**
Comment Support

Item 2

Application No. **0135/07 FUL**
 Proposal: Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings & vehicular access
 Site Location **12 Station Road.**
Comment Support

Item 3

Application No. 0111/07
 Proposal: Single storey rear extension to house for study/bedroom
 Site Location Hillyfield House, The Folly
Comment Support

Item 4

Application No. 00236/07
 Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to B1 (Light industrial)
 Site Location New Bells Farm, New Bells Lane.
Comment Support

The following applications were granted by MSDC:-

0045/07 Haughley Churchyard. a) Canopy reduce two limes by 50%. b) trim epicormic basal shoots from 5 limes

2nd Appeal for Woolpit Café – dismissed. Enforcement to remove café.

Work on trees in the Churchyard - the quotation had been provisionally accepted by the PCC secretary and work was to commence after Easter (finance confirmed on Page 634 of the January minutes)

FOOTPATH THROUGH HAUGHLEY GREEN – In addition to the Haughley Green footpath there were a number of other footpath matters to be considered.

- Footpath Fishponds way access/Section of A14
- Cycle way and footpath

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and the meeting felt discussion with Mr Goodyear of SCC would probably be the best way forward. Clerk to see if Mr Goodyear would be able to attend the March meeting of the Parish Council and possibly combine a site visit.

The meeting recessed for the following:

PUBLIC FORUM

Query on ownership of land adjacent 18 Millfields.

The meeting reconvened.

NALC – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH BILL

Cllr Hart provided brief information and copies were passed to Cllr Frost.

FINANCE

395 **Monthly Accounts:** It was proposed by Cllr Greene, seconded by Cllr Robertson that the accounts for February be approved. All in favour.

<u>Chq</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101804	Pearce & Kemp (lighting)	£182.45
101805	Plashwood Estates (hedge cuts)	£164.50
101806	Cancelled	
101807	NRG (copier)	£ 7.17
101808	Clerk (travel)	£ 75.92
101809	Post Office (PAYE)	£116.68
101810	C Faiers (Chairman’s exp)	£ 37.25
101811	Cancelled	

S/Os & D/Drs.

Clerk	Salary	£413.70
National Playing Fld	Subscription	£ 25.00

Income: Horringer PC (reimbursement of 1/6th SLCC sub) £ 20.00

Bank balances: Tracker Account £79,690.83 Current Account £11,649.88

396 **Haughley Pre-school Group:** More financial information had been received from the Group and circulated to all councillors. Following a brief discussion Cllr Faiers proposed the purchase of a climbing frame for the Group - seconded by Cllr Greene, all in favour.

397 **Infestation:** Command Pest Control had quoted approximately £240 plus VAT to eradicate the problem of moles on the green, playing field and in the churchyard. Cllr Faiers proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Weaver – all in favour.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

A compilation of people who would be prepared to assist was needed to be drawn up. It was suggested the Wardens at Thompson Court and Mere View, and the Evergreens be approached - to cover those in need and who were considered vulnerable. Editorial to be placed in the Parish magazine and also to discuss Emergency Planning at the Annual Parish Meeting.

AREA AROUND MOAT – In hand.

TOURIST NOTICE BOARD – This had recently been damaged and MSDC were to investigate and advise on repair costs etc. Cllr Thomson did not consider the Board - when initially installed - had been suitably durable for its location. Clerk to advise MSDC accordingly.

BY LAW ON DRINKING - remain on the Agenda

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 398 MSDC – Periodic Electoral Review – Boundary change - tabled
- 399 Peacock Short – Proposed land bid off Bacton Road – invite to March meeting
- 400 Stowmarket & District Road Safety Committee – minutes/agenda. Circulate
- 401 NALC – Review of Quality Town/Parish Council scheme – 80% mandate. Tabled
- 402 Communities.gov.uk – Revised Model Code of Conduct for LA members . Tabled
- 403 Suffolk Primary Care Trust – consultation by 30th March 2007 - tabled
- 404 Changes in School system – noted
- 405 Councillor Vacancy - Application from Ms R Cobbold. Councillors discussed the application but felt in view of the local elections being so near, the best option may be for her to consider applying to be a Councillor at that time. Clerk to advise accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Hart, seconded by Cllr Robertson. All in favour.
- 406 Scarecrow Festival – event on the Playing Field. Meeting took place on 7th March to discuss arrangements. Insurance details to be clarified and request forms from S.ACRE.
- 407 Mere View – query on what the actual hedge/fencing should be.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 20th March 2007.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.47 p.m.

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