

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at the Ron Crascall Pavilion

Present	G Brown (Chairman), M Bloom, Mrs. J Day, Mrs. A Pepper, Mrs. T Shaw, Mrs. S Swinge, T Sparkes, County Councillor Andrew Stringer, and 1 member of the public.	
1.	Apologies for Absence	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies for absence were received from A Flint, M Smith, Mrs. Y Tricker, and District Councillor Rachel Eburne. 2. The members accepted the apologies. 	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no declarations of interest received.	
3.	Dispensations	
	There were no requests for Dispensations received.	
4.	Minutes	
	All Councillors confirmed receipt of the minutes.	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mrs. A Pepper proposed to accept the minutes of 18th June 2024 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. Mrs. T Shaw seconded with all in favour. 	
5.	Action log	
	The Councillors noted the action log, and additional comments were made:	
	ACTION	COMMENT
	Junior Football Pitch	Parker Pitches do not have the relevant H&S cover to be employed by Bloor Homes. They are meeting with another contractor.
	SCC PROW Officer - upgrade of footpath and new footpath	On going
	Land adj. to The Cricket - register with Land Registry	On-going
	Posts Project (Consultation)	Consultation to be written

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Quote for Signs for The Cricket	Signs have been ordered
Consultation SCC Haughley Green traffic calming	The Traffic Officer advised that there are already a good number of traffic calming features at Haughley New Street. At this point he would advise the PC contacts the Police regarding enforcement and consider community speed watch. Given the straight section of road. Mrs. S Swinge reported that residents of Haughley Green are in the process of setting up a community speed watch.
Contact Bellway and start legal procedure for Wildflower meadow	On going
Greens Policy - second draft	On going
Registers pockets of land in the Parish	On going
Proposal Email group residents	A new price and information are being collated with the web provider
Proposal for public event community broadband	It was agreed not to proceed with this proposal
Report on WG for 4g pitch	Ongoing
Haughley Green - Slow horse signs	SCC Community Officer has advised that evidence of need is required
Tidy allotment carpark	J Sisks have started work on site on Monday 15 th July
MSDC – Byelaw	The sign has been found and the Handyman is going to re-instate
Allotment – quote mechanism of gate	
Haughley Green Footpaths (verges)	Awaiting meeting with SCC Community Officer and Andrew Stringer
Damage Green	Agenda item
Tree at The Cricket	Agenda item
Advert volunteers for lorry watch	Agenda item

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	Letter to HE, MSDC & SCC re footpath Tothill to HNS	Ongoing	
6.	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		
7.	<p>To receive written reports from County Councillor Andrew Stringer</p> <p>The members confirmed receipt of the report prior to the meeting. County Councillor Andrew Stringer highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SEND Improvement plan:</u> Scrutiny Committee met on Thursday 13 June to review the council's priority action plan to improve SEND services. The plan had to be created following the poor Ofsted/CQC inspection report which was published at the end of January. The committee heard about the extra £4.4m funding to recruit more staff, including educational psychologists. There are plans to invest more money in the improvements and this will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting in July. The Department for Education will be undertaking 'deep dive' reviews into progress, the first one into the timeliness and quality of EHCPs which is due very soon. Among the issues discussed were communication with parents and carers and responses to complaints and the importance of early intervention to support young children with needs as soon as possible. • <u>Councils call for more Foster Carers:</u> Suffolk County Council is taking part in a new initiative for fostering under the banner Foster East along with ten other councils in the region. There is an urgent need for foster carers in the East of England, with more than 7,000 vulnerable children already in the care of their local authority, and a further 150 children coming into care every month. • <u>Planning changes:</u> The new incoming government has wasted little time in setting their stall out regarding planning, The government policy of economic growth being essential to their plans has led to some changes on the planning system, as well as major decisions such as Sunnica Solar Farm on the Cambridge Suffolk border being swiftly approved. The position the government has taken on this 2500acre solar farm will encourage the current array of similar projects being planned at present. <p>With the housing completion targets being raised this could put pressure on our new Local plans, but to date the government has focussed on the "green Belt" and not published the methodology for assessing the housing numbers required. We hope to have a clear picture before we next meet.</p>		

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	<p><u>Planning SCC/0127/23MS Lawn Farm Quarry:</u> The date for when the application will be discussed at committee and site visit have been confirmed.</p>
8.	<p>To receive written reports for information only from District Councillors Rachel Eburne & Janet Pearson</p> <p>The members confirmed receipt of the report prior to the meeting. The Chairman asked County Councillor Andrew Stringer to make comments on some issues in District Councillor Rachel Eburne’s absence.</p> <p><u>Economic Lands needs assessment report:</u> Babergh and Mid Suffolk have now published an Economic Land Needs Assessment document. This shows the future employment land requirements in the Districts to support the identified growth for 2023 to 2037, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance.</p> <p><u>Local Planning:</u> The planning application (DC/23/05721) for 29 dwellings and associated infrastructure on the land next to Millfields on Station Road (a 100% Affordable Housing Scheme) is expected to be discussed at Planning Committee on 31st July. This date may change. It was agreed that The Chairman represents the Parish Council at the committee meeting.</p>
9.	<p>Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillors to review and approve a response to the following planning applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/24/02825 - Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of a single storey porch extension to Balfour House Location: Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley Green, Haughley, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 3RQ. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. Mrs. S Swinge seconded with all in favour. DC/24/02869 - Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Remove existing external render on front gable and back elevations, repairs to timber frame as required and insulate with sheep’s wool. Replace solvite board with lime putty. Paint with lime wash. Location: The Grange, Duke Street, Haughley, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 3QT. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. Mrs. T Shaw seconded with all in favour. 2. Councillors to note the following decisions from Mid Suffolk District Council have been received:

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	<p>DC/24/02244 - Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of shed (following demolition of existing). The Grain Store, Haughley New Street, Haughley, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 3JN. Planning permission has been GRANTED</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>National Grid Consultation</p> <p>The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council <u>OBJECTS</u> to the consultation that National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (“National Grid”) intends to apply to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) to authorise the construction of Norwich to Tilbury and makes the following comments;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council supports the production of green energy and in particular the North Sea Wind Farms which can generate clean energy and contribute to energy security for this Country and appreciates that this energy needs to be delivered into the National Grid. However, the Parish Council opposes the proposals set out in this consultation for new overland transmission lines for most of the route to be carried on large, visually intrusive latticed metal pylons. 2. The proposal includes pylons 50m high - about the height of the tower of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and 1½ times the height of many tall church towers in Suffolk. 3. The Council believes that such pylons will have a significant impact upon the environment to local villages and hamlets and feel that the pylons would have an adverse impact on the landscape and the sensitive rural landscape and biodiversity of the area, as well as an adverse impact upon the wellbeing of residents. 4. Drawings identified on the Norwich to Tilbury Pylon Line website seem to allow for construction traffic to utilise many small roads, apparently including unclassified roads. This has the potential to adversely affect many rural and village communities near to the proposed line AND parishes further away not least with numerous HGVs and other vehicles using “rat runs” to and from the proposed construction work areas. 5. If the proposed scheme is approved, we request that we, together with other Parishes, be included in consultation prior to and during the preparation of appropriate Traffic Management Plans and be part of ongoing monitoring and updating of Traffic Management Plans during these proposed works. 6. The Parish Council’s preferred option would be offshore cabling. This would reduce environmental damage and disruption. <p>Mrs. T Shaw seconded with all in favour.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Post Project Working Group</p>

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Councillors noted the report from the meeting held on 2nd July 2024 and no comments were made:

1. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council seeks quotes for the continuation of the kerb around the Green to the track and the installation of 2 posts to further protect the village green. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.
2. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council agrees to investigate the cost for the following Traffic Road Order to further protect the village green:
 - a. No parking on the corner of The Folly by the Village Hall and The White House
 - b. No parking on the odd numbered side of Old Street
 - c. No parking on the verge on the even numbered side of Old Street
 - d. Investigate a weight restriction for lorries

M Bloom seconded with all in favour.

3. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council agrees in principle the replacement of the missing posts along the odd side of Old Street and install new ones up to the junction with Castle Rise following the consultation with the Parish. M Bloom seconded with all in favour,
4. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council agrees in principle the installation of posts/replaced on the even numbered side of Old Street on the verge from the bus stop to number 46 following the consultation with the Parish. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.
5. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council agrees in principle that posts are installed/replaced on the verge at the bus shelter following the consultation with the Parish. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.
6. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council agrees in principle that a kerb is reinstated at double height from the pump to the Coal House following the consultation with the Parish. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.
7. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council agrees that the plans (item 1 – 6) are published in the Parish News and the Parish Council are present at the Community Café on 7th September to speak to residents and comments are also invited via email. M Bloom seconded and all were in favour.
8. Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council agrees that residents of Old Street are written to with details of the proposals and date of the consultation. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.

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	<p>9. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council agrees that a letter is sent to the Co-op to request that staff park their vehicles in the layby in Castle Rise to free up space for deliveries and customers. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.</p>
12.	<p>Land at junction Station Road and Grainge Road</p> <p>Councillors noted the report on the letter posted at land on Grainge Way Haughley from Property Risk Inspection Limited in relation to the removal of trees that are causing subsidence and damage to a property.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council agrees that no action is taken and the Parish Council withdraws the instruction to register this piece of land. M Bloom seconded with all in favour. 2. The proposal to make a response to the letter (although the land is not registered to the Parish Council) and instruct Birkett's to act for the Parish Council at a cost of £750 +VAT was withdrawn. 3. The Chairman proposed that that the Parish Council contacts Haughley WI and suggest they write to Property Risk Inspection Limited to request that no damage is made to the memorial tree planted in the area. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.
13.	<p>New MP for Waveney Valley</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman liaises with adjoining and nearby parishes (Old Newton, Stowupland and Wetherden) in the new Waveney Constituency to invite the MP to visit.</p>
14.	<p>RBL Grant 2024-25</p> <p>Mrs. T Shaw proposed that the grant is reduced from £300 to £100 for the grant application applied for the D-Day event. Mrs. S Swinge seconded an all were in favour.</p>
15.	<p>Christmas Tree Event</p> <p>Mrs. A Pepper proposed to increase the budget for the Christmas Tree Event to £750.00. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.</p>
16.	<p>Lorry Survey</p> <p>A date and the location on the junction of Windgap Lane was agreed.</p>

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17.	<p>Haughley New Street</p> <p>Mrs. A Pepper proposed that the Parish Council agrees that letters are written to the companies to remind them that their vehicles, travelling westbound to their depots at Lawn Farm Business Park and Quarry, should now avoid Haughley New Street. Mrs. T Shaw seconded with all in favour. A list of companies to be sent to The Clerk to enable the letters to be sent.</p>																																																									
18.	<p>Scribe Accounting Software</p> <p>Mrs. J Day proposed that the Parish Council implements Scribe Accounting Software with a budget for the year to include a one off cost of £299 + vat and an annual cost of £504.00 +VAT. The Chairman seconded with all in favour.</p>																																																									
19.	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Council confirmed receipt of the finance report for June 2024 prior to the meeting including, Bank Reconciliation, Budget to Actual, Reserves, expenditure over £500 for the period from 1 April – 30 June 2024, since the last meeting. No questions or comments were made. Councillors noted the receipts received since last meeting: <table border="1" data-bbox="459 1106 1331 1272"> <thead> <tr> <th>Receipts</th> <th colspan="2">Cheque / BACS / SO</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td>INT</td> <td>Barclays - 40739952</td> <td>£ 815.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td>£ 815.48</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Councillors confirmed the July payments: <table border="1" data-bbox="357 1375 1433 1975"> <thead> <tr> <th>Expenditure</th> <th></th> <th>Net</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>General Exp.</td> <td>Claire Pizzey</td> <td>£ 57.50</td> <td></td> <td>£ 57.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Exp.</td> <td>Sarah Place Accountants</td> <td>£ 171.00</td> <td>£ 34.20</td> <td>£ 205.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Traffic Count</td> <td>Capital Road Safety</td> <td>£ 1,050.00</td> <td>£ 210.00</td> <td>£ 1,260.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Exp.</td> <td>Westotec</td> <td>£ 175.50</td> <td>£ 35.10</td> <td>£ 210.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HPIB</td> <td>Woolpit Nurseries</td> <td>£ 614.71</td> <td>£ 122.93</td> <td>£ 737.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog Bin Emptying</td> <td>MSDC</td> <td>£ 1,658.46</td> <td>£ 331.69</td> <td>£ 1,990.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Exp.</td> <td>SPC</td> <td>£ 83.83</td> <td></td> <td>£ 83.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Maintenance</td> <td>J Lawes Ltd</td> <td>£ 23.24</td> <td>£ 4.66</td> <td>£ 27.90</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 	Receipts	Cheque / BACS / SO		Total	Interest	INT	Barclays - 40739952	£ 815.48				£ 815.48	Expenditure		Net	VAT	Total	General Exp.	Claire Pizzey	£ 57.50		£ 57.50	General Exp.	Sarah Place Accountants	£ 171.00	£ 34.20	£ 205.20	Traffic Count	Capital Road Safety	£ 1,050.00	£ 210.00	£ 1,260.00	General Exp.	Westotec	£ 175.50	£ 35.10	£ 210.60	HPIB	Woolpit Nurseries	£ 614.71	£ 122.93	£ 737.64	Dog Bin Emptying	MSDC	£ 1,658.46	£ 331.69	£ 1,990.15	General Exp.	SPC	£ 83.83		£ 83.83	Village Maintenance	J Lawes Ltd	£ 23.24	£ 4.66	£ 27.90
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	General Exp.	A Flint	£ 66.28		£ 66.28
	Village Maintenance	Paul Garrod	£ 164.50		£ 164.50
	Wages	Claire Pizzey	£ 713.92		£ 713.92
	Wages	Katie Power	£ 400.39		£ 400.39
			£ 5,179.33	£ 738.58	£ 5,917.91

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council accepts the payments and delegated power is given to the Chairman and Clerk to authorise a payment run in August.

Mrs. T Shaw seconded with all in favour.

4. Mrs. A Pepper proposed that the Parish Council accepts the quote of £1,325 +VAT from W Jarvis Tree Surgeon to cut the hedges at the allotments. M Bloom seconded with all in favour.

5. M Bloom proposed that the Parish Council accepts the quote of £350 +VAT from W Jarvis Tree Surgeon to reduce the cherry tree at The Cricket. The Chairman seconded with all in favour.

20.**Clerks Report**

The members confirmed receipt of the report and no comments were made.

21.**Chairmans Report**

The members confirmed receipt of the report and no comments were made.

22.**Councillors Issues**

M Bloom reported that residents had approached him about the condition of the grass cutting in areas of the village. Remains of grass are being left and causing an issue on footpaths, grass accumulating on the kerbs etc. It was agreed to send an email to MSDC to make a complaint.

Mrs A Pepper reported that residents of Fishponds Way who border Bellway Homes wildflower meadow have made a complaint about the nettles from the development and Haughley Parish in Bloom have had some of their plants stolen from planters in Fishponds Way. Woolpit Nurseries have donated replacement plants. Mrs. J Day reported that she had met with the play park contractor and almost all the items have been repaired. Mrs. T Shaw reported that the grass at the moat needs to be cut. It was agreed that the Clerk contacts the Handyman to ask if he is happy to carry this out. A presentation of the new plans for the regeneration of the Playing Field

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	<p>was made to the Councillors and a CIL application will be made to the Council later in the year. Mrs. S Swinge reported that The Chairman had asked her to write a PR campaign and requested members to consider what approach the Council would like to take and asked for suggestions and the nettles are encroaching on the play park at The Cricket.</p>
23.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Councillors to note correspondence circulated and consider any action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allotment Tennant – Permission to level up the path. It was agreed that this work was not required at the allotments. 2. Resident – Stone steps in Old Street. The Clerk to report this on the SCC portal. 3. Resident – Notice posted at Grainge Way. Item 12. 4. Resident – encroachment on The Green. Item 12. 5. Barclays – Confirmation of Mandate Change request. Information only. 6. MSDC – Briefing notes for Town and Parish Councils. Information only.
24.	<p>Date of next meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group Thursday 18th July 2024 at Maxwell Charnley Room at 7.00pm 2. Parish Council meeting Tuesday 17th September 2024 at Ron Crascall Pavilion at 7.00pm
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.09</p>
<p>A copy of any reports or correspondence cited in the minutes can be made available from the clerk on receipt of written application</p> <p style="text-align: center;">clerk@haughleypc.co.uk</p>	

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