

## HAUGHLEY PARISH NOTES – MAY 2008

5 councillors, the County Councillor, Pc R Calver and 25 villagers from Haughley attended the Haughley Parish Council meeting held last Tuesday.

### COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

A further two councillors have resigned. Because of the reduced number of serving councillors it was agreed to appoint a chairman at each successive meeting until the Parish Council was up to its full complement. Additionally the appointment of officers and representatives to outside bodies was deferred until that time.

### REPORTS

#### **County Councillor –**

Unitary – started in April 2007 when the government invited bids, Ipswich put in a bid for unitary status. Suffolk County Council and other Boroughs and Districts put in a bid for Pathfinder status. Results announced in July with a provisional yes to both, pending investigations into the financing of the Ipswich unitary bid. However, in December the Secretary of State announced that neither was to go ahead instead the Boundary Committee arrived in February to examine the possibility of one or more unitary structures in Suffolk and they will be making their recommendations to the Secretary of State in December.

Schools Organisation Review – proposals were drawn up for the first phase, this involved a period of consultation for new schools in Haverhill and Lowestoft. 53 schools were consulted and the results were approved in March 2008 with great co-operation between parents, teachers and governors.

University of Suffolk will be admitting its first students in September and arrangements are well underway for the development of Higher Education facilities in Lowestoft and Bury.

Energy from Waste - In October 2007 it was decided to press ahead with the development of a facility to deal with residual waste that cannot be recycled. In January it was announced that a suitable site had been found at Great Blakenham and that energy from waste was the preferred option having been tested and proven to be the most cost effective. However, if a better site or technical solution is proposed, it will be considered.

Suffolk Green Fund - Suffolk County Council has put in £100k which has been matched by EEDA. This money is available to any community that wishes to develop a green project in their area.

4 Star Council – the Audit Commission awarded Suffolk County Council a 4 star rating excellent council (the best possible rating and the only Council in the East of England with this rating).

#### **District Councillor –**

School Organisation Review – A report was received from SCC officers by the Scrutiny Committee. Many direct questions were put. There has been no thorough disclosure of evidence supporting the plan to adopt a two-tier system. The next meeting of the School Organisation Review is Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Wetherden Hall Barns - This is still in the hands of the planning enforcement team and there is nothing new to report at this stage.

Potash Wind Farm – Much interest in this possible development and considerable feedback from residents. To date all comments have made it very clear that they are against any wind farm, of any size, being developed in the area. No comments have been received in support of such a development. The consultation phase by Wind Power Renewables has now ended and it is yet to be seen whether or not they will decide to submit an application. If they do then MSDC would carry out its own consultation phase. Please contact me with your comments on [bruce.cameron-laker@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:bruce.cameron-laker@midsuffolk.gov.uk) or take the online feedback survey at <http://brucelaker.co.uk>.

Snoasis decision 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – **Yes** for Housing development – **Yes** to the Railway station and **Yes** for the Snoasis complex, but with further conditions concerning environmental and ecological requirements.

Haughley Post Office Action Group – having attended the last meeting of the group I was pleased to hear of action being taken. It appears that there are two key concerns to be addressed. Primarily the location of a suitable site (thanks to the PCC one has been established) and secondly the allocation of a

postmaster/mistress. I understand that there are individuals with whom the PCC is in contact and I await eagerly the outcome of their consultations.

Blakenham incinerator – SCC has not said outright that they are planning an incinerator for Great Blakenham. They want to cut landfill costs and have explained that following their research they felt getting energy from waste through burning waste to produce electricity was the “most likely” solution and that an area in Blakenham would make a good site. I and MSDC Conservative Councillor David Laurie are researching an alternative for viability and suitability during the forthcoming months.

#### **Police - Crime Figures for 15/04/08 to 20/05/08**

**Theft – by employee** Details of which cannot be disclosed as enquires still ongoing

**Theft – Other TOTHILL A14 Road** – 300 gallons of red diesel has been stolen along with a diesel bowser – enquires still ongoing.

**Burglary – other building Poundfield Products Station Rd** – Items stolen inc a red & black quad bike W853 HRT. No suspects/enquires completed/crime finalised.

**Make off without payment – Haughley Park Services A14** – 19.48Litres unleaded fuel stolen totalling an amount of £22. Enquires are still ongoing ref cctv

**Attempt Burglary – other building – Mere Close Farm Green Rd** Unknown offender(s) attempted to gain entry to outbuilding, no entry gained but caused £100 worth of damage. Enquires still ongoing

**Criminal damage – vehicle under £5000 – A14 Road** £450 pounds worth of damaged caused to the front of a vehicle travelling on A14, when the overtaken vehicle threw item out of window whilst overtaking this causing damage to the front of the informants vehicle. Enquires ongoing.

#### **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 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.

#### **Postal Scam – Chain email**

There is currently a chain e-mail circulating, warning of a postal scam where a card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on a premium rate number and that you would billed £15 for the phone call.

Trading Standards have confirmed this is an old message – the telephone line was in fact closed down in December 2005 and the company involved were fined £10,000.

Please ignore these chain e-mails and do not forward them on – place them where they rightly deserve – **in the junk bin!**

#### **EMAIL OR WEBSITE?**

If you're reading this newsletter on the website, did you know that you can have it sent to you by email directly? Just register with us on the site. Our website is constantly being updated with news and information. [www.suffolk.police.uk/neighbourhoodwatch](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/neighbourhoodwatch)

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

**Village Green** – there was a fairly full discussion on the matter with members of the public being involved. The process of registration is continuing with the Council instructing its legal advisers to seek a reasonable solution.

#### **PLANNING**

The following applications were discussed and supported for approval:-

**4027/07 Glebe House, 1 Old Street.** Erection of rear extension; re-erect barn (following demolition of existing); erect new wall; create new access.

Applications granted by MSDC:-

**1016/08 Mere Cottage, Green Road.** Erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage, Construction of new vehicular access and stopping up of existing.

**1391/07 Bridge Farm, H.New St.** Alterations to facilitate conversion of barn and outbuilding to a dwelling house.

**0650/08 Bridge Farm, H.New St.** Change of use of barn and outbuilding to dwelling using existing vehicular access. Provision of private treatment plant.

FINANCE 12 Cheques were passed for payment. Unaudited annual accounts for year ending 2008 were ratified..

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008.