

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON
CRASCALL PAVILION ON TUESDAY 21st AUGUST 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllrs C Faiers (Chairman), W Green, H Stephens, C Hart, Mrs J Thomson ,
J Bevan, J Prigg & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk)

Mr Jones – Hendre Housing Consultancy & 1 Villager

Apologies: Cllrs J Bowden, N Weaver, W Robertson. & D.Cllr B Cameron-Laker

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Hart

MINUTES OF MEETING 17.07.07

With the following addition, it was proposed by Cllr Hart, seconded by Cllr Stephens that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. 5 in favour, 2 abstentions (not present at meeting)

Page 660, Item 441, 1st line after “accounts”. ...Cllr Stephens expressed considerable concern on comments.

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

- 1) The duration of the last meeting was a cause for concern and it was emphasised that all discussions should be kept to a minimum with the relevant prompt decisions being made without further additional comments. Councillors were asked for their co-operation in ensuring that future meetings did not exceed 10.30 p.m..
- 2) All correspondence should be directed through either the Chairman or the Clerk which would then be distributed to all councillors.
- 3) A number of proposals had been received in respect of the forthcoming Post Office closure and were being actively investigated along with a search for a suitable person to act as postmaster / post mistress. If suitable premises could be located Post Office Services have said that the counter and equipment from the current Post Office could be used.

The mail box was located in a conservation area and it is understood it is “listed” and therefore should not be removed by the Post Office. Clerk to write to Post Office Services on this matter.

Councillors agreed that an item in the parish magazine should cover the forthcoming retirement of the post mistress and a presentation made at the 13th September meeting being held for villagers in the Village Hall. Chairman to organise.

Cllr Stephens raised a procedural query in respect of the second item mentioned by the Chairman and the Clerk was asked to clarify this with SALC.

HOUSING SURVEY (Hendre Housing Consultancy)

The meeting recessed for this item in order to receive and discuss the report provided by Mr Jones. Sealed envelopes containing confidential information submitted by villagers during the Survey were handed to the Chairman (for retention by the Clerk). The Chairman thanked Mr Jones who then left the meeting.

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Pc Calver and associate arrived at the meeting at 7.58 p.m. and whilst the meeting was still in recess the

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Chairman invited Pc Calver to present his report to the Council. Copy handed to the Clerk.

Cllr Prigg left the meeting at 8.18 p.m.

Cllr Green referred to a previous meeting wherein speed checks had been requested in Fishponds Way and through Haughley Green. Pc Calver agreed to make enquiries and hoped to personally go along and undertake the checks.

The meeting then reconvened.

Cllr Pirrie apologised for his late arrival. (8.28 p.m.).

VILLAGE PLAN

Meeting confirmed for 13th September in the Village Hall, and to include short summary of the Housing Survey. It was agreed refreshments should be provided. Chairman to arrange.

Police left at 8.31 p.m.

POST OFFICE

Cllr Pirrie advised that he had contacted the Ipswich Co-op concerning the possible location of a post office at the Haughley Co-op. The initial discussion had been favourably received and following the Chairman's update on the current situation Cllr Pirrie agreed to contact them again the next day as a matter of urgency.

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Allotment W.Party: Following a recent visit to the Allotments, Cllr Green advised that the recently installed gate had been removed /stolen. Clerk to arrange for a more robust and secure gate to be installed.

One of the allotment holders had complained of Ragwort being present. It was essential that this problem be treated as a matter of urgency. Clerk to contact Mr P Offord and ask him to quote for digging up and removing the Ragwort. Cllr Bevan to provide contact mobile number. Once an estimate was received, within the agreed amount of £400 the Clerk should authorise the work. Proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Faiers. 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

Cllr Prigg returned to the meeting at 8.38 p.m.

Footpaths: Cllr Mrs Thomson reported a problem with two bridges and agreed to contact CSD on the matter. She would also ask for a hand rail to be fitted to both bridges.

The meeting recessed to receive the Police report.

Police – Since 17th July 2007 there had been 9 reported crimes in Haughley - two of these had been detected. The seven undetected offences related to: interference with a motor vehicle in St MARY'S AVENUE, theft of 4 Solar Panel garden lights in WINDGAP LANE, theft of Benches from THOMPSON COURT, theft of 2 Solar Panel garden lights from WINDGAP LANE, theft of a mobile phone from 2 SISTERS FOOD GROUP, theft of a flag from THOMPSON COURT and theft of a key from the TRAVELODGE A14 Haughley. Some diners visiting The Counting House in Haughley had experienced a small amount of criminal damage to their cars.

The meeting reconvened.

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Village Green: The Chairman thanked all concerned in ensuring the planters throughout the village had been regularly tended and watered during recent months. The floral display had been a great success and he advised that further winter plants would be purchased some time in October. The Chairman acknowledged that the planter in front of the pump needed to be moved..

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 matter concerning the Council's solicitors. Cllr Faiers did not take any part in discussions on this item and left the room. The Vice Chairman, presided over this section.

Cllr Faiers returned to the meeting.

Employment Panel: Along with the Vice Chairman, two councillors were required to be nominated to deal with a recent issue raised - copy of correspondence had already been received by councillors. Cllr Hart proposed Cllr Pirrie and Cllr Bevan should complete the Panel. Seconded by Cllr Faiers, all in favour.

Traffic Calming: Gateway installed in Fishponds way with white lining etc to be completed during the next couple of weeks. Discussion then centred on whether instead of one, two gates should be installed. Councillors agreed to review the matter once work had been finalised.

In September of last year a petition for the Ssch ... campaign to replace road surfaces on the A14 from Woolpit to Haughley had been circulated. Over 1000 signatures had now been received in total but there did not appear to be extensive support from Haughley village. Councillors were asked to assist in ensuring as many villagers as possible were involved in drawing up the petition. It was suggested that the Chairman should comment on the housing survey results along with the Ssch.. petition at the meeting on the 13th September.

Ms S Gage and her team had confirmed they would be able to come along to the October meeting.

Cllr Mrs Thomson asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to the villager who regularly cut the grass at Harvest Close.

Village Hall: Cllr Pirrie reported there had been no meeting but that users of the hall had applied for funding. More information would be available following the next meeting.

PLANNING

The Chairman read out a letter received from the neighbour regarding Item 1 which suggested a fence being installed to retain privacy between the properties.

Item 1

Application No.	2169/07
Proposal:	Extension and alterations . to dwelling to form additional living area
Site Location	Yew Tree House, Haughley Green
Comment	Support

Item 2

Application No.	2242/07
Proposal:	Stable block – 4 stables
Site Location:	Wetherden Cottage, Wetherden Road, Haughley Green
Comment:	Support

Discussion took place on problems of insufficient scaffolding and the gap between the Old Mill and some of the new properties currently being built.

Application refused by MSDC:-

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1618/07 **23 Denny Avenue.** Proposed two storey side extension.

Applications approved by MSDC:-

1721/07 **The lodge, The Folly.** Single storey front garage extension & one and a half storey side extension forming additional accommodation together with associated alteration works.

0258/07 **Keepers Cottage, 24 Station Road.** Erection of a single storey side extension.

1621/07 **25 Station Road.** Single storey extension.

1697/07 **Plot adj. to 8 Fir Tree Lane.** Delete condition 4 of planning permission 1461/06

The meeting recessed for the next item

PUBLIC FORUM

Favourable comments had been received on the restoration of the Village Pump and on reconvening the meeting councillors extended a vote of thanks to those involved for all the hard work undertaken by them.

FINANCE

450 **August Accounts:** The accounts for August were approved. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Bevan. Six in favour, one abstention.

Chq.No.

101875	Post Office Ltd. (PAYE)	£ 116.68
101876	NRG (copier)	£ 13.98
101877	Cleaning Service (4 wks)	£ 160.00
101878	Anglian Burglar Alarms (call out)	£ 88.13
101879	MSDC (50% cost Topsy Bin)	£ 110.79
101880	Mrs Bottomley (July/Aug travel)	£ 30.81
101881	Cleaning Service (1 wk)	£ 40.00
101882	C Faiers (paint / brushes for v.pump)	£ 81.40
101883	W Green (6 oak barrels)	£ 180.00
101884	Hendre Housing (remainder 50% survey bill)	£ 637.50

Bank balances: Tracker £92,930.66
Current £ 1,085.82

441 **Unaudited accounts 2005 & 2006:** There had been an initial delay due to holidays but the accounts had been sent to and now received by an outside independent auditor for checking. Following a brief discussion it was suggested also sending the Playing Field accounts for the same years for comparison since there may have been some incorrect cross referencing. Councillors noted the Clerk had offered to pay for this independent audit.

Cllr Stephens pointed out that villagers should be kept informed and it was proposed the relevant notice should be included in the next Parish Magazine. Proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Hart. All in favour.

451 **Standing Orders:** Following the Council's adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct the standing orders were required to be amended to include Section 12(2). Proposed by Cllr Fairs, seconded by Cllr Green. All in favour.

County Councillor Clover arrived at 9.07 p.m. and the meeting recessed for the next item.

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County Councillor – the recent County Council meeting in July covered the new organisational methods being adopted – eliminating duplication of numerous departments within its structure. It was hoped to save approximately £3½m - £4½m initially with a saving of some £14m by 2010. However central government funding was also being reduced so it was not yet clear how this would affect the Council long term coupled with the success of Ipswich being a unitary authority. Whilst there had been a recent increase in crime, overall statistics indicated a reduction. Wind power was another topic under discussion and SCC has been asked for comments on the Government Energy White Paper.

The meeting reconvened

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Whilst it has been agreed to incorporate emergency planning in with the village appraisal, councillors felt it would prove beneficial to invite an Emergency Planning officer from MSDC to come along to a meeting and provide a few pointers. Clerk to arrange suitable meeting date.

AREA AROUND THE MOAT

A few more new pieces of oak will be fitted around the edge in the very near future with completion anticipated early September.

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Green hoped to provide a report at the September meeting.

BY LAW ON DRINKING - To remain on the Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures

- 452 East of England Co-operative Society & Harry Stebbing re Co-op Notice Board. Tabled
- 453 MSDC – Parish Liaison meeting - 24th September. Cllr Hart to attend
- 454 Suffolk ACRE invite to 70th Anniversary AGM - 27th September. Tabled
- 455 Letters of thanks in respect of donations given by Council
- 456 Copy correspondence re A14/MP David Ruffley/SCC – Cllr Robertson. Tabled
- 457 SALC – training courses
- 458 SALC Conference & AGM 2nd October 2007. – response by 21st September. Cllrs Faiers and Hart to attend AGM & buffet. Clerk to arrange
- 459 MSDC – Review of polling Districts. Advise MSDC that council was satisfied with arrangements
- 460 MSDC – Planning Policy_ LDF consultations – response by 17th September 2007. Chairman to draw up suitable response. Document to be circulated to councillors.
- 461 SCC – Notice of temporary closure C563 Bacton Road, Haughley. Tabled
- 462 SLCC – E of England Regional Conference – 27th September. Tabled
- 463 MSDC Open spaced – response by 3rd September. Cllr Faiers to respond.
- 464 MSDC – Review of Licensing Policy – response by 12th October 2007. Tabled

Cllr Hart updated the meeting in respect of the Church/Street lights being connected. EDF were initially refusing to undertake this free of charge as originally agreed. The church was additionally being criticised that the floodlights were on and wasting energy. It was hoped the problems would be resolved shortly.

The Pavilion has been booked for a Highways/ A14 meeting on the 20th September. The Chairman had been asked and provided a brief draft speech.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18th September 2007

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 10.32 p.m.

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