

HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 24th February, 2020 at 7.00 pm at Haughton Village Hall.

Attendees: Chairman Cllr. M. Allen. Cllr. G. Anslow Cllr. A. Hopper. Cllr. P Prokopa.

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 receive apologies and accept and record any reasons for absences.
Cllr. P. Prokopa had sent his apologies in that he may be 15 minutes late to the meeting and Cllr. P. Prokopa entered the meeting at 7.07 pm.
2. To receive any Declarations of interest in the following agenda.
Cllr. G. Anslow declared an interest in item 12.
Cllr. D. Warbrick declared an interest in item 18.
3. To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27th January, 2020.
Resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record with the amendment to 8b to read "In addition it was noted that working parties were unable to locate the land drains".
4. To receive any reports from Borough, County Councillors and PCSO.
PCSO arrived at the meeting at 7.00 p.m. and reported that apart from aggressive sales people operating without a licence on a door to door basis, and the felling of an oak tree on the A518 there was very little to report.
It was noted that there were safety issues regarding parking at the school with three areas of particular concern. Firstly the zig zag drop off zone, dangerous junctions and parents dropping off children with them exiting the car on the road rather the pavement. PCSO left the meeting at 7.15 p.m.

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5. To consider planning matters, including planning decisions, notifications of appeals. Planning Application 20/31770/PAR. Shutt Heath Farm, Shutt Heath Road White Cross – change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house. No objections were raised to this application.

6. To consider matters of finance including

a). Accounts for approval

DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
Salaries and Expenses	612.69	2.05	614.74
Village Hall – January Meeting	23.00		23.00

Resolved to approve these payments.

To receive financial statements.

Resolved that financial statements for the month be accepted.

7. To receive the Clerk's report.
 Clerk's report covered holiday leave.
 Change to recycling service.
 Planning Training Event
 Archiving of minutes.
 Biodiversity and Development Supplementary Planning Development Document.
 It was noted that there was no mention in the Planning Document of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Plan to create a wildlife corridor which would include Allimore Green.
8. To discuss Highways, footpath issues including those requiring reporting.
- a). Highways
 Cllr. A. Hopper reported that it had been confirmed that Cllr. M. Winnington's money would be spent on dealing with the flooding on Bradley Lane.
 Cllr. A. Hopper also reported that there was a land slip in Watery Lane and the ownership of trees by Standon House was still under discussion.
- b). Footpaths.
 Resolved to purchase two pairs of 4 x 4 post sockets from Screw fix at a cost of £25 per pair to repair finger posts.
 Reported that Grassy Lane was flowing well but muddy.
 Resolved to tender out work on raising the section of footpath on Grassy Lane.
 Resolved that permission was given for a couple of hundred snowdrop bulbs to be planted at either end of Grassy Lane.

9. To receive report from Councillors on:
 - a). Park
Reported that some canes are still missing from the new hedge.
Clerk to deliver extra canes to Park Warden.
Reported that a person was seen sitting on a bench in the children's play area with a dog.
Resolved to investigate the possibility of making a PSPO on the park.

Reported that tyre tracks were in evidence on the green in Moathouse Drive which led to a gate.
Resolved to alert the planning department and to ask advice from our Borough Councillor R. Sutherland.
10. To receive a report regarding the New Local Plan introduced at the Parish Forum.
Reported that the New Local Plan introduced at the Parish Forum lacked any real detail.
Resolved that a Parish Council response would be co-ordinated by Cllr. I. Sunley and Cllr. A. Hopper with all ideas to be received by the 9th March, publication by 16th March and for discussion at the March Parish Council Meeting.
11. To consider reviewing the future of the Park in the light of the future New Local Plan.
Resolved to contact Mr. I. Curran to enquire as to whether the Borough Council would be willing to make the playing field over to us. We are already sitting tenants.
Reported that this application would be supported by Borough Councillor R. Sutherland.
12. To consider the donation of £500 to Haughton Village Hall Management Committee.
Resolved to donate £500 to Haughton Village Hall Management Committee.
 - a). To consider the removal of the planter from Royds Close and refurbishment and relocation to a different site
Resolved to remove the planter from Royds Close and refurbishment and relocation to a different site, following no objections being received from Stafford and Rural Homes.
13. To consider any actions necessary following a review of the Parish Plan.
Resolved to defer this item until the New Local Plan has been outlined in more detail.
14. To consider a VE Day Memorial event on 9th May, 2020.
Following a lack of interest in holding a Memorial event it was resolved to cancel the Village Hall Booking.

15. To ratify the Risk Assessment Policy for 2020.
Resolved to ratify the Risk Assessment Policy for 2020 after removal of the petty cash item.
16. To consider a response to Public Space Protection Orders Survey.
Resolved to send a response to Public Space Protection Orders Survey.
17. To consider whether there is the opportunity to plant additional trees in Haughton.
Resolved that there is an opportunity to plant additional trees in Haughton.
18. To consider the purchase of a bench on the A518 by St. Giles Church, Haughton.
Resolved not to purchase a bench on the A518 by St. Giles Church, Haughton.
19. To consider a review of Members to existing Committees.
The following changes were made to the existing committees.
Park Committee – Cllr. D. Warbrick, Cllr. S. Taylor and Cllr. P Prokopa.
Footpaths Working Group – Cllr. I. Sunley, Cllr. A. Hopper plus support from other Councillors.
20. To receive Chairman’s Announcements
No announcements at this time.
21. Correspondence.
Correspondence was received regarding climate emergency.
Reported that the exit from Jolt Lane onto the A518 was visually impeded by the number of cars parked at The Old Post Office.
Resolved to contact the Manager to give a polite reminder of the problems for motorists at this junction.
22. To receive any future agenda items.
To investigate the possibility of a First Aid Course to be held in Haughton.
Resolved to make enquiries as to the cost of such a course to be delivered by St. John’s Ambulance.
23. To confirm the date of the next meeting on Monday, 23th March, 2020 at 7.00 p.m. at Haughton Village Hall.
24. Meeting Close.
Meeting closed at 9.30 pm