



**Minutes of Henley Parish Council Meeting March 9, 2015
7.30pm Henley Community Centre**

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| Public Discussion | A discussion about broadband provision in Henley Square and Clay Lane, in the context of no hard information about when BT will be able to provide high-speed service in those areas, led to an agreement to explore self-help solutions through commercial line-of-sight networks originating at the Community Centre. Cllr Griggs will follow up. A separate discussion about speeding problems through Henley Square led to a request being made to Cllr Field to ask Highways for an up-to-date speed survey as a first step towards making the case for a statutory speed limit. A brief report from the Police was read to the meeting. Cllr Redbond and Cllr Field's reports will be circulated separately and published on the Parish Council website. | |
| | Present: Kevin Griggs (chair), Stephen Brock, Mike Briggs, Bryan Marks, Hannah Bennett, Rod Caird (Clerk) Six members of the public were present, as well as Cllrs Martin Redbond and John Field. Apologies were received from the Police and Cllr Whitehead. Stephen Brock left during the public discussion. | Action |
| 1/090315 | Apologies and Approvals of Absence | |
| | Andrew Knight was absent | |
| 2/090315 | Declarations of Interest | |
| | None | |
| 3/090315 | Requests for Dispensation | |
| | None | |
| 4/090315 | Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings on January 12 and February 17, 2015 | |
| | The minutes were approved. | |
| 5/090315 | To discuss progress reports as follows | |

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| | <p>Henley Square traffic speeding: see notes of the public discussion above.</p> <p>Henley Square broadband provision: see notes of the public discussion above.</p> <p>Bottle bank location: Henley Community Centre trustees have agreed to site an enclosed bottle bank, paper recycling bin and general bin in the Community Centre car park on the right hand side driving in. The upkeep and general tidiness needs to be agreed with the trustees of the centre and should be monitored for 12 months. It was agreed in principle to fund this structure out of Parish Council reserves in 2015/16.</p> <p>Playground repairs: completed except for replacement of one crossbar which is in hand.</p> <p>Henley Primary School parking issues: discussions in hand with MSDC safety officer, police and the school about creating a footpath from the community centre car park to the rear of the school, which would become the main entrance</p> <p>Clay Lane traffic and road condition: reported to County highways department who are aware.</p> <p>Freeman Avenue Lamppost issue: Cllr Redbond to report back to the resident concerned.</p> <p>Churchyard disabled access route: it was agreed the Parish Council supports in principle the creation of new drop kerbs on each side of Ashbocking Road. But provision of a new disabled-suitable pathway through the churchyard is an issue for the Parochial Church Council to seek to fund.</p> | |
| 6/090315 | <p>To discuss the Henley Christmas Fair in 2014 and 2015</p> | |
| | <p>This matter was deferred until after the May elections. It was noted that under the new transparency code responsibilities of individual parish councillors would be published on the website.</p> | |
| 7/090315 | <p>Payments due and financial report including the new transparency code arrangements</p> | |
| | <p>Since the last meeting payments have been made as flows: Feb 3 £142.02 to Rod Caird for clerk pay; Feb 3 £1,580 to Carman4Seasons for tree work; Feb 17 £1,918.49 to Suffolk County Council for street lighting; Feb 17 £48 to Ladywell Accountancy for annual payroll. The projected closing bank balance at March 30 is £9,550.</p> | |

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| | <p>Payments were made to Henley Community Centre for room bookings (£72) and Rod Caird for clerk pay (£99).</p> <p>It was noted that the new transparency code requires publication of a high volume of more detailed spending information on the website, together with other items of importance to residents, and this will require more time commitment by the clerk.</p> | |
| <p>8/090315</p> | <p>MSDC and Babergh Local Plan Consultation</p> | |
| | <p>Clr Hannah Bennett had attended a consultation meeting in Hadleigh. Concern had been expressed that local developments have to be supported by adequate infrastructure provision. After discussion it was agreed the clerk would advise the consultation that, in line with views expressed by Henley residents, the Parish Council supports in principle a flexible approach to new housing development, especially if a range of housing types can be made available to suit varying needs of residents. Some development in the countryside should not be ruled out.</p> | |
| <p>9/090315</p> | <p>The Village 5-year plan and land usage around the Community Centre</p> <p>Held over to next meeting.</p> | |
| <p>10/090315</p> | <p>To consider preparations for the May elections</p> | |
| | <p>An election timetable and nomination paperwork have been circulated to current parish councillors and published on the website. Further information will be published on village noticeboards and elsewhere.</p> | |
| <p>11/090315</p> | <p>Urgent Matters to be Brought to the Attention of the Parish Council</p> | |
| | <p>A letter had been received from MAGPAS Helimedi, based in Huntingdon, seeking funding. It was agreed to respond saying this would be considered in the next round of Section 137 grants.</p> <p>A village litter pick would be arranged for Sunday April 19 at 10.00am, starting from the Community Centre, with bacon rolls on offer to volunteers.</p> | |
| <p>12/090315</p> | <p>To Confirm the date of the next meeting</p> | |



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| | <p>Monday May 18 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. This will be the first meeting after the election and the AGM of the Parish Council.</p> | |
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