

**HAUGHLEY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON
CRASCALL PAVILION ON TUESDAY 17th JULY 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllrs C Faiers (Chairman), W Green, C Hart, W Robertson, M Pirrie,
H Stephens, J Prigg, J Bowden & N Weaver. D.Cllr B Cameron-Laker
Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).

3 Villagers

Apologies: Cllrs J Bevan, Mrs J Thomson, C.Cllr J Clover & Pc R Calver

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

MINUTES OF MEETING 19.06.07

With the following amendment it was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Pirrie that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. 8 in favour, 1 abstention (not present at meeting)

Page 655 Planning application 0719/07 – **refused** by MSDC

TO DEAL WITH ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT SECTION 100B(4) (B) OF THE LGA 1972

The Chairman advised councillors that the postmistress in Haughley would be retiring on 20th September and from that date it was understood that the Post Office would be closed. Councillors agreed that Post Office Services should be contacted in the first instance to establish whether or not this was a permanent or temporary closure and depending upon the response the next course of action could be considered.. At this stage it was not clear whether the property belonged to the postmistress or was rented for business use. If the property was not rented then clearly alternative accommodation needed to be researched to obtain a suitable place for the relocation of the Post Office. Various properties in the village were suggested and a number of councillors agreed to make tentative enquiries with the owners.

The meeting agreed the Clerk should write to Post Office Services and establish the current situation and clarify their arrangements for continuing with a post office in Haughley. The meeting accepted the District Councillor's offer to undertake press coverage on behalf of the Parish Council along with Cllr Prigg contacting the local EADT correspondent on the matter.

HOUSING SURVEY (Hendre Housing Consultancy)

So far there had been quite a good response with people completing their forms as soon as they were received. The collection boxes would be picked up on Monday. The Chairman would liaise with Mr Jones who would attend the August meeting to report and summarise the results.

VILLAGE PLAN

Notice of the date of the meeting to be mentioned in the Parish Newsletter. September edition - public meeting in the Village Hall 13th September at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting recessed for the following item.

REPORTS

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District Councillor: D.Cllr B Cameron Laker presented his report which was circulated to all councillors at the meeting .

Police: Pc Calver had presented his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting however his report received via e-mail after the close of the meeting is attached.

The meeting then reconvened.

Allotment W.Party: Except for netting at the bottom of the gate all the fencing had been completed The contractor had been contacted and asked to fix the netting in place. Cllr Green agreed to check in due course and advise the Clerk.

Although there had been a verbal enquiry for the remaining vacant small plot, the Clerk confirmed that she had already received a written request for Plot 9 and councillors agreed it should be let to that applicant in view of it being a firm request.

Footpaths: Nothing to report however Clerk to write to Mr J Goodyear regarding the footpath Fishponds Way to the new bridleway. Proposed by Cllr. Faiers, seconded by Cllr Green.

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the next Item - Village Green.

Employment Panel: Nothing to report.

Traffic Calming: Cllr Green updated members on the recent contact changes at Highways. Robin Trent would be meeting up with him next week to discuss the location of the gateway sign coming into Fishponds Way. Spoke of complaints received from villagers in respect of damage being caused by HGV lorries – particularly during the night time. Suggested an item in the Newsletter advising villagers to record – if possible - vehicle registration number etc and to notify the Clerk accordingly.

Village Hall: Cllr Pirrie as the Parish Council representative attended the Committee’s last meeting. There was still no Chairman and Mr H Stephens (not as a councillor) had agreed to act as Chair for the time being; the gas meter had to be replaced; the electrics were scheduled to be seen to; infestation and plumbing problems were being investigated. The pre school had applied for funding from NLF and SCC. The shed set aside for the Handyman was queried and the Chairman agreed he would make enquiries as to a more suitable location for it since it could easily be moved. It is intended that both Mr Stephens and Cllr Pirrie will attend the next meeting

The meeting noted that on the 17th December 1907 the Village Hall was opened. Cllr Weaver queried the long term future for the hall.

D.Cllr B Cameron Laker left the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

PLANNING

Item 1

Application No.	0258/07
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey side extension.
Site Location	Keepers Cottage, 24 Station Road.
Comment	Support

Item 2

Application No.	1697/07
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Proposal: Delete condition 4 of planning permission 1461/06
 Site Location: Plot adjacent to 8 Fir Lane.
Comment: Parking for the locality should be considered. Support

Item 3

Application No. 1721/07
 Proposal: Single storey front garage extension and one and a half storey side extension forming additional accommodation together with associated alteration works.
 Site Location: The Lodge, The Folly..
Comment: Support

Item 4

Application No. 1458/07
 Proposal: Installation of in ground 4.57m x 9.14m swimming pool (as amended by plans received 3rd July 2007)
 Site Location: Antrim House, Old Street
Comment: Support

PUBLIC FORUM No comments received. 2 villagers left the meeting

FINANCE

440 **July Accounts:** Councillors were circulated with detailed information of expenditure per cost centre covering April to the current month. This was the first draft attempt and would require further adjustments. Following brief discussion Cllr Stephens proposed the accounts for July be approved. Seconded by Cllr Robertson. All in favour

Chq.No.

101864	Mr R Coe (repair of N.Boards & V.pump))	£1,149.00
101865	KGV Playing Field (agreed maintenance at June Mtg)	£2,500.00
101866	Mr P Faiers (handyman)	£ 246.50
101867	Mr J Cattermole (litter quarterly pay)	£ 306.74
101868	Post Office (PAYE)	£ 203.19
101869	Mrs Bottomley (quarterly office exp)	£ 85.00
101870	Cancelled	
101871	Hendre Housing Consultancy (50% survey fee)	£ 637.50
101872	Mrs Bottomley (July travel)	£ 29.54
101872	Cleaning Service (Pavilion 5 weeks)	£ 200.00
101874	Copycentre (printing housing survey)	£ 156.15

Bank balances: Tracker £92,930.66
 Current £7,681.40

Cllr Prigg left the meeting at 9.26 p.m.

- 437 **Notice Boards in village:** Mr Coe had completed repairs to all the notice boards and the one for outside the Co-op had been ordered and confirmation of delivery date awaited... (cheque 101864 refers)
- 441 **Unaudited accounts 2005 & 2006:** Brief discussion on late presentation of accounts. Clerk to check figures on summary. Defer to next meeting.

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EMERGENCY PLANNING

The meeting agreed this should be included when drawing up the Parish Plan

VILLAGE PUMP & MOAT

Work on the moat was progressing. Work on the village pump was finished (cheque 101864 refers). Councillors discussed and agreed that the colour for the pump should be white. The Chairman agreed to organise this.

Cllr Prigg returned to the meeting.

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Green had made enquiries re Onesuffolk but had also located a person who might be prepared to set up the Haughley site. Set up costs were £600, £20 per additional page plus £6 digital imaging. To host the site would be £75 per year – with the first year free. A meeting could be arranged and a formal quotation provided. Cllr Stephens proposed going ahead with this, seconded by Cllr Robertson. All in favour.

Cllr Green and Cllr Hart to agree time to meet him some time next week.

BY LAW ON DRINKING - To remain on the Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

442 MSDC – Local Development Framework. Copies provided of 21st May options. Any late comments would be noted but not be included in the initial report.

Suggested response

- the Parish Council have looked at this and are not commenting at this stage
- the Parish Council is currently undertaking a Housing Needs survey
- Haughley as a key village would want some say in any proposed development which should be linked with the Parish Council's Survey

443 MSDC – future structure of SCC. Tabled

444 SCC – Bus shelter “no smoking” stickers. Chairman to arrange for them to be displayed where appropriate.

445 Suffolk Preservation Society – summer party 5th August. Chairman to attend.

446 MSDC - confirmation of dispensation. Tabled

447 SCC – Results of Wetherden & Haughley HGV survey.

In view of there being a number of issues needing to be clarified, Cllr Green proposed that Ms Gage and those involved in drawing up the report should be invited to come along to the August meeting. Seconded by Cllr Weaver – all in favour.

448 Brochures for circulation

449 MSDC – Dispensation granted regarding Village Green

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 21st August 2007

Cllr N Weaver apologised for non attendance at the August meeting.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 11.11 p.m.

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