

# HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the (Urgent) Extraordinary Meeting of Haughton Parish Council held at Haughton Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 4 January 2023

### Attendees:

Parish Councillors: Ian Sunley (Chair), Michael Allen (MA), Gill Anslow (GA), Mark Burgess (MB), Peter Prokopa (VC [Vice Chair])

Parish Clerk: Debbie Sellick-Fellows

No Members of the Public were present

No Borough or County Councillors present – Clerk apologises for error as invitations were not sent

### Recognition and congratulations to Councillor Mike Allen MBE on the news of the New Year Honours list 2023, for services to the community in Staffordshire.

#### 1. To receive apologies and accept and record any reasons for absences

Parish Councillors Stuart Taylor and Jane Woodcock were not in attendance. Clerk did not receive any apologies.

#### 2. To receive declarations of interest from members regarding items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. To agree and approve Wildlife contract to enable Dale Common project to move forward

Proper Office received an email on 18/12/22 notifying Council that the contractor was available and ready to start work on Dale Common project. The following items were reviewed and discussed:

- Changes to contract issued in November highlight the power cables on the map and amendments to the Proper Office details
- MA – deliberated expenditure of £1k now £750.00, the grazing of cattle using same contract conditions and the risk assessment from Mr Ian Forrester
- MA – mentioned the meagre payment of £50.00 for Mr Ian Forrester with regards to his solicitors' fee
- GA – drew attention to the Communications and Publicity section on page 4/12 which should be discussed and voted on – *"The Newt Conservation Partnership may wish to undertake sensitive publicity of the habitat creation work carried out on the Compensation Provider's land."*
- PP – concerned with photos/GDPR issues with regards to the privacy of Dale Cottage
- IS - Who will sign the contract?

The following items were unanimously decided:

- Approval for photographs of the compensation site and associated habitat creation work to be used for publicity of the scheme in printed documents, web content and social media. The name of the site will not be used and the specific location will be kept private
- Approval given for the contract to proceed
- Approval given for Parish Clerk to be signatory

#### 4. Meeting closed at 19:55 (7:55 p.m.)