

HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25th January, 2021 at 7.00 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Chairman Cllr. M. Allen. Cllr. G. Anslow. Cllr. Hopper.

Cllr. Prokopa. Cllr. I. Sunley. Cllr. S. Taylor. Cllr. D. Warbrick.

Public: No members of the public were present.

1. **To receive apologies and accept and record any reasons for absences.**
None required.
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 9th December 2020.**
Resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
4. **To receive any reports from Borough, County Councillors and PCSO.**
M. Winnington reported by message that the issues in Watery Lane had been escalated.
5. **To consider planning matters, including planning decisions, notifications of appeals. Planning Application Reference 20/32222/FUL – Land West of Stallbrook Hall, Crossing Lane, Derrington.**
Resolved to comment on concerns regarding traffic access which will increase with the development of this site.
6. **To consider matters of finance including**
 - a). Accounts for approval

DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
Salaries and Expenses	525.36	2.50	442.00

Resolved that financial statements for the month to be accepted with the following amendments.

The above for salaries and expenses to read £525.36, VAT £2.50 and gross £527.86.

That a payment to BRMB Services be paid at net £743, VAT £148.60, gross £891.60.

- b). To receive financial statements.

Resolved that financial statements for the month be accepted.

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

- a) Highways

Reported that speed of traffic through Haughton was still a concern. Reported that the Council were awaiting communication from Cllr. M. Winnington regarding a 40 mph buffer zone and repair of the 30 mph sign situated at the Gnosall side of Haughton.

Reported that where Grassy Lane joins Prince Avenue cars are using the space to turn around and it is now causing the entrance to the lane to be very muddy. Resolved to consider and report at the next meeting once Councillors have had an opportunity to look at the site.

Reported that a car was once again being parked on the front of a house in Prince Avenue.

Resolved that Clerk should write to Stafford and Rural Homes for an update on the situation.

- b) Footpaths.

Resolved to contact the Footpaths Officer regarding a presentation on Footpaths and Bridleways. Clerk to determine how long this presentation will last and if this can be held at the beginning of the March Parish Council meeting or a separate meeting is required.

Reported that there appears to be an abuse of the dog disposal bags as some individuals are taking more than they need.

Resolved to consider the future of the dog dispenser bags at the next Parish Council Meeting.

8. To receive report from Councillors/Clerk on:

a) Park.

i. To consider a quote to make the ground level with the hard standing at the foot of the basketball equipment.

Resolved that Cllr. S. Taylor would review the practicalities of a lasting repair to the ground and report back at the next meeting.

b) Football Pitch.

Reported that there was concern about the amount of standing water on the football pitch indicating a high water table.

Resolved to check whether the outflow of the drainage for the playing field is running clear.

9. To receive a report from the Standards Committee.

Reported that the review of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been updated and would be issued to Councillors for their perusal and discussion at the February meeting.

10. To receive a report on the progress of the Telephone Box.

Resolved that Cllr. S. Taylor and Clerk would inspect the telephone box and prepare a design plan that can be used as a specification for the installation of shelving.

11. To consider a village survey to ascertain the views of parishioners in Haughton for future projects.

Resolved to carry out a survey with a first draft being available for the February meeting.

Reported that a grant for £1,000 linked to encouraging people to take part in schemes to reduce greenhouse gases was available from the County Council. However the deadline was for the 29th January. This grant was advertised on the Staffordshire County Council Face Book page.

Resolved to query with SPCA as to whether Parish Councils should have been notified of this grant as a matter of course.

12 To confirm the date of the next meeting on Monday, 22nd February, 2021.

Venue to be decided at a later date.

13. Meeting Close.

Meeting closed at 8.31.

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