

## **HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES.**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, at 7.00p.m at Haughton Village Hall.

Attendees: Cllr. M. Allen. Cllr. G. Anslow. Cllr. M. Burgess. Cllr. P. Prokopa. Cllr. I. Sunley - Chairman. Cllr. S. Taylor. Cllr. J. Woodcock. Clerk to the Parish Council - S. Potts. County Cllr. M. Winnington. Borough Cllr. R Sutherland joined the meeting for the first hour. Mark Keeling - Strategic Community Infrastructure Manager, Staffs County Council joined the meeting for the first five agenda items.

No members of the public were present. Public Open Forum – No issues were raised.

1. An apology was received from PCSO Wright who was unable to attend due to other commitments , he had sent in an email report.
2. New councillor Mark Burgess was welcomed to the council documentation completed. The Chairman informed council he had received the resignation of Clerk / RFO Suzanne Potts. The post is being advertised.
3. No declarations of interest from members regarding items on the agenda were received.
4. The minutes of meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

5. Reports were received from SCC Highways, Borough and County Councillors, Clerk, SPCA, PCSO, Village Hall Representative.

Mark Keeling explained the results from the recent speed and volume survey on the A518. The data showed that 7,000 vehicles passed through the village during the survey, 90% of which were cars. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile used by authorities examining survey data showed average speeds of 34 and 35 mph at both survey points (Station Road and Watery Lane). In 2019 when the last survey was carried out the speed of vehicles was similar but the volume was 9,000 vehicles. The data gathered from the latest report indicates that the speed enforcement van should visit the area and monitor the location. The Community Speed Watch team is also now active in the village. Deputy Crime Commissioner Helen Fisher has also announced an initiative to clampdown on drink and drug driving in the County. Clerk to send email request asking when the speed enforcement van is likely to visit Haughton.

Borough and County Councillor reports – meetings are ongoing with Cannock Chase District Council about shared services with Stafford Borough Council to cut costs. A contractor has been hired by the County Council to trim back vegetation on the greenway.

6. Clerk's report contained details of actions carried out during the summer break. SPCA report - Cllr. M. Allen explained a proposed change to the fees for Parish Councils which would see a banding structure introduced. Motions for debate are being sought for the forthcoming AGM, it was agreed to submit a proposal about villages paying the same costs for highway speed interventions irrelevant of the size of the parish and precept resulting in unfair demands on smaller Parish Councils. Cllr. I. Sunley is to prepare the motion. Nominations are sought for members of SPCA Executive Committee, it was agreed that Cllr. M. Allen will be nominated by Haughton Parish Council.

PCSO Wright's report was received by Council in his absence, fourteen reported incidents over the previous two months, one of which was antisocial behaviour. Village Hall Representative, Cllr. G. Anslow informed council of a cost increase for the hire of the Village Hall.

## 7. Planning

Ref. 22/35713/FUL Weston Croft, Newport Rd, Haughton – Council have no objections to the application but requested two conditions to be applied, no floodlighting and secondly that the facility is for domestic use only.

Ref. 22/ 36032/HOU 2 Meadow Drive, Haughton – Objections submitted on the grounds that the development is overbearing and out of character with surroundings.

Ref. 22/35964/HOU Samaru, Newport Rd, Haughton - No comments or objections.

Ref. 22/36409/PAR Shutt Heath Farm, White Cross - No comments or objections.

Ref. 22/36044/HOU Hollywood, White Cross - No comments or objections.

Planning Appeal 21/34220/OUT Land Adj. The Cottage, Church Eaton Rd – objections previously submitted. Comments were made to Cllr. Winnington about the lack of notice letters in relation to planning applications, a complaint has been sent by clerk.

8. Finance a) The following expenditure was approved for payment. \*Payments made using HPC debit card since last meeting.

DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	GROSS
Salaries and Expenses	£987.50		£987.50
ROSPA - inspection	£87.50	£17.50	£105.00
JR Landscaping	£431.25	£86.25	£517.50
Staffs Wildlife Fund – donation	£25.00		£25.00
St. Editha's Church - donation	£25.00		£25.00
<i>*Screwfix – materials for notice board repairs</i>	£24.14	£4.83	£28.97
<i>*Jewson - materials for notice board repairs</i>	£61.41	£12.28	£73.69
<i>*Screwfix – materials for notice board repairs</i>	£20.82	£4.17	£24.99
TOTALS *	£1662.62	£125.03	£1787.65

- b) Financial reports were received and accepted.
- 8. To discuss highways, public rights of way issues including those requiring reporting
  - a) Highways including grass cutting – grass cutting review to take place before the end of the first year of the current three year contract.
  - b) Public Rights of Way – Grant approved for two kissing gates on footpath 5, landowner consent received. Improvements have been made to footpaths 1, 38, 15 and 7 including the installation of two new stiles. SCC has advised that footpath 47 has been reinstated to its original course.
- 9. To receive report from Councillors/Clerk on:
  - a) Park including ROSPA report – the park warden’s two reports covering August and September had been circulated prior to the meeting. The ROSPA inspection has taken place and a report received. A meeting will take place with the park warden to address any issues raised.
  - b) Football Pitch – Cllr. S. Taylor advised that the pitch is in good condition.
- 10. S106 monies as a result of Redfern Rise development. A recommendation was received for the purchase of park equipment, it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of two items of park equipment from Proludic Limited at a cost of £18,995.90 plus VAT and for any remaining monies to be spent on benches.
- 11. Dale Common – a proposal had been received and circulated from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust for the creation of ponds and floodplain meadow-type grassland. It was agreed in principal to proceed with the project.
- 12. Grant applications – the Community Grant for the purchase of I.T. equipment had been unsuccessful. A decision is awaited on the Climate Change Grant for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera.
- 13. Correspondence / communications received. An email has been received concerning the condition of the village, grass cutting and Best Kept Village Competition plans. Two emails have been received regarding inconsiderate parking and grass / weeds growing on pavements and in gutters. An email has been received about an unusual spray paint marking in front of a village bench and BBC Midlands have been in touch regarding Christmas lights in the village.
- 14. Any future agenda items to be submitted to Clerk two weeks prior to next meeting.
- 15. The date and time of next meeting was confirmed as 7pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- 16. Meeting closed 9.06pm.