

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON
CRASCALL PAVILION ON TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllrs C Faiers (Chairman), W Robertson, J Bowden, M Pirrie, Mrs J Thomson ,
J Bevan, C. Cllr J Clover, D.Cllr B Cameron-Laker & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs W Green, H Stephens, J Prigg & C Hart.

MINUTES OF MEETING 17.07.07

It was proposed by Cllr J Bevan, seconded by Cllr Faiers that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. 4 in favour, 2 abstentions (not present at meeting)

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

Post Office: Enquiries as to possible new premises for the Post Office had been favourably received but had proved unsuccessful due mainly to the amount of space required to operate the business. It was felt that the Council had researched and exhausted all possible options to retain a post office in the village but the fact remained it would close in two days. The mail box in the private property would be sealed and it was understood a replacement would be located elsewhere in the village.

VILLAGE PLAN - defer to October meeting.

The meeting recessed for the following item.

REPORTS

County Councillor – Ipswich had been successful in their bid to be a unitary authority. The entire costs for this will fall on the County Council. Contracts which are in joint names will have to be changed, there will be redundancy costs as well as a lot of officer time involved – probably set back plans for the future by about six years. County has had a meeting to discuss and report back to the Government on their consultation for nuclear power. SCC endorsed the government's view to go ahead in the interest of achieving energy goals. It was essential to ensure that as far as possible if nuclear energy did go ahead it should not jeopardise power from renewable sources. Referred to a meeting with Primary Care trustees regarding the Hartismere Hospital site which is being redeveloped. There will still be a care provision provided on site. Spoke of report on services being provided by doctors. It was hoped that an energy from waste programme would be going ahead.

Police – Since the last meeting there had been 5 crimes in the area -3 criminal damage to motor vehicles undetected but further investigations were ongoing and 2 arrests for driving with excess alcohol. There have been increased thefts from motor vehicles so don't make life easy for criminals LOCK IT! As always and particularly at this time of year when you leave doors and windows open make sure your valuables are locked away safe and secure.

Police Direct is a high tech public messaging service. If you want to register or update your details go to www.suffolk.police.uk and follow the links to Police Direct. You can also contact the Police Direct Team on 01473 613997. Details about any crimes, to contact your local Police Station or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. (full report attached to minutes)

The meeting then reconvened.

REPORTS

Allotment W.Party: The contractors had been asked to install a more secure gate. The Ragwort problem had been dealt with by MSDC who were also being asked to quote for a follow up spraying treatment to

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prevent any re-occurrence.

Footpaths: Nothing to report although Cllr Mrs Thomson confirmed she had been in touch with CSD regarding the bridge problem and a hand rail.

District Councillor B Cameron-Laker arrived at 8.04 p.m..

Village Green: A meeting with the solicitor had been suggested – clerk to arrange suitable dates and advise the Vice Chairman accordingly.

Employment Panel: Nothing to report.

Traffic Calming: Nothing to report

Village Hall: Cllr Pirrie reported on the meeting held last Tuesday. Mr Stephens had been elected Chairman ; various issues regarding the heating and electrics had been discussed; two quotes were being obtained for a window cleaner; the Pre School had been advised on obtaining grant funding for their requirements; funding was also being researched to deal with the kitchen and toilets.

The meeting recessed to received the District Councillor’s report.

District Councillor – Reports covering the period July/August and September were presented by the District Councillor. (copies circulated)

The meeting reconvened.

PLANNING

Certificate of Lawful Development in respect of:-

0557/07 Haughley Silo, Station Road. Demolition of silo building
MSDC have requested information or details relating to the past use of the land.

Councillors were unclear as to the response required by MSDC. However the silo had been used for grain storage up until the early 1980’s, then as a feed mill, then there was a small scheme producing chocolate covered feed food utilising waste chocolate . Since Grosvenor Green of Liverpool stopped in 2000 there had been very little activity. In fact during the last seven or so years the site had not appeared active and very little was known about its operations.

Cllr Weaver arrived at 8.44 p.m.

Application approved by MSDC:-

1458/07 Antrim House, Old Street. Installation of in ground 4.57m x 9.14m swimming pool

Old Chapel – Lacy Scott had queried access to the Chapel as they had a possible purchaser. Councillors discussed possible alternative access to the rear of the property but agreed passage across the registered green could not be allowed. Proposed by Cllrs Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Robertson. All in favour.

PUBLIC FORUM - There were no members of the public present

FINANCE

465 **September Accounts:** Following copies circulated providing detailed accounting information, the accounts for September were approved. Proposed by Cllr Robertson, seconded by Cllr Mrs

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Thomson All in favour.

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101885	Suffolk ACRE (annual insurance)	£ 746.26
101886	Handyman (wages/expenses)	£ 286.50
101887	Post Office (PAYE)	£ 116.68
101888	Cleaning Services (4 weeks)	£ 160.00
101889	SALC AGM (Cllrs Faiers & Hart)	£ 24.00
101890	M J Nunn (oak posts etc)	£ 880.89
101891	B Wade (Moat repairs)	£1,625.00
101892	Mrs Bottomley (Petty Cash)	£ 71.51
101893	Mrs Bottomley (September Travel)	£ 90.81

Bank balances: Tracker £82,930.66
Current £ 9,654.38

- 466 **Christmas tree lighting:** Councillors agreed that the number of garlands should be increased for a better display this year and the clerk should arrange for the appropriate upgrading of the electrics in the lighting column. Proposed by Cllr Faiers, seconded by Cllr Bevan. All in favour

EMERGENCY PLANNING – Mr Bushnell, Emergency Planning Officer from SCC had agreed to come along to the 16th October meeting for a brief discussion. He had also suggested Councillors might wish to undertake a pre-study by logging on to www.suffolkresilience.com/community_ep/community_ep.html

AREA AROUND THE MOAT - All repairs had now been finalised and councillors agreed a letter of appreciation along with a cheque for the materials should be sent to the contractor for all his hard work on the project.

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE - Defer to October meeting

BY LAW ON DRINKING - To remain on the Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures

- 467 MSDC – changes to waste collection. Introduction of purple bins.
468 Highways Agency – 20th September invitation to Chairman. Tabled
469 Combs Ford Surgery – Magazine entry re ‘flu clinic campaign. No charge
470 Campaign to protect rural England –membership invite. Tabled
471 SLCC Conference, Thetford. 27th September. Clerk to attend
472 SALC clerking day 26th September. Clerk to attend

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th October 2007

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

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