

Haughley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025

Location: Ron Crascall Pavilion

Present:

Mr G Brown (Chairman), Mrs. J Day, Mrs A Pepper, Mr M Smith, Mrs Y Tricker, Mr M Bloom, Mr , District Councillors Janet Pearson and Rachel Eburne, and County Councillor Andrew Stringer

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from: Mrs T Shaw, Mr T Sparkes, Ms S. Swinge, Mr T Peerless
The members accepted the apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declaration of interest was received.

3. Dispensations

No request for Dispensation was received.

4. Minutes

All Councillors confirmed receipt of the minutes.

Mrs Y Tricker proposed to accept the minutes of 21 January 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting and decisions made. Seconded by Mr M. Smith with all in favour.

5. Action Log

The Councillors noted the action log, and additional comments were made to specific actions.

6. Public Forum

Nothing to report.

7. Reports from County Councillor Andrew Stringer

Councillor Stringer report focused on the key issues relating to the planning of Lawn Farm Quarry:

- County Council approved the extension and phasing of the quarry on 4th February.
- New conditions strengthen wheel wash/mud on road requirements.
- Operator remains responsible for residential and environmental protections.
- Residents can report breaches via the Suffolk planning enforcement website or email.

Signed Chairman:

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- Liaison meetings with the operator expected to resume soon.
- New enforcement case opened within 24 hours due to HGVs breaching condition 9 by using Haughley village centre.

In addition, the following items were discussed:

- Devolution
- Council Budgets
- Stop Smoking Campaign in conjunction with Ipswich Town Football Club

8. Reports from District Councillors Rachel Eburne & Janet Pearson

Key topics discussed:

- Devolution: Suffolk County Council applied for the government's "fast track" devolution program. SCC elections in May 2025 postponed, with uncertainty around timing of unitary authority elections. Concerns raised about maintaining accessibility for residents.
- Budget 2025/26:
 - No increase to the District Council portion of council tax.
 - Total gross expenditure: £30.8m.
 - Capital investment: £25.9m, with an additional £10.4m for future projects.
- Locality Awards: Limited funding still available for 2024/25. Final applications due by end of February. New round of grants opens April 2025.

9. Planning

- **Applications Reviewed:**
 - DC/25/00416 - The White House, Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Councillors reviewed.
 - Mrs A Pepper proposed "No objection" and seconded by Mrs J Day with all in favour of the response.
- **Notifications of Decisions Received:**
 - DC/24/04985 - Old Hall Farm - Conditions discharged GRANTED
 - DC/24/05359 - Stansfield House - GRANTED
 - DC/24/04768 - Hill House - REFUSED
 - DC/24/04412 - Old Bells Yard - REFUSED
 - SCC/0084/20MS/VOC - Lawn Farm Quarry - APPROVED with 65 conditions
 - DC/25/00219 - Frasers Lodge APPROVED
 - SCC/0127/23MS - Northern extension to Lawn Farm Quarry - Consultation noted.

10. Devolution

Councillors received an update on the proposed devolution of powers and the formation of a unitary authority for Suffolk.

A targeted Devolution questionnaire will be completed at a separate meeting.

Action: Gerald to organise an appropriate date for this meeting.

11. Pride in Place Community Grant

Signed Chairman:

Date:

Update provided on the funding application under the “Pride in Your Place” scheme and the outcome - Haughley Parish Council awarded grant up to £4904.47.

12. Village Green Working Group

Report received on the meeting held on 30th January 2025.

13. Haughley New Street – Proposed Gateways

Councillors considered obtaining quotes for two additional gateways at Haughley New Street. Quotation received: £820 + VAT. CIL funding proposed. Approval to be sought from Suffolk Highways.

Mrs A Pepper proposed, with Mrs Y Tricker as second, and all in favour.

14. Tree Planting for Haughley New Street

Councillors discussed seeking permission from landowner(s) to plant trees using the Mid Suffolk Trees-Wildflowers scheme to enhance residential appearance and encourage wildlife.

All council in favour of the approach.

15. Junior Football Pitch

Update received on the proposed transfer of the Junior Football Pitch.

Action: Joe Winter to continue efforts to engage with the developer.

16. VE Day and VJ Day 80th Anniversaries

Councillors received an update on proposed events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day.

- VE Day – Thursday 8th May 2025 – to include lighting of beacon
- VJ Day – Friday 15th August 2025 - to include lighting of beacon
- Commemoration event for VJ Day – Saturday 16th August 2025

Key things discussed:

- An evening dance for VJ Day to be held 16 August 2025.
- VE day event will be lower-key
- The Suffolk Regiment played a key role in the far east and the commemoration will reflect this

17. Training

- Clerk training with SALC
- Chairman’s and Mrs J Day training with SALC
- New Councillor training opportunities discussed.

Actions:

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- Book new councillor Training for Mr T Peerless
- Confirm training for Mrs J Day for SALC Finance

18. Finance

- Councillors noted receipts received since the last meeting.
- Councillors authorised the January payments (BACS, SOs, and cheques).

Payments and Receipts proposed by Mrs Y Tricker and seconded by Mr. M Smith with all in favour

19. Chairman's Report

Councillors noted the Chairman's report and provided comments.

Cycle path – The Chairman thanked all who supported the work party (Councillors and parishioners) to cut back bramble and vegetation. A great deal was achieved.

20. Clerk's Report

Councillors noted the Clerk's report and provided comments.

Action: review of specific policies will be allocated to each councillor – Joe Winter to confirm with Gerald the allocation of reports

21. Councillor's Issues

Councillors highlighted parish issues arising.

22. Correspondence

- A planning breach relating to Lawn Farm Quarry
- VE & VJ Day Information from RBLI
- Litter Pick information from the District Council

23. Dates of Next Meetings

- Parish Council Meeting: 18 March 2025 at Ron Crascall Pavilion at 7.00 pm
- Haughley Parish Litter Picking: Saturday 15 March
- Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 12 May 2025 at the Village Hall
- Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 20 May 2025 at the Pavilion

Meeting closed: 20:13

For access to reports or correspondence cited in these minutes, please contact the parish Clerk: Joe Winter
Email: clerk@haughleypc.co.uk

Signed Chairman:

Date: