

# HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 7.00p.m. via Zoom.

Attendees: Vice Chairman D. Warbrick, Cllr. G. Anslow. Cllr. A. Hopper. Cllr. P. Prokopa.

Cllr. I. Sunley. Cllr. S. Taylor.

Cllr. M. Winnington.

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.  
Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Allen.
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest in the following agenda.  
None received.
3. To receive and confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.  
Resolved that the minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> June, be accepted as a true record.
4. To receive any reports from Borough, County Councillors and PCSO.  
Councillor M. Winnington addressed the problem of speeding in Haughton and informed the Parish Council that the two 30 mph signs which are situated on the A518 at each end of the village and are at present not working will be looked at with regard to a repair. Cllr. Winnington said that he is waiting for a report on the A518 following a serious incident by Swan Pit Nurseries and when this has been received he suggested that, together with Gnosall, Haughton Parish Council may wish to write a letter asking for mobile police cameras to be in evidence on the A518.

Cllr. Winnington was asked why on the A518 west of Stafford there were no white lines which marked the edge of the road as seen on the A518 east of Stafford. Cllr. Winnington replied that the A518 had a bad record both east and west of Stafford and that there had been a lot of work done behind the scenes to make the road safe. The A518 west of Stafford had been resurfaced recently and the painting of white lines at the edge of the carriageway had been a national and not a local initiative. It has since been thought that these white lines increase speed on the road.

Cllr. Winnington suggested that Parish Council could work with the Safer Roads Partnership to make roads in their area safer.

Cllr. Winnington has been in contact with the police regarding both drug trafficking and anti-social behaviour and expressed disappointment with their response by the police which was that they will try to monitor both of these problems when they have a presence in the area.

Cllr. Winnington left the meeting at 7.20 p.m.

5. To consider matters of finance including

a). Accounts for approval

DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
Salaries and Expenses	630.98		630.98
JWH	1.159.00		1.159.00
Staffordshire County Council	6.00		6.00

a). Resolved to approve these payments.

b). To receive financial statements.

Resolved that financial statements for the month be accepted.

6. To consider whether to maintain Clerk on delegated duties.

Resolved that full powers would be deferred to the Clerk until 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 meeting. Clerk to consult with the Chair, Vice Chair or any other councillor chosen by Clerk on relevant issues.

7. To receive an up to date report on Dale Common from Cllr. Sunley.

a) Footpath 9 and Bridlepath 10

Reported that the query raised regarding footpath 9 and bridlepath 10 after extensive investigation it appears that the footpath has not been incorrectly labelled as a footpath and not a bridlepath.

The person who raised the query has not been in contact with Clerk since late June and therefore this query and subsequent proposal of an upgrade to a bridlepath and a diversion around The Dale can be presumed for the time being to have been abandoned.

b). Ownership of the metalled track relating to the Common.

Clerk reported that during the investigation above the owners of The Dale raised a query regarding the metalled track which is the drive to The Dale, but which they felt the Parish Council owned. The residents of The Dale reported

that the ditch to the side of the metalled track needed clearing as the track was flooding.

The point was raised that if the track was flooding and this then caused water to move to Dale Lane then this was something the Parish Council should look into.

Clerk reported that from the Land Registry it was unclear whether the ditch was on the Common and therefore not our responsibility.

Resolved to investigate this matter further and report back at the next meeting.

Reported that footpath directions across the common were directing walkers to where they could not cross the stream.

c). Insurance of said Common.

Resolved to obtain a quote for the worthwhileness of this land for environmental purposes with a view to insuring, or not insuring, Dale Common in the future.

8. To receive a report on issues concerning Haughton Park.

a). Anti-social behaviour on the Park.

Resolved to gain quotes for the erection of a wooden shelter on the playing field directly opposite to the half-pipe where teenagers gather so that any noise or nuisance is farther away from the house by the park.

b). Drug trafficking on the carpark next to Haughton Park.

It was accepted that as a Parish Council there was little we could do as it was out of our hands being either a police or Borough Council issue.

9. To consider cleaning of the War Memorial.

Resolved to obtain three quotes for the cleaning of the War Memorial bearing in mind that it is a listing building and was only cleaned approximately 3 years ago.

10. To confirm the date of the next meeting on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Venue to be decided at a later date.

11 Meeting Close.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.