

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Henley Parish Council Meeting Monday March 20, 2017 7.30pm Henley Community Centre

Public Discussion	<p>Cllrs John Field and John Whitehead were present.</p> <p>Cllr Field's County Council report noted initial planning of major bridge projects in Lowestoft and Ipswich, each likely to cost £90million. The new Orwell crossing in Ipswich could be complete by 2023. Plans are also at an early stage for improvements to all the A14 junctions which feed the major routes to Ipswich.</p> <p>The 2016/17 County budget is likely to be overspent in Corporate Resources and the Children and Young People Directorate.</p> <p>The needs of many children in the county with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities have not been met.</p> <p>Edge marking is being applied to Rede Lane to discourage damage to the margins of the road. There may be a decision on the details of the Snoasis plan in August.</p> <p>A discussion about the condition of Clay Lane resulted in agreement that photographs would be taken to illustrate the very poor condition of the road and that what was needed was both proper repair and also a change in use of the route by heavy vehicles including coaches and double-decker buses.</p> <p>The District Councillors' report noted that following a boundary review, Mid Suffolk will reduce from 40 councillors to 34 and Babergh from 43 to 31. The budget for 2017/18 includes a 5p per week increase for a Band D property. Mendlesham is proceeding with a Neighbourhood Plan following a referendum.</p>	
	Present: Kevin Griggs (chair), Stephen Brock, Keith Lawrance, Bryan Marks, Martin Redbond and Rod Caird (Clerk)	
1/200317	Apologies and Approvals of Absence	

	Alex Harrison had sent apologies and her absence was approved.	
2/200317	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation	
	None	
3/200317	To approve as accurate the Minutes of the Meetings held on January 10, February 8 and February 27, 2017	
	Approved	
4/100117	<p>To discuss progress reports as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • playground repairs to be completed by Playquip; • the housing needs survey for the village; • updates on any planning matters under consideration. 	
	<p>It was noted that the playground repairs had been completed on March 20.</p> <p>Wording has been agreed for the housing needs survey, which would be circulated between April 24 and May 12. A report on the outcome would be produced by Community Action Suffolk by mid-July. A leaflet explaining the survey will be distributed in the village. There is also information in the next In Touch.</p> <p>The outline planning application for a house at Mill House Farm on Mill Lane has been refused. The extension at Melrose in Henley Square has been approved.</p>	
5/200317	To adopt Financial Regulations and Standing Orders and to appoint internal auditors for 2016/17.	
	Financial Regulations and Standing Orders were approved and adopted and will be published on the website. SALC were appointed as internal auditors for 2016/17.	

6/200317	To set a date for the village litter pick	
	The litter pick will take place on Sunday April 30 from 11.00am. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.	
7/200317	To discuss highways issues including the condition of Clay Lane	
	As indicated during public discussion, pictures of the condition of Clay Lane will be supplied to Cllr Field in order to raise the problems with Highways.	
8/200317	Payments due and financial report	
	<p>The Section 137 grant to Henley Guides had not been cashed and a fresh cheque was issued for personal delivery in case the original had been misaddressed.</p> <p>A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance at the bank of £13,699.65. Cheques were issued to Henley Community Centre for room hire of £126; to Rod Caird for clerk pay of £109.94 and to D. Jones of £20 for bus shelter sweeping.</p>	
9/200317	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council	
	<p>The footpath from the Church Meadows gate into the Community Centre car park has been completed, and it was agreed cones and signage would be used in an attempt to stop drivers using the marked pedestrian footpath alongside the entrance road.</p> <p>The Vehicle Activated Sign is in Henley Square in order to record accurate traffic speeds over a period.</p> <p>Noting that Westerfield has installed LED bulbs in street lamps it was agreed to investigate the practicality and costs of doing the same in Henley.</p> <p>Cllr Keith Lawrance is standing down as parish councillor and was warmly thanked for his service over a long period. Two vacancies would be advertised.</p>	
10/200317	To confirm the dates of the Annual Village Meeting,	

	Parish Council AGM and subsequent meetings.	
	The Village Meeting, followed by the AGM of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday May 9 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.	

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