

HAUGHLEY PARISH NOTES – JANUARY 2008

11 councillors, the District Councillor and 127 villagers from Haughley and surrounding villages attended the Haughley Parish Council meeting held last Tuesday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting for this item on the agenda was chaired by Cllr M Pirrie who received comments concerning access to the village green and the bakery.

- Petition against closure of bakery presented
- Query on possible easement in respect of the Bakery and other properties located in the vicinity
- Procedural & legal matters in respect of the Parish Council
- Actions currently taken by Parish Council were queried

POST OFFICE

The Parish Council would like to correct the impression given in the November issue of the magazine that David Ruffley was unable to offer a date before Christmas for a public meeting about the Post Office. He offered to attend a meeting on the 14th December but this offer was declined by the Parish Council. The Parish Council apologise to David Ruffley for this error.

There is a sponsor prepared to fund the acquisition of suitable premises for a post office in the village along with possibly three suitable candidates to run it. **Post Office Ltd will need to inspect any proposed premises as to their suitability in meeting the most current Health & Safety regulations, this may take three to four weeks to arrange.** From training to a post office being operative could be achieved in two to three months.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

The Parish Council needs volunteers to assist in undertaking the Village Appraisal being drawn up. Volunteers are invited to contact either Chris Faiers (Chairman), Bill Green (Vice Chairman) or the Clerk. See separate write up in the magazine by the Chairman

REPORTS

District Councillor - report to be submitted separately by D.Cllr Cameron-Laker

Police - Crime Figures for 11/12/2007 to 15/01/2008

Since 11th December 2008 there have been 3 crimes in the area for this period. At this time one of the crimes has been detected. The two undetected relate to an attempted burglary to a new-build property in Fir Tree Lane, Haughley Green and the theft of a charity collection box from the Kings Arms Public house.

Other Problems

From a crime perspective in Mid-Suffolk the main problem this past month has been lots of thefts from motor vehicles and Burglary other buildings – but not in Haughley. There has been a fair bit of attention to Fir Tree Lane, Haughley Green over the past 6 weeks as there has been some minor thefts and attempted burglaries/criminal damage to buildings. Haughley itself over the past month seems to have been relatively good.

As always you are asked to help yourselves by ensuring your valuables are locked away safe and secure. – It has been noted that most of vehicles or outbuildings entered are left insecure by their owners.

Mid-Suffolk News

Between 7.45pm and 8.10pm on Sunday 6 January in Hargrave Avenue, Needham Market an elderly woman discovered two intruders in her home. They restrained and threatened her before leaving her slightly hurt. The house was searched and cash stolen.

The offenders are both male and in their late 20s to early 30s, wearing dark clothing and one wearing a hat.

This offence occurred during the hours of darkness, however there is a possibility that the offenders had been in the area earlier in the day. Any member of the public who saw any person(s) acting suspiciously in Needham Market or surrounding areas please come forward and assist the police with this investigation.”

If you have any information to identify these offenders please contact Stowmarket CID on 01473 613500.

EL GORDO LOTTERY/SPANISH LOTTERY

Despite the recent warnings concerning the above, a resident of Mid Suffolk has recently been duped out of tens of thousands of pounds. Remember, if you haven't purchased a ticket, you can't possibly win. Never pass your personal details or bank details to a third party. Don't become their next victim.

If you have details about any crimes, then please contact your local Police Station, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Allotment Working Party – The allotment holders have fitted a new gate to replace the one previously installed by a contractor and subsequently stolen. Additionally the water supply/service to the site is also shortly being re-organised by the holders.

Traffic Calming - the initial costs of the second gate to be installed on Fishponds Way would be slightly more than originally stated due to trial excavation works having to be undertaken.

Village Hall - not continuing with the 100 Club due to the phenomenal amount of organisation work needed. Instead the Committee are organising a "one off" **Casino** night on 26th April which – it is hoped – will raise a considerable amount of money. Venue not yet decided on. The toilets and kitchen are now scheduled to be re-vamped.

PLANNING

The following applications were discussed and supported for approval:-

- 32479/07 Stansfield House, Wetherden Road.** Change of use from agricultural building and land to residential dwelling and garden.
- 3648/07 Park Farm House, Haughley Park.** Two storey and single storey rear extension and alterations internally.

Applications granted by MSDC:

- 3769/07 May Bush Cottage, Wetherden Road.** Erection of detached timber frame storage building.
- 0660/07 The Old Stables, Mere Close Farm, Green Road.** Construction of pitched roof, single storey extension to existing bedroom. New double doors to replace existing single door from kitchen.
- 3864/07 The Firs, Fishponds Way.** 1) Canopy reduce by 30%, thin and reshape one Lime 2) Canopy reduce and lift to 4m, reduce long laterals and clean one Oak.
- 3865/07 Garden to Glebe House.** One Pine tree – canopy reshape and reduce weight from lower limbs
- 2581/07 Meadow End, Fire Tree Lane.** Installation of five velux roof windows (south & north elevations), side light to entrance door (west elevation) & revised window to east elevation to detached garage building.

FINANCE - Precept set for 2008/2009 at £42,000. 10 Cheques were passed for payment including one for the new Notice Board which is due to be installed in the next day or two outside the Co-op. Accounts for 2006 approved for audit.

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Copies had been previously circulated to all councillors but it was decided there were no comments to be made on the consultation at this time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th February 2008