**HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Clerk’s Report – July 2016**

**Planning**

**Application 16/24295/HOU** at 10 St Giles Grove, Haughton – an amended application to the previous one received.

**Application 16/24412/HOU** at Silkmore Cottage, Church Eaton Road Haughton for a detached garage

**Application 16/24273/FUL** Polytunnels at 16/24273/FUL, retention of polytunnels for the retention of soft fruit at Ranton House Farm, Long Compton Lane

**Correspondence**

* Confirmation from ROSPA that annual safety inspection is booked for August.
* Thanks you email from Church Treasurer for the donation
* Weekly SPCA bulletins emailed to cllrs

Haughton Parish Council was represented at a meeting with neighbouring parish councils on 12th June at which the management of The Greenway was discussed. All councils represented agreed that the management of the Greenway should not be passed to parish councils. There was a good, informed discussion and the Clerk at Doxey agreed to formulate a draft response to SCC that will be sent once each of the parish councils has seen it and agreed to it. The draft response is:

*Proposals by Staffordshire County Council ref Stafford to Newport Greenway*

*We are a collaboration of (5) Parish Councils each along the route of the Stafford to Newport Greenway. Following the most recent cabinet meeting on June 15th 2016, we decided to arrange a meeting to discuss each Council’s thoughts on the future of the Greenway and consider our role/s going forward.*

*Following the recommended proposals around the future management and maintenance of the Greenway and the limited resources of each of our Parish Councils we will NOT be able to take any management or maintenance responsibility for the upkeep of the Greenway and each Council agreed that the pressure of costs on each precept would be too significant to consider this as an option.*

*However, as all 5 Parish Councils are committed to preserving access and continued usage of the Greenway and value having this resource available for our communities, we would like to be involved in the decision making/planning process and would like to offer our collective knowledge and support during the process.*

*To understand the recent decision making around the proposal, we would benefit from having access to the following information and would be grateful if someone could provide this:*

1. *How much does the Greenway cost to operate and how much of this funding is from Central Government directly for this purpose?*
2. *When are the planned Partner Information days? Could we please be informed and invited to attend.*
3. *The minutes of the Cabinet meeting suggest that there have been more than 100 expressions of interest in working with SCC on the project. Are any of these directly related to the Greenway, if so, can we liaise directly with these parties to establish relationships and forward planning.*

*As a group committed to the preservation of the Greenway, we look forward to being included in the decision making processes and being kept informed of any future developments as we feel to be excluded from this would be to the detriment of the communities involved.*

**Clerk’s Role –** Personnel Committee will be carrying out 4 interviews on Saturday 23rd July and will be making a recommendation on Monday for council to appoint a new Clerk.

**Accounts for approval – July 2016**

**Paid To Details Amt VAT Total to pay**

Haughton Village Hall Hall Hire June 12th and 27th £68.00 £0 £68.00

JWH Grass cutting June £744.00 £0 £744.00

JRB Enterprise Dog waste gloves £84.50 £16.90 £101.40

R Mathews Salary £52.96 £0 £52.96

J Cooper Salary & expenses £305.34 £0 £305.34

**TOTAL £1271.70**

**Jayne Cooper Clerk, Haughton Parish Council, 22nd July 2016**