

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the
Parish Council meeting
on Monday, January 15, 2018 at
7.30pm in Henley Community Centre

1/150118	Apologies for Absence and Approvals
	<p>Cllrs Kevin Griggs, Martin Redbond and Steve Brock were present. Cllrs Bryan Marks and Alex Harrison were absent due to work commitments.</p> <p>Two members of the public were present, together with District Cllr James Caston. County Cllr John Field arrived later. District Cllr John Whitehead was unable to attend.</p>
2/150118	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
	None
3/150118	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 14, 2017
	Approved.
4/150118	To invite public discussion on items on the agenda and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors
	Written reports from Cllrs Caston and Field will be distributed with these minutes and published on the Henley website. It was noted that a plastic bottle returning scheme is to be trialled in the area.
5/15/0118	To consider Planning Application 17/06242 - Outline permission for two detached dwellings at Headlands, Ashbocking Road, Henley IP6 0QX
	It was agreed to comment as follows: Concern was expressed about the access to the property, given its position on the bend in Ashbocking Road, proximity to the school with the associated parking problems there, and visibility in both directions coming in and out of the site. Mention was also made of the fact that the site seems relatively small for two houses. And the Grade 2 listed status of The Cottage implies that the setting for that house should retain its rural character, which may be adversely affected by two new houses between it and the school.

	These notes are concerns, rather than the basis for outright opposition to the proposal.
6/150118	<p>Progress reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henley housing needs survey • Co-option of additional councillors • Operation of the Respect Zone outside the Primary School • Redecoration of the bus shelter
	<p>Councillors had attended a workshop meeting about Community Land Trusts, a development route encouraged by Mid Suffolk. A constructive meeting had also been held with Mid Suffolk planners and Community Action Suffolk. Moves towards setting up a Trust may be hindered by the need to recruit 10 Trustees. But a further meeting with Mid Suffolk is set for February 26 and viability of sites is being explored by the Hastoe Housing Association.</p> <p>No volunteer has so far come forward to join the Parish Council.</p> <p>A meeting has been set with highways engineers for January 16 in order to discuss road signage outside the school. A meeting would also be held with the new head teacher at the school.</p> <p>Clerk has contacted several decorators about the bus shelter and it was agreed he is authorised to appoint a contractor for a maximum of £450.</p>
7/150118	To receive a report from the Henley Community Centre Charity
	Volunteers are sought to join the Trustees group.
8/150118	To consider proposals for grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972
	<p>After discussion it was agreed to make grants as follows:</p> <p>Henley Tots, £200; Henley Wraparound Club, £200; Henley PCC, £200; Henley Senior Citizens, £200; the East Anglia Air Ambulance, £200; Henley Players, £200.</p>
9/150118	Financial report to date, including any payments due and confirmation of the amount raised by the 2017 Christmas Fair

	<p>The Christmas Fair raised £925.10 and it was agreed to divide the amount equally between Brooke's Wish to Walk and the Sick Children's Trust.</p> <p>A bank reconciliation was presented showing a current balance at the bank of £21,539.11. Since the November meeting payments had been made to CAS for webhosting (£60) and to Rod Caird for clerk pay (£205.48). The housing survey grant of £1,000 had been received from Mid Suffolk. A payment of £40 was made to D. Jones for bus shelter cleaning since October.</p>
10/150118	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council
	<p>It was agreed to ask Ken Austin, who has raised the issue, to investigate the costs and practicalities of a Community Speedwatch Scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Field reported that installation of new road markings at Bells Cross junction is in hand.</p> <p>It was noted that the change of use planning application for the Cross Keys Pub has been referred to Mid Suffolk Planning Committee on a date to be notified.</p> <p>It was noted that a new local social media website http://www.nextdoor.co.uk/ is being promoted in the village.</p> <p>It was noted that a number of break-ins and thefts had been reported and police should be notified of any suspicious behaviour.</p>
11/150118	To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting
	Tuesday, March 13, 2018