

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at the Ron Crascall Pavilion

Present	M Bloom, G Brown, Mrs. J Day, A Flint, A Hannan (Chairman), Mrs. Y Hannan, T Monahan, Mrs. T Shaw, T Sparkes, District Councillor Rachel Eburne, District Councillor Keith Welham, County Councillor Andrew Stringer, and Mrs. C. Pizzey (Clerk)	
1.	Apologies for Absence 1. Apologies were received from Mrs. S Swinge and G French 2. The members accepted the apologies.	
2.	Casual Vacancy The Clerk reported that she had received a request from Mark Bloom to join the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed that Mark Bloom was co-opted onto the Council. Andy Flint seconded with all in favour. The declaration form was signed, and Mark Bloom joined the Council.	
3.	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest received.	
4.	Dispensations There were no requests for Dispensations received.	
5.	Minutes All Councillors confirmed receipt of the minutes. G Brown proposed to accept the minutes of 21 st December 2022 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. A Flint seconded with all in favour.	
6.	Action log The Councillors noted the action log, and no comments were made.	
	ACTION	COMMENT
	Junior Football Pitch	Expected to clear the area by the end of November. Email sent for update 03.01.2023. No response to date.

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SCC PROW Officer - upgrade of footpath and new footpath	Ongoing
Allotments - Quote for removal of rabbits	Email sent to Allotment holders to enquire if there is still a problem with rabbits on the site before quotes are obtained.
Letter to MSDC - Footpath at Fishponds (Safety Audit)	Start date February 2023
Land adj. to The Cricket - register with Land Registry	
Posts Project (Consultation)	WG meeting arranged for Thursday 19 January 2023
Village Maintenance Programme	Work still to complete: White railings, paint, and varnish 9 benches, replace missing sign (Clerk working with SCC)
Tree surgery - Gallowsfield Wood	Contractor to advise start date. 3rd February.
Contact SCC - Solar posts	Posts ordered - SCC are advising completion of February 2023
Quote for Signs for The Cricket	Ongoing – The Clerk and a representative from the working group have agreed that this should wait until a Maintenance Officer is in post to look at the work needed to the original signs before obtaining quotes for the new signs
Consultation SCC Haughley Green traffic calming	Awaiting report from SCC Community officer
Planning Permission - The Cricket Play Equipment	Full planning application submitted and validated. Decision awaited
Contact Bellway and start legal procedure for Wildflower meadow	On going
King George V Play Equipment Refurbishment	Start date of 16 January 2023

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	Greens Policy - second draft	Birketts Solicitors are unable to assist the Council as there is a conflict of interest with Palmers SALC to advise of other Solicitors
	Application to be made to SCC for installation of EV Charge Points at the Pavilion Car Park	Register of interest sent. Andrew Stringer will encourage a response from SCC
	Additional solar post for Haughley Green	Email sent to Andrew Stringer
	Solar post for VAS sign for Haughley (S106 contribution Bloor)	Quote for post to be obtained
	Quote for additional VAS device	It was agreed to obtain a quote on the new year as the posts are not being installed until February 2023.
	Registers pockets of land in the Parish	Ongoing
	Arrange date for GW site meeting with Council members	Date to be confirmed
	Maintenance Officer advert	Advert has been sent to H&WPN and is on FB
	Proposal for an email group – residents	On going
	Proposal for public event re: community broadband	On going
7.	Public Forum: Nothing.	
8.	To receive written reports from County Councillor Andrew Stringer The members confirmed receipt of the report prior to the meeting. 1. Budget: The first proposals for the 2023/24 budget have been released. SCC plan to increase tax by 3.99% (1.99% increase in Council Tax, 2% increase in Social Care Precept). 1. Road closures at Bacton: Turkey Hall Lane is currently closed to all traffic which should stop all HGV traffic through Haughley. At the beginning of February, a 5 week road closure will be in place at Church Road, Bacton (the Haughley side of the Bacton Bull) which will also have a huge impact in the number of HGV passing through Haughley. Bellway	

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	Homes have been asked to take down all their signage before the start of the road closure.
9.	<p>To receive written reports for information only from District Councillors Keith Welham & Rachel Eburne</p> <p>The members confirmed receipt of the report prior to the meeting. District Councillor Rachel Eburne highlighted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gateway 14: Government has approved Freeport East, which covers roughly 45km from the ports of Felixstowe and Harwich including the Gateway 14 site in Stowmarket. For the whole area, £25 million investment for infrastructure development is promised. Businesses on Gateway 14 will therefore be eligible for a range of financial incentives such as reliefs on business rates, employer national insurance contributions and stamp duty land tax plus simplified customs arrangements and tariffs. We have asked whether Mid Suffolk will be compensated for the lack of business rates. 2. Parish Liaison meetings: Mid Suffolk District Council is holding a Parish Liaison Meeting on Tuesday 7 February, 1.30 to 3.30pm, at The Mix in Stowmarket. This will be an opportunity for MSDC Officers to share current thinking on Mid Suffolk budget setting, and update parishes on progress with the Joint Local Plan and plans for the 2023 elections. Parishes will be encouraged to share plans for Coronation celebrations. Recently appointed Locality Officers will be on hand to explain their role. 3. Planning Enforcement: Enforcement asked that Taylor Wimpey remove their advertising sign opposite the Bloor site until they can find a suitable site and then submit an advertising planning application. The sign was removed on 9th January. 4. MSDC Budget: MSDC are proposing not to increase their element of the precept for 2023-24.
10.	<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/22/06296 - Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory). Location: 9 Ladyfield, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 3PT: G Brown proposed that the Parish Council SUPPORT the application. The Chairman seconded and all were in favour. DC/22/06154 - Proposal: Application for Full Planning Permission - Installation of solar panels Location: New Bells Farm, New Bells Lane, Haughley, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14

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	<p>3RW. G Brown proposed that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. The Chairman seconded with all in favour.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillors noted the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council: DC/22/05435 - Proposal & Location of Development: Application Advertisement Consent - Erection of an internally illuminated projecting sign to front elevation. 50 Old Street, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 3NX. Advertisement consent has been GRANTED 2. Councillors noted the Appeal decision from the Planning Inspectorate for Appeal Reference: APP/W3520/W/22/3296897 Land South of Fieldwood House, Haughley Green, Haughley IP14 3RQplanning application. The appeal is dismissed. 3. It was agreed that the Parish Council does not make a response to the Formal Consultation of revisions to the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Planning Local Validation List (LVL)
11.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group</p> <p>Councillors noted the report from the meeting of 9th January 2023 and no comments were made.</p>
12.	<p>Future Publications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillors discussed if the Parish Council should be publishing draft policies for public comment. The Parish Council agreed the following procedure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft policy is approved by the Parish Council • The draft document is published on the website for residents' comments • The comments are collated and discussed at the following months Parish Council meeting • The council will consider the comments and if appropriate amendments will be made to the draft policy • The draft policy once amended is presented at the next Parish Council meeting for adoption 2. Councillors agreed to adopting the practice to publicise policy documents within 6 months of Council receiving the first draft.
13.	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council confirmed receipt of the finance report for December 2022 prior to the meeting including, Bank Reconciliation, Budget to Actual, Reserves, since the last meeting. No questions or comments were made. 2. Councillors noted the receipts received since last meeting:

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Receipts	Cheque / BACS / SO		Total
Interest	BACS	40739952	£ 170.66
The Cricket Play area	BACS	MSDC - Locality Budget	£ 1,000.00
Grant	BACS	SCC	£ 2,200.00
Gallowsfield Wood	BACS	Wild Play	£ 70.00
			£ 3,440.66

3. Councillors confirmed the January payments:
The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council accepts the payments. G Brown seconded with all in favour.

Expenditure		Net	VAT	Total
General Exp.	Claire Pizzey	£ 35.75		£ 35.75
General Exp.	Alf Hannan	£ 11.99		£ 11.99
Grass Cutting	MSDC	£ 2,664.42	£ 532.88	£ 3,197.30
Clock	Haward Horological Ltd	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
Hall Hire	PCC	£ 8.00		£ 8.00
Village Maintenance	Fence and Gates	£ 2,700.00	£ 540.00	£ 3,240.00
Wages	Claire Pizzey	£ 651.84		£ 651.84
Wages	Katie Power	£ 308.75		£ 308.75
		£ 6,480.75	£1,072.88	£ 7,553.63

4. Councillors noted a VAT return claim from 01.07.22 - 31.11.22 of £4,607.34

14. Precept 2023-24
Mrs T Shaw proposed that the Parish Council sets Band D at £81.75 with no increase and a total precept of £58,557.00 for the year 2023-24. G Brown seconded with all in favour. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the direction to Mid Suffolk District Council to make payment in two instalments.

15. Councillors Reports
Mrs Y Hannan asked the Clerk to update the members of the Play Park projects. The Clerk

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	<p>reported that work had started at King George playing field. Following removal of the mound the contractors had found a large reinforced concrete drainage pipe which needed to be removed from the site. The Contractor quoted a price of £870.00 which was agreed and will be taken from the contingency. Proludic start on site installing the play equipment this week. The Clerk also reported that MSDC has agreed to amend the CIL bid by an additional £1,500 following a revised quote from the Contractor for the work at The Cricket Play Area. T Sparkes reported that the Village Hall Management Committee has confirmed that it will be live streaming the Kings Coronation at the Community Café in May. This has been included in the programme of events being run for the Parish. Mrs J Day reported that the Village Greens Post Project Working Group is holding its first meeting on Thursday via Zoom, which Mark Bloom will join. G Brown reported that the Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group had a tree planting day on Sunday 7th January to complete the work at St Mary's Avenue and a meeting had been held on Monday 16th January which will be reported at the February meeting. A working party had been arranged at Gallowsfield Wood on Tuesday 17th January. The Kings Coronation Working Group has a new member, Mike Walker. A provisional programme for the Kings Coronation and Haughley 1173 Castle Event has been produced and will be reported at the February meeting. T Monaghan suggested that a working group of the Parish Council is set up to consider a 4G pitch (4G pitch is the name given to an advanced artificial playing surface that comes close to replicating the experience delivered by a traditional turf pitch) on the junior football pitch at Bloor development. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the February meeting. Mrs. T Shaw reported that the car park at the Pavilion is being used by some residents of the Bloor development while Bloor is surfacing the roads. The Playing Field Committee will be picking up the work on the regeneration of the Pavilion now the Christmas break is finished. The Chairman reported that the maintenance officer advert had been advertised on the Parish Facebook page and 2 applicants had already applied. Mrs S Swinge had sent an email to advise that she is still working on creating an email group for the parish and had sent through information regarding the Community Broadband. Although the Parish will not gain a massive benefit the members should consider if the Council asks residents to see who expresses an interest and if enough, it can be investigated further. It was agreed to include this on the agenda for February.</p>
16.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Councillors noted the correspondence already circulated and considered the following action:</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Highways – Roadworks A14 junction 43 exit slip 2. Citizen Advice Mid Suffolk – Thank you letter for donation 3. Resident – Speeding traffic on Fishponds Way: The Clerk and Chairman to respond to the resident. 4. Haughley War Memorial – Update on project as sponsors of a conflict slab and invitation to the unveiling of the war memorial
23.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Haughley Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21st February 2023 at Ron Cras-call Pavilion at 7.00pm 2. Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group Monday 6th March 2023 at Maxwell Charnley Room at 7.15pm 3. Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group on Monday 13th March 2023 at Maxwell Charnley Room
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 19.55
<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>clerk@haughleypc.co.uk</p>	

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