

HAUGHLEY PARISH NOTES – FEBRUARY 2008

11 councillors, the County & District Councillors and 67 villagers from Haughley and surrounding villages attended the Haughley Parish Council meeting held last Tuesday.

EASEMENT

Some villagers have expressed concern over easements across the village green and the Parish Council has indicated it is prepared to favourably consider any easement applied for

- § The Village Green Working party are to meet shortly with the residents of Old Street and have further discussions regarding easements.

VILLAGE GREEN

Following the Village Green Working Party discussions with Palmers (Haughley) Ltd. the Parish Council received their report and have fully endorsed their recommendations:-

- Ø The Parish Council continues to register its claim to the Village Green as per drawing VG55
- Ø The Parish Council acknowledges Palmers (Haughley) Ltd.'s claim of the right of way and ancillary rights across the Village Green – subsequently amended to include “for vehicles and suppliers of Palmers (Haughley) Ltd.”
- Ø A maintenance agreement to be drawn up between the Parish Council and Palmers (Haughley) Ltd. for the track across the Village Green.

Legal formalities are now being finalised with each party's solicitors.

REPORTS

County Councillor -

Energy Waste - a suitable site has been identified at Great Blakenham obviously subject to planning and public consultation. It may well be that a tenderer owns or has a suitable site.

Budget - The Government settlement for 2008/09 is £155m, about £7m better than expected but leaving County to forego about £14m in grants to other counties. Additional £6.7m to be spent on helping vulnerable people, £2.5m one off funding on highway maintenance, £1m on subsidised bus transport. Additional money for vulnerable children and families. The proposed Council tax increase for next year is 3.75%.

Setting local speed limits - a circular published by the Government in 2006. A pilot study in Mid Suffolk

- Ø No requirement for additional 20mph limits
- Ø A 30 mph should be the norm in villages
- Ø 40 mph speed limit in a few clusters of housing with possibly buffer zones of 40 mph before entering villages
- Ø 50 mph on some stretches of A and B roads.

Locality Budget - available and parish council invited to apply for funds.

District Councillor –a full verbal report was given by D.Cllr Cameron-Laker and is detailed briefly as under:-

Planning – 8 Fir Tree Lane, Haughley Green. A driveway has been installed but of a standard below what was agreed with the Portfolio Director at a site visit. Haughley Green / Wetherden Road. A planning enforcement request has been made. To be researched and complainants awaiting feedback.

General Notices – Positive developments are afoot and hopefully a solution will be found in conjunction with the postal service. Press coverage (EADT and Radio Suffolk) for the issue and to invite potential post-masters/mistresses to approach someone in the Action Group of Parish Council.

Palmers Bakery – Understand it is a legal matter between Haughley Parish Council and Palmers Bakers and therefore I am not in a position to report on its status – however I do hope that the Parish Council will resolve this conflict as efficiently, quickly and mutually satisfactorily as possible.

Police Search - I am hoping to hear from Police Direct what necessitated a police helicopter to hover over Haughley Green for about 30 minutes with a search light being focussed in a couple of gardens in particular and several others for short periods. Failing Police Direct, I shall approach our community police liaison officer at Suffolk HQ.

Note: D.Cllr Laker provided a full verbal report to the meeting in January although as stated there was no written report.

Police - Crime Figures for 15/01/08 to 19/02/08

6 crimes reported in the area.

2 Criminal damages 1 on the A14 endangering life – golf balls were stolen from golf club in Onehouse and thrown over the bridge onto the A14 hitting a vehicle. The other is damage to a vehicle parked in Church View Haughley.

2 Burglary with intent –took place in St Marys Ave and Green Rd Haughley

1 Burglary Dwelling – Duke Street, Haughley.

1 Burglary other building – Shed at the rear of a property in St Marys Ave Haughley

Other Problems

From a crime perspective in Mid-Suffolk the main problem this past month has been lots of Thefts and Burglary other buildings.

As always and particularly at this time of year I ask you 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.

Scam Email Warning

Police are urging members of the public to ignore a scam e-mail, which tries to get you to part with cash by saying someone has been hired to kill you. Lots of members of the public across the county have been sent the scam e-mails. On each occasion the victim has received an e-mail in which the sender says he has been paid to kill him. The e-mail goes on to say a 'friend' wants him dead, that he is not to contact the police and makes threats about his family. The e-mail then goes onto say that he can pay to have his life spared and requests a large sum of cash. Police investigated a similar e-mail sent to an individual last year and a number of similar scam e-mails have been reported nationwide. The e-mail is believed to have originated in Nigeria. Officers advise that you do not reply to the e-mail in any way.

Police Target Underage Drinkers To Combat Antisocial Behaviour

A countywide crackdown on crime and disorder caused by underage street drinking is to be launched by Suffolk Police next week. The 'Confiscation of Alcohol' campaign, which runs from 8th to the 24th February 2008, will see police officers and community support officers proactively targeting local areas where young people gather. Those who are found to be underage drinking will have the alcohol confiscated and groups of young people will be dispersed where alcohol related crime or disorder is suspected.

During this campaign, officers will be gathering information on young people's ability to access alcohol locally and follow up enquiries will be made. Any adult found to have knowingly supplied alcoholic drinks to a person underage runs the risk of an on the spot fine or even prosecution. Any licensee found to be selling alcoholic drink to underage people is committing an offence and their license may be at risk.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you would like any information on Neighbourhood Watch, or would like to become a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, please contact Theresa Jones (the Community Watch Liaison Officer for Mid Suffolk), on 01473 383388.

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PLANNING

Applications granted by MSDC:

3646/07 Park Farm House, Haughley Park. Two storey and single storey rear extension.

3648/07 Park Farm House, Haughley Park. Listed Building consent for Two storey and single storey rear extension and alterations internally.

Consultation request for Scoping Opinion:-

0030/08 Land adj. Potash Farm, Potash Lane. Erection of two turbines up to 2.5MW each and up to 130metres (tip height)

The Parish Council has agreed to write to MSDC confirming their endorsement of the report and comments submitted by the Wyverstone Action Group.

FINANCE 12 Cheques were passed for payment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th March 2008