

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Henley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday July 12, 2016 7.30pm Henley Community Centre

Public Discussion	<p>Two members of the public and Cllr John Field and were present. Cllr James Caston had sent his apologies and Cllr John Whitehead joined the meeting later.</p> <p>In answer to a question the Clerk said he would inquire whether Mid Suffolk is changing the brown bin collection date.</p> <p>Cllr Field's report noted that a risk to Ipswich's Park and Ride scheme had been averted; that budget cuts presented a risk to the county's mobile library scheme; that everyone is invited to express their views about proposed devolution at www.eastangliadevo.co.uk/consultation; that communication on road closures had been less than ideal; and that plans for substantial new housing in Barham are at an early stage.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead's report also noted consultations on devolution and the need for complete agreement before it goes ahead; a recent public meeting in Claydon on building a sustainable future; a school competition to produce art works with the theme of reducing litter; the work of the Scrutiny Committee looking at the District budget; and a Craft Raft day at Needham Lake on July 26 from 11 to 3 at a cost of £3 per child.</p>	
	Present: Kevin Griggs (chair), Stephen Brock, Keith Lawrance, and Rod Caird (Clerk)	
1/120716	Apologies and Approvals of Absence	
	Bryan Marks and Martin Redbond had sent apologies and their absence was approved.	
2/120716	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation	
	None	
3/120716	To approve as accurate the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 10, 2016	
	Approved	
4/120716	To discuss progress reports as follows:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-option of additional councillors This item was taken first as Alex Harrison was present and had agreed after discussions to be coopted as a Parish Councillor, filling one of the two vacancies. Her cooption was approved and she joined the meeting as a Councillor. • Henley Primary School Respect Zone Concern had been raised about some drivers using the entrance to All Manor Of Events as a turning place. Cllrs Griggs and Redbond had met the new PCSO and explained the Respect Zone to him. • Planning policy for Henley Once the procedure was clear Henley would be among the first parishes working towards a Neighbourhood Development Order or Community Right to Build Order, which would enable a community to ensure that any new housing was in line with community wishes. • Clay Lane traffic and road condition This continues to be a concern. Cllr Field undertook to go back to Highways to discuss the provision of formal passing places. • Improvements to Parish noticeboards It was agreed to focus resources on replacing the noticeboard at the bus stop. Clerk presented options ranging from £800 to £1,500 and it was agreed he should proceed within those parameters. • PCSO funding proposals Having signed the agreement to part fund with other Parishes locally a new PCSO it now seems the Officer will only be available to the parishes for 50% of his/her time. To be pursued, 	
5/120716	<p>To consider Ipswich Borough Council's planning application IP/16/00608/OUT: Land North of Railway and East of Henley Road</p>	
	<p>After discussion it was agreed to respond to the consultation being conducted by Ipswich Borough Council by noting that the provision of 1000+ at the so-called Henley Gate would cause serious additional problems for already over-stretched local roads. The route into Ipswich via Henley Road via the Valley Road crossroads would inevitably be more crowded; and the route from Ipswich north to the A14 via Rede Lane and/or Mill Lane would also be under much more pressure. Major housing development has to be</p>	

	<p>accompanied by major consideration of how local roads in both major directions can cope with the additional vehicles of all sizes.</p>	
6/120716	Payments due and financial report	
	<p>The bank reconciliation to date was signed, showing a balance including uncleared items of £18,364.53.</p> <p>Payments had been made since the last meeting to Rod Caird (clerk pay, £99), MSDC (for dog bin emptying, £120) Martin Redbond (cones for Respect Zone, £67.12) and SALC (annual subscription, £237.49).</p> <p>A VAT refund has been claimed for approx £1,400. Outstanding commitments over the next few months include repair work at the playground and footpath construction at the entrance to the Community Centre car park.</p>	
7/120716	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council	
	<p>Clerk agreed to record the Gascoigne Drive overhanging tree problem on the Highways website for action.</p> <p>It was felt that the appearance of private signs on routes used by walkers required no action at present.</p> <p>New data had been obtained from the Vehicle Activated Sign during its time outside the Primary School and it was agreed it could be used to record speeds of vehicles passing through Henley Square.</p>	
8/120716	Date of Next Meeting	
	Tuesday September 13, 2016, at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.	