

Haughton Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs. S. Atkins.

www.haughtonpc-staffs.org

E mail: clerk@haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk

Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 24th June, 2019 at 6.45 pm at Haughton Village Hall.

Attendees: Chairman Cllr. M. Allen Cllr. G. Anslow. Cllr. I. Sunley. Cllr. S. Taylor.

Cllr. D. Warbrick. Clerk: S. Atkins.

Public: No members of the public were present.

Public Open Forum.

No issues were raised.

1. To consider applications for the role of Councillors to Haughton Parish Council.
Mrs. A. Hopper and Mr. P. Prokopa were co-opted as Councillors on to Haughton Parish Council.
Cllr. A. Hopper and Cllr. P. Prokopa took their places on the Parish Council for the following items on the agenda.
2. To receive apologies and accept and record any reasons for absences.
None required.
Cllr. A. Hopper gave her apologies for the July meeting.
3. To receive any Declarations of interest in the following agenda
Cllr. G. Anslow declared an interest in item 11A.
Clerk to arrange a dispensation for Councillor G. Anslow with regard to any item relating to Haughton Village Hall.
4. To receive and confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Friday, 31st May, 2019.
The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved as a true and accurate record after the removal of Cllr. T. Grattage from the list of Parish Councillors attending the meeting.
5. To receive any reports from Borough, County Councillors and PCSO.
Reported from County Council offices that the fly-tipping on the Greenway Car Park had been passed on to the relevant Council officer. It was noted that the fly-tipping waste had yet to be removed.
Borough Councillor R. Sutherland reported that he was waiting for advice from his Legal Department regarding the play area.
6. To consider planning matters, including planning decisions, notifications of appeals.
19/30306/FUL – New House Farm, Newport Road, Haughton. Barn conversion.
Resolved that there was no objection to this planning application.

2019/70

Reported that a Lawful Development Certificate had been given to “Weston Croft” for an existing single storey extension.

7. To consider matters of finance including

a). Accounts for approval

DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
Salaries and Expenses.	526.64		526.64
Village Hall	104.00		104.00
JWH – Pitch and Park	280.00		280.00
JWH - Haughton	534.00		534.00
HMRC	60.40		60.40
Printing Costs	150.00		150.00

Resolved to approve these payments.

b). To receive financial statements.

Resolved that the financial statements for the month be accepted.

8. To receive the Clerk’s report.

Clerk informed Council that there was a change to the date of the annual leave reported in the Clerk’s Report. Clerk would now only be away from 1st July for one week returning on the 8th July.

9. To discuss Highways, footpath issues including those requiring reporting.

a). Highways

Reported that the 30mph sign into Haughton from Gnosall was still not operational.

Clerk to recontact Highways to see when they expect to effect a repair.

Reported that potholes were in evidence in Bradley Lane and Watery Lane..

Clerk to report to Highways Department.

Reported that flooding was still in evidence in Station Road, but following the presence of workmen in the area this may be being addressed.

b). Footpaths.

Reported that Grassy Lane had been strimmed cutting back nettles some to ensure the lane is passable whilst leaving the remainder for insects and butterflies.

Reported that following the clearing of the grill in Grassy Lane the brook was flowing well, but during the recent heavy rain the brook was close to the pipe which carries water from Redfern Rise.

Resolved to continue to monitor this situation.

Reported that we had not yet heard about the replacement of footpath signs which had previously been brought to the attention of the Footpaths Officer.

We had been informed that these new footpath signs would only be available as and when the Council’s budget allowed.

Reported that the footpath sign which is being bent by the litter bin which has been attached to it by Streetscene has still not had the litter bin removed by Streetscene. Clerk to contact the Highways Department to see if any progress has been made in either of these areas.

10. To receive report from Councillors on:

a). Park

Reported that there was very little litter on field or car park. However, there was one piece of dog faeces on the children's play area on the park.

Reported that dog faeces were also a problem in Watery Lane from dogs who were off lead.

Clerk to report this to the Enforcement Officer.

Reported that there was a sizeable crack in a post that supports a gate onto the park.

Resolved to review all posts on the park.

Reported that the new hedging was growing well.

Reported that three signs warning users of the park of the dangers of tree root stumps were still in place. Cllr. S. Taylor commented that the grass is quite high in this area and when this has died down a further look at the tree roots can take place with a view to a decision being made as to how best to deal with them.

Reported that cars had been seen again on the park car park with occupants suspected of using drugs.

Resolved to invite the PCSO to review this problem.

b). Football Pitch

Reported that this was in extremely good condition.

c). To consider the annual inspection of the playing field by Rospa.

Resolved to appoint Rospa to carry out the annual inspection of the playing field and all equipment.

d). To consider the issue of the proximity of the "rotating dish" to the boundary fence.

Resolved to clad three concrete posts and the fencing between them with delegated authority to clerk of an expenditure of up to £250.

11. To receive reports from Councillors on

a). Village Hall

Nothing to report.

b). Allimore Green

Reported that a walk led by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on Allimore Green Common would take place on 9th July, at 6.00 p.m. This is limited to 20 people only. Resolved to ask if the local groups would like to send a representative to attend.

12. To consider the new lease for the rental of the photocopier.
Resolved to delay a decision until the next Parish Council Meeting
13. To consider quote received for pruning of trees on the A518 opposite Jolt Lane in Haughton.
Resolved to accept a quote of £80 for the pruning of trees in Haughton.
14. To consider future support for St. Giles Church.
Resolved to grant a donation of £500 to St. Giles Church towards the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard.
15. To consider the purchase and installation of signs to notify the position of defibrillators in Haughton.
Resolved to purchase and install signs to notify the position of defibrillators in Haughton.
Clerk to investigate a price and potential positioning of the signs.
16. To consider the refurbishment of the telephone box.
Resolved, in the first instance to arrange for a lock to be cut into the telephone box prior to any refurbishment taking place.
Clerk to arrange a quote for the above work.
17. To receive Chairman's Announcements.
The Chairman informed Council of two extra dates which had been added to the calendar for new Councillor training. These were the 3rd and 10th July, 2019 from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.
Resolved that Cllr. A. Hopper and Cllr. P. Prokopa would attend the 10th July training session.
Clerk to book places on this course.
18. Correspondence
None received.
19. To receive any future agenda items.
S 106 monies.
20. To confirm the date of the next meeting on Monday, 22nd July, at 7.00 p.m. at Haughton Village Hall.
21. Meeting Close.
Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.