

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON CRASCALL  
PAVILION ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 at 7.30 P.M**

Present: Cllrs A Shaw (Vice Chairman), C Hart, Mrs J. Thomson, A Salisbury,  
N Weaver (arrived at 8.14 p.m.), Mrs S Green, R. Renton, W Green, Ms P Welburn,  
Ms Ellie O'Reilly (Youth Club), C.Cllr A Stringer & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).  
4 Villagers

Note:

Query on Item 11 Finance ( c ) Precept

Cllr A Shaw – Vice Chairman – opened the meeting.

APOLOGIES Cllr G Kay, D.Cllr B Laker & Pc 354 Graham Haygreen / PCSO Claire Cox

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

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It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Salisbury that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly having noted that on Page 790 Cllr Mrs Green also agreed to attend the SALC AGM. All in favour

YOUTH CLUB

Haughley did not currently have a youth club although there was one a number of years ago. Facilities for the club did exist at the Village Hall but were not currently available. It was now a question of assessing the potential demand and for volunteers to run the club. Cllr Shaw welcomed Ms Ellie O'Reilly to speak on what was involved , what funds were available, training and generally advise on how to move forward with the project if the demand was there.

The meeting then went into recess for approximately 7 minutes to discuss further and respond to queries raised by villagers,

On reconvening the Vice Chairman stated there was work that the parish council could undertake through the parish magazine or hold a meeting to define whether there was the demand for a club. Cllrs Renton, Mrs Thomson and Salisbury agreed to liaise with Ms O'Reilly to establish this.

SPEED WATCH

C.Cllr Stringer advised there was full endorsement / agreement and it was hoped to have a meeting with the officer involved next Monday morning. People were keen to get going. Harleston had also approached and expressed an interest but although a different division, they may help. Cllr Green confirmed there was considerable interest and the need now was to go forward with training and equipment.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Mrs Thomson had been unable to attend their last meeting but had contacted Stowmarket. She had not as yet received any response as to what the situation was for Haughley. Agenda item for January meeting.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

WRITTEN REPORTS

**C.Cllr Stringer:** A verbal report covering the Green Bike project, B115 Stowmarket Relief Road, Section 106 agreement monies, Integrated Risk Management Policy Councillor Working Group and an

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update on the Haughley Play Group provided – full report attached.

**Police:** Full report had been previously circulated to councillors

Since 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 there had been 7 crimes in the area

Criminal damage (2) – Little Chef A14 Road

Criminal damage (2) (vehicles) – at Millfields

Criminal damage (other) at Denny Avenue

Theft (other) at The Folly

Theft (pedal cycle) at Travelodge A14 Road

From a crime perspective in Mid Suffolk the main problem this past month had been lots of thefts and burglary other buildings. Full report attached to minutes.

**Traffic Issues** – Full report circulated to councillors prior to meeting. Cllr Mrs Green queried the need for a mini roundabout at the junction of Fishponds Way/Station Road. Cllr Hart would like to see the plans. Cllr Green said there were specific drawings on traffic calming available but currently due to a severe lack of funding, it was very doubtful that SCC could provide funding to cover the costs

**Village Hall** – Cllr Mrs Green thanked people in the village for the wonderful response which had resulted in more money being received than the Committee could ever have hoped for. Fund raising had taken less time than envisaged and the Committee was beginning to take care of the fabric of the hall.

**Communications** – Suggestion to add planning applications to the draft Newsletter being drawn up for magazine entry.

**Footpaths** – Followed up outstanding matters but SCC were under the impression that the one from the churchyard had been done. Cllr Mrs Thomson will continue to pursue this - it seemed the Council were not following up reported problems. A walk was scheduled for the first Saturday in December (6<sup>th</sup>) and a further one to take place on New Years day commencing at 1 p.m.

**The Cricket** – Since the last meeting the hedges had been cut although the working party were still waiting to hear from MSDC about the grant applications. Cllr Renton confirmed he would be chasing this up. Until this was confirmed the working party were reluctant to undertake or plan any further work. Having attended the SALC conference it seemed that alternative funding might be available and a local person may be able to assist.

**Allotments** – No meeting yet however it was hoped that further plans and how many trees were required should be agreed this coming Saturday.

**Asset group** – a second meeting had taken place and the group had looked at the current Asset schedule and assessed what needed to be done. A Risk Assessment had been suggested on what already existed and how to incorporate other areas. Clerk to provide current Risk Assessment. Cllr Mrs Green was anxious about the intentions of the parish council to register land and felt caution should be exercised. Cllr Renton stated the Group wished to compile a comprehensive list of land etc. and that was all that was being undertaken. The working party had no power to make any decisions and it would be for the Parish Council to decide once all the information had been provided by the group.

## PLANNING

**Stowmarket Area Action Plan** - Cllr Hart stated this had already been discussed by the Council during the last six months or so and attended meetings. C.Cllr Stringer and Cllr Hart jointly provided information as to what was intended and councillors discussed the proposals in general terms. Closing date was 30<sup>th</sup> November and all information was available on the MSDC website.

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

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Item 1

Application No. 3302/09  
 Proposal Erection of building to house livestock.  
 Site Location Old Bells Farm, Wassicks Lane.

Application granted by MSDC:-

**2400/09 Plot adjacent to 8 Fir Tree Lane.** Re-siting of previously approved new single storey dwelling and garage

PRE- SCHOOL PROVISION

Cllr Shaw advised that agreement with all parties concerned had been achieved – including Fields in Trust. However it now seemed that the proposal was not as promising as first suggested. The group had missed out with SCC to obtain the necessary funding. There was no money available and it was now necessary to look at other ways of obtaining funding in order to proceed. Cllr Shaw spoke of alternative funding and that an application for building planning consent could be progressed. The village should be made aware of the project and the fund raising that was required. He confirmed the parish council remained positive about the matter.

The meeting recessed at 9.10 p.m., reconvening at 9.25 p.m.

HAUGHLEY CHARITIES - defer this item until January.

FINANCE

- 587 **NALC/SALC salary/mileage increase:** Cllr Green proposed the recommended salary/ mileage increases by NALC & SALC for the clerk be implemented (SCP27). Seconded by Cllr Weaver – all in favour.
- 588 **November Accounts** - Cllr Green proposed the accounts be approved. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Green– all in favour

Chq.No.

102158/59	Salaries	£ 571.70
102160	A Webb(Lighting repairs)	£1,222.45
102161	Stanley Tee (legal fees)	£1,840.00
102162	SALC (AGM x 4 cllrs)	£ 69.00
102163	MSDC (grass cutting 2009)	£2,153.95
102164	Clarkes of Walsham (materials)	£ 41.69
102165	Clerk (travel)	£ 68.81

- 589 **Precept 2010/211:** Draft information and recommendations had been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Shaw briefly explained the current financial situation, confirmed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of funding in respect of the Post Office had yet to be completed and advised that requests for funding had been received from the Evergreens, Football Club Playing Field Committee and the Village Hall. Finalising and agreeing the precept would be at the January meeting.
- 590 **MSDC – grass cutting 2010:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Renton to accept the grass cutting quote for the 2010 season. All in favour (£1,873). Councillors unanimously agreed that the work carried out during the current year had been very well done.

CORRESPONDENCE

**MSDC – approval to proceed with Co-option.** There remained once vacancy on the parish council and co-option could now be considered. The meeting agreed to defer this matter until the January meeting. A note advertising the vacancy to be placed in the parish Newsletter.

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**Haughley tourist leaflets:** Cllr Mrs Green was liaising with MSDC on revamping the leaflet.

**SALC Winter Warmer day:** Councillors were in favour of Clerk attending the workshop on Health & Safety being held in Fornham St Martin.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15<sup>th</sup> December instead of the 8<sup>th</sup> December. The meeting would be limited to essential matters only and be held in the Maxwell Charnley Room. Refreshments would be provided after the meeting to councillors and villagers attending.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 p.m.

**The Vice Chairman proposed that** Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is requested that, because of the likelihood that confidential information could be disclosed (category 5 legal professional privilege) the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of Item 14. Seconded by Cllr Weaver. All in favour.

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