

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON CRASCALL PAVILION ON
TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2009 at 7.30 P.M**

Present: Cllrs G Kay (Chairman), Mrs S Green, A Salisbury, N Weaver, Mrs J Thomson,
W Green, J Bevan, J Bowden, A Shaw. C.Cllrs Mrs J Storey and G. Green,
Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk)

12 villagers

Note: Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a public forum with queries on

- § Planning issues – Haughley Silo and Dial Farmhouse
- § Easements (meeting to be arranged with local residents)
- § Lighting matters

Apologies: Cllr C Hart, R Renton , D.Cllr Bruce Cameron-Laker & PCSO Claire Cox

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr G Kay - Any possible discussion on Walnutree Manor, Haughley Green. Cllr W Green would chair the meeting for the duration.
Cllr Mrs S Green - Item 5 Planning (3675/09)

MINUTES OF MEETING 17.02.09

It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Renton that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. 7 councillors in favour, 3 abstentions (not present)

MINUTES OF MEETING 11.03.09

Having amended the 3rd paragraph on Page 754 it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes and sign accordingly.

WRITTEN REPORTS

C.Cllr Mrs J Storey: Following the death of C.Cllr J Clover, his work in the parishes had been divided amongst several County councillors. Full report attached.

C.Cllr G Green: At the Locality meeting, an allocation £150,000 was available for roads and transport projects and hopefully this would have some impact on local areas. There was £10,000 available under the locality budget. Referred to the road link Haughley to Stowmarket and the speed limits being brought in shortly. There would be a meeting on the 6th April between SALC, SCC and the electricity supplier regarding the street light issue (G39) and a report would be issued.

Discussion then took place on how far Cllr Clover had been able to progress a meeting to discuss current schooling arrangements in the village and working towards generating a community spirit in the village. Land had been set aside for building a new school and it was generally agreed to wait until after the elections before taking this further.

Both County Councillors then left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

Police - Crime Figures for 17/02/09 – 17/03/09 (report circulated all councillors prior to meeting)

2 crimes in the area for the period:-

Burglary – Dwelling with violence – Old Street, Haughley – 2 Purses and money stolen.

This event is still under investigation by CID officers.

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Burglary – Other Building – Green Road, Haughley – A shed was entered by unknown offenders cutting padlock. Nothing was stolen, no suspects. Crime finalised.

Other Problems

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

As always and particularly at this time of year ensure valuables are locked away safe and secure. – it has been noted that most vehicles or outbuildings entered are left unsecured by their owners.

Allotments: Last Saturday the Working Party and volunteers turned up – including the scouts – to clear the Cricket. A most successful day and the pond area will look really good. Write up to appear in the Parish Newsletter.

Employment Panel: Confirmation of increased salary rates for 2008 for the clerk had now been received and a meeting will now be arranged to agree the new recommendations and report in time for the next meeting.

Transport Liaison: SCC have agreed to revise the bus route with no more buses going through Plashwood.. A number of concerned villagers had approached the Parish Council regarding the increasing number of speeding vehicles through Haughley Green and within Haughley on Fishponds Way. The police from time to time monitor speeding traffic through the village and a number of motorists have been prosecuted for speeding offences, however a more positive and permanent method of speed control needed to be applied. One method would be the installation of “sleeping policemen” located at various strategic points through the 30 mph areas of the village.

Councillors discussed the various options but agreed that before approaching Suffolk County Council with a request for road calming measures, there should be a brief item in the Newsletter inviting comments from all villagers.

Village Hall: Report circulated all councillors and attached.

Lighting: Working Party report attached and circulated to all councillors. Summary to appear in the Newsletter. SALC/SCC/EDF were meeting to discuss the G39 problem and a report on the outcome would be supplied.

PLANNING

The following amended planning application was discussed and councillors agreed to make no comment until MSDC had provided a satisfactory response to the parish council’s recent letter.

(Proposed by Cllr W Green, seconded by Cllr Salisbury. 9 in favour, 1 abstention)

3675/08 Land at Dial Farm, Old Street. Erection of 6 dwellings (two affordable) change of use and conversion of agricultural building to dwelling, erection of detached garaging and alterations to vehicular access and construction of internal access way. (Parish Council had supported this application “in principle”)

The following planning application was discussed and supported for approval:-

Item 1

Application No. 0632/09
 Site Location: 46 Old Street
 Proposal: Prune Ash tree by 50%

The following application was not received in time for the meeting:-

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0484/09 **37 Old Street.** Internal alterations and renovations. Opening up of fireplaces, internal partitioning New front door. Erection of rear single storey extension.

Applications granted by MSDC:

4193/08 **21 Langford Close, Stowmarket.** Two storey front extension and alterations to dwelling

0105/09 **1 Windgap Lane.** Erection of single storey front extension and porch

4125/08 **3 Pleasant Cottage, Station Road.** Demolition of existing “lean-to” single storey conservatory and erection of single storey “lean-to” larger garden room with Suffolk red brickwork, double glazed timber windows and slate roof.

FINANCE

569 **Finance Report:** report circulated all councillors and unanimously approved. Attached.

570 **March Accounts:** Cllr Green proposed the accounts for March be approved. Seconded by Cllr Bevan. All in favour.

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102077/81	Employment Salaries	£ 595.45
102082	Clerk Travel	£ 58.51
102083	SCC (Energy costs/Lights)	£3,124.84
102084	Suffolk ACRE (insurance)	£ 928.35
102085	Mrs Ireland (allotments)	£ 18.00
102086	Stanley Tee (registration fee)	£ 40.00
102087	Mr G Kay (The Cricket expenses)	£ 10.81

WELLBEING COURSE FOR COUNCILLORS

Councillors were advised about the new power of well-being which had recently come into force. It enabled a local authority to do anything that it considered likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of well-being in its area. One of the requirements in using this power was for at least 80% of members to have attended the training module.

Councillors unanimously agreed to attend the training arranged by SALC .

CORRESPONDENCE

PCC of Haughley – letter of acknowledgement regarding post office support. Tabled

NHS Suffolk – rural dispensing regulations. Classification of Elmswell. Tabled.

Change of Solicitor query to be deferred to next meeting.

Correspondence in grey folder for inspection at meeting:

Town & Parish Standard	February 2009.
Clerks & Councils Direct	March 2009.
Associated Surfaces & Materials	Safety Surface

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Parish Council meeting 21st April 2009.
Annual Parish meeting 26th May 2009

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.41 p.m.

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