

Haughley Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 21 January 2025

Location: Ron Crascall Pavilion

Present:

Mr G Brown (Chairman), Mrs. J Day, Mrs A Pepper, Mrs. T Shaw, Mr M Smith, Mr T Sparkes, Ms. S Swinge, Mrs Y Tricker, Mr M Bloom, Mr T Peerless, District Councillor Janet Pearson, and County Councillor Andrew Stringer

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from: District Councillor Rachel Eburne
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 December 2024 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. Seconded by Ms S. Swinge 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 reported on:

- **Motions Passed at Council** on Agricultural Property Relief, solar energy planning, and economic strategy.
- **Suffolk Economic Strategy**, highlighting clean energy, agriculture, tourism, and digital innovation.
- **Devolution and Council Reorganisation**, noting potential governance changes.
- **Broad Road Bacton Development**, reporting on steel-framed prefabricated homes.

Signed Chairman:

Date:

8. Reports from District Councillors Rachel Eburne & Janet Pearson

Key topics discussed:

- **Planning Matters:** Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan review following new National Planning Policy Framework.
- **Devolution:** Concerns on accessibility for residents and local government restructuring.
- **Budget:** Annual budget preparation for 2025/26, with financial surplus and planned investments.
- **Lawn Farm Quarry:** Site visit planned for 31 January.
- **Locality Awards:** Small funding amounts still available for parish projects.

9. Planning

Notifications of Decisions Received:

- DC/24/02869 – The Grange, Duke Street, Haughley **APPROVED**.
- DC/24/04899 – Frasers Lodge, Green Road, Haughley **GRANTED**.

10. Devolution

Councillors confirmed receipt of the report and discussed key findings.

11. Station Road Development

Developers have selected **Gooseberry Rise** as the road name.

12. Adjacent Parishes' Liaison Meeting

Report received on the meeting held on 14 January 2025 in Wetherden. Mr G Brown and Mrs A Pepper attended on behalf of Haughley Parish Council.

13. Pride in Place Community Grant

Application submitted; awaiting feedback.

14. Village Green Working Group

Councillors confirmed receipt of the report and discussed key findings.

15. Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group

Resolution: All members agreed to hire a brush cutter and meet **Saturday, 8 February at 10:00 am** to clear brambles overrunning the Tot Hill to Haughley New Street footpath.

16. Streetlights

Working group appointed to review provision, operation, and maintenance.

Signed Chairman:

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17. Flood Lighting of the Church Tower

The item is Included in the **Asset Register** and a schedule of repairs.

Resolution: To obtain costs to replace the defective unit

18. Diseased Cherry Tree

Tree removed due to urgency. **Cost: £275.00.**

Resolution: Approved cost – to be allocated against **Trees and Footpaths budget.**

19. Junior Football Pitch

Action:

1. Request Bloor Homes to clarify Health & Safety concerns, cost rationale, and for the Parish Council to obtain at least three quotes.
2. Raise concerns about soil contamination with Bloor Homes.

20. Litter Picking

Agreed dates for 2025:

- **15 March**
- **3 May**
- **11 October**

Resolution: No additional bin should be purchased at this time for the **Tot Hill car park** area at the top of the village.

21. Annual General Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting

Agreed dates:

- **AGM:** Tuesday **20 May 2025.**
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Monday **12 May 2025 (7:00 – 9:00 pm).**

Action: Ms S Swinge to invite parish members and collect reports by **30 April.** **Theme:** Devolution.

22. VE Day and VJ Day 80th Anniversaries

Suggested Plans:

- **VE Day (8 May):** Flags, memorial, and beacon lighting.
- **VJ Day (15 August):** Larger event with fair and evening dance.

Mrs T Shaw proposed sponsorship of £500 for the event. Seconded by Mrs J Day with all in favour.

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23. Haughley Christmas Event 2025

Provisional date: 29 November, pending Stowmarket and Wetherden schedules.

24. Finance

Resolutions:

- **Precept request** approved.
- **Payments and receipts** received and approved by Mrs T Shaw. Seconded by Mrs A Pepper with all in favour.

25. Chairman's Report

Noted with no comments.

Future meetings: Confirmed as **third Tuesday of the month.**

26. Clerk's Report

Noted with no comments.

27. Councillor's Issues

- **Mr T Peerless:** Asked for an update about the Appeal on the unauthorised site near Bridge Paddock. The Enforcement Notice remains valid with the Appeal to be heard first.
- **Mrs Y Tricker:** Near misses involving Taylors Commercials. Collect evidence for formal action.

28. Correspondence

Councillors noted correspondence circulated and advised to use links/resources and considered further actions as appropriate.

29. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting: 18 February 2025 at Ron Crascall Pavilion, 7:00 pm.

Meeting closed: 20:42

For access to reports or correspondence cited in these minutes, please contact the parish Clerk: Joe Winter

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Signed Chairman:

Date: