

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON CRASCALL
PAVILION ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009 at 7.30 P.M**

Present: Cllrs G Kay (Chairman), C Hart, A Shaw, Mrs J. Thomson, A Salisbury,
N Weaver, Mrs S Green, R. Renton, C.Cllr A Stringer (arrived at 8.10 p.m.),
D.Cllr B Laker & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
3 Villagers

Note:

Dog fouling problem – possibly another bin to be provided. Newsletter item initially.

APOLOGIES Cllr W Green & PCSO Claire Cox

The Chairman advised the meeting that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr J Bowden who had expressed that one of the reasons for resigning was his disappointment over the parish council's weak response to village green matters. He would write to Mr Bowden and the clerk was requested to liaise with Mid Suffolk District Council on advertising the vacancy.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

All councillors had received details of an application by Ms Pam Welburn and following a brief discussion Cllr Weaver proposed co-option. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson – all in favour.

Ms Welburn was invited to join the meeting following the completion her Declaration of Acceptance. The Register of Interest to be completed within 28 days.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

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YOUTH CLUB

Although Cllr Salisbury had contacted a number of people involved in starting and running a club, he had not heard anything further to date. The meeting recessed for a short while to discuss whether or not there was a demand for such a club in the village and also whether suitable facilities were available. On reconvening councillors agreed they were supportive in principle but further enquiries needed to be made. Cllr Mrs Thomson also volunteered to make some enquiries. Agenda item for the November meeting.

SPEED WATCH

C.Cllr Stringer advised there was to be a meeting this week and he would order a kit for Haughley. Once the order has gone in, a meeting will be organized for all parishes involved.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

WRITTEN REPORTS

C.Cllr Stringer: A verbal report covering an update of the Schools Review, Suffolk Summit and budget information was given. Full report attached.

D.Cllr Laker: Verbal report covering inappropriate signage, planning application for Lawn Farm and
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general discussion with councillors regarding the gravel site.

Police: Report provided with copies circulated to all councillors and villagers present. Concern was expressed over the lack of information regarding Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Mrs Thomson to attend their next meeting and find out why no information has been received recently

D.Cllr Laker left the meeting at 8.34 p.m. and the meeting then reconvened.

Traffic Issues - Nothing to report

Village Hall – Verbal report provided by Cllr Mrs Green who was pleased to thank the parish council for buying the new curtains and to hand over a cheque which was to repay the £1,500 lent in respect of decorating the Main Hall. Councillors agreed to waive the outstanding debt of £550 so as to enable the Village Hall Committee to complete their proposed lighting changes. Proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Hart – 6 in favour, 2 abstentions. Full report attached.

Lighting – Report submitted by Cllr Salisbury who went on to explain the problems concerning the light in the youth shelter. The cost to replace the vandalised light and make it a safer installation which would be harder to vandalise would be £369. Cllr Salisbury proposed accepting the quotation, seconded by Cllr Shaw – all in favour.

Work on units 177 and 167 were then discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Weaver, seconded by Cllr Renton to proceed with the work at a total cost of £2,121.27. All in favour.

Communications – Cllr Shaw had provided a draft newsletter circulated to all councillors and advised it had been favourably received. Editorial from tonight’s meeting would be included and circulated to councillors. He emphasized that a response to all future editorial circulated to councillors had to be within two days following a parish council meeting i.e. no later than the following Thursday afternoon. He acknowledged that the guidelines were tight but the editorial for submission to the editor could not be held up in the event of any failure to respond by the deadline. The meeting accepted and were happy with the request.

Footpaths – Some further signage needed at Haughley Green. Request for styles on the Plashwood path to be looked at by Suffolk County Council.

The Cricket – Cllr Renton updated the meeting on the recent hedge clearance by about a dozen people followed by a bonfire and barbecue. Funds of about no more than £100 were needed to cut further hedges. Cllr Hart proposed work to be undertaken, seconded by Cllr Renton – all in favour.

Cllr Hart spoke of Haughley Green Cricket Day – History Group wished to do a talk on this along with history of the locality next year.

Allotments – Cllr Mrs Thomson spoke of measuring up all the sites to enable holders to have extra land. There was a need for extending watering facilities – piping would cost in the region of £52. Allotment holders would be prepared to arrange connection which would cost a total of about £150 for the materials etc. Cllr Renton proposed the expenditure, seconded by Cllr Weaver – all in favour.

Discussion then progressed onto the possibility of starting an orchard on the spare ground available Cllr Kay agreed to be involved in planning the area Drawing to be provided at the November meeting for councillors to consider.

PLANNING

The following planning applications were discussed and supported for approval:-

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Item 1

Application No. 2823/09
 Proposal Retention and completion of single and two storey extensions to existing factory
 Site Location Two Sisters Ltd. Haughley Park.

Item 2

Application No. 2396/09
 Proposal Change of use of agricultural buildings to use as scaffolding storage office and staff room
 Site Location Lawn Farm, Warren Lane, Woolpit

PC comment - Insist on specific scaffolding use.

PRE- SCHOOL PROVISION

Cllr Shaw reported that the Playing Field Committee had considered the relocation from the Village Hall premises to a site outside the Pavilion and members had unanimously approved this. It complied with Fields in Trust directives and the Play Group would now be progressing matters with SCC.

HAUGHLEY CHARITIES

No further information at present. Keep item on the agenda - defer to next meeting.

FINANCE

584 **Evergreen donation** - Cllr Mrs Green proposed a donation of £100, seconded by Cllr Salisbury – all in favour. Evergreens to be asked to submit any future requests before the end of November to enable their application to be included when councillors set the precept.

585 **Emergency Repairs** - Urgent and unexpected works which had to be undertaken as a result of the Pavilion fire inspection along with the major failure of lighting on the playing fields was discussed by councillors. Since the cost for both items was beneficial to the whole community and not restricted to any one club, it was agreed that the parish council would undertake payment of the invoices when received from A C Webb. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Shaw – all in favour.

586 **October Accounts:** Cllr Renton proposed the accounts be approved. Seconded by Cllr Shaw – all in favour

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102140	Stationery (Laminator & cartridges)	£ 570.83
102141	Haughley V.Hall (curtain deposit)	£ 500.00
102142	Heathers (balance of payment for curtains)	£1,364.45
102143/44/45	Staff salaries	£1,094.52
102146	Clerk (quarterly office exp/Oct travel)	£ 162.49
102147	E. Anglian Land Survey (V.Green track)	£ 103.50
102148	Haughley & Wetherden Parish News	£ 300.00 ^{S142}
102149	SCC (Lamp col Windgap Lane)	£ 197.11
102150	Mrs Sydell (The Cricket expenses)	£ 23.33
102151	Cancelled	
102152	Clarkes of Walsham (materials)	£ 81.88
102153	Clerk (phone July – Oct 09)	£ 29.22
102154	Clock Winding grant	£ 100.00 ^{S2}
102155	A C Webb(Cat.1 emergency repairs)	£2,939.20
102156	Clerk (postage)	£ 51.59
102157	Haughley Evergreens (donation)	£ 100.00 ^{S137}

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CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation of councillors – Messrs J Bevan and J Bowden. Clerk to liaise with MSDC on matter.

SALC AGM invite – 9th November at Haughley Park Barn. Cllrs C Hart, Mrs J Thomson & R Renton to attend.

SCC – Haughley Picnic Site (Harleston). Site meeting. Cllr Kay/ C.Cllr Stringer to attend.

MSDC had advised that they were running out of stock of the Haughley tourist leaflets and wished the parish council to confirm printing further supplies. Councillors felt there were sections which needed amending along with possible changes to the information and agreed no further printing to be undertaken at present. Councillors to consider in the new financial year.

Correspondence in grey folder for inspection at meeting:

Various brochures

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17th November 2009.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30 p.m.

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