

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Henley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday November 8, 2016 7.30pm Henley Community Centre

Public Discussion	<p>Three members of the public and Cllrs James Caston and John Whitehead were present. Cllr John Field had sent his apologies (but arrived later).</p> <p>The proposed housing development in Barham was discussed. Plans are for an initial 300 houses on land north of Barham Church Lane. Archaeological tests have highlighted the area closest to the church as an important Saxon historic site. The proposals are of concern to residents of Barham Green because of concerns about increased traffic levels.</p> <p>The District Councillors' report drew attention to a new website for Mid Suffolk DC. Plans are in hand for installation of the power line bringing energy ashore from the new offshore wind farm. Developers of the Snoasis project have met the deadline for submission of more detailed plans which will be discussed in due course. Leaflets have been distributed to all households indicating improved recycling facilities.</p> <p>Reports from the District and County Councillors will be published on the village website.</p>	
	Present: Kevin Griggs (chair), Stephen Brock, Alex Harrison, Bryan Marks, Martin Redbond and Rod Caird (Clerk)	
1/081116	Apologies and Approvals of Absence	
	Keith Lawrance had sent apologies and his absence was approved.	
2/081116	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation	
	None	
3/081116	To approve as accurate the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 13, 2016	
	Approved	
4/081116	To discuss Grants under section 137 of the Local	

	Government Act 1972	
	It was agreed to make grants of £200 each to: The Henley Players; St Peter's Church; the Senior Citizens; Henley Primary School; the Girl Guides; and the Air Ambulance.	
5/081116	To discuss planning proposals for housing on Barham Church Lane	
	This matter had already been discussed in the public session before the formal Parish Council meeting began.	
6/081116	To discuss progress reports as follows: PCSO provision and funding; improvements to parish noticeboards; planning policy for Henley; data recorded by the Vehicle Activated Speed sign; playground repairs; Henley Christmas Fair 2016; waste disposal in Community Centre bins.	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The police had found it impossible to recruit a PCSO locally to cover Henley, Claydon and Gt Blakenham on a match-funded basis. A proposal that the parishes fully fund a PCSO from April 2017 has been declined by all the parishes. Residents should be advised that in the absence of a PCSO, police matters should be raised by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency. 2. The new noticeboard by the bus stop is being installed by Econobuild. 3. A meeting would be arranged between Kevin Griggs, Keith Lawrance, Martin Redbond and James Caston to progress a Henley Housing Needs Survey which could be carried out by Community Action Suffolk with support from MSDC. 4. The Vehicle Activated Sign had recorded speeds in Henley and Hemingstone during the summer and details would be published in In Touch. 5. One of the swing sets at the playground requires repairs at a cost of £656. It was agreed to proceed with the repair. 6. The Christmas fair on December 3 has attracted 29 stalls and has been publicised widely through posters and local radio. Help will be needed with setting up on the Friday evening and clearing up after the event. 	

7/081116	Payments due and financial report, including a draft budget for 2017/2018 and consideration of the precept for 2017/18	
	<p>A bank reconciliation was presented and approved showing an overall balance at the bank of £18,085.12.</p> <p>Since the last meeting bank interest amounting to £17.76 had been received.</p> <p>Payments were made as follows: SALC (internal audit) £192; Rod Caird for clerk pay £99; GB Roadart (footpath signage) £216; Suffolk Polce (settlement of outstanding PCSO charges) £567.88; Signs of Cheshire (balance on noticeboard) £444; BDO LLC (extenal audit) £120; CAS (web hosting) £60; CAS (insurance renewal) £345.12; D. Jones (shelter maintenace) £20. Bank charges were levied of £15.60.</p> <p>A draft budget for 2017/18 was presented and would be discussed at the next meeting. The draft showed total expenditure for the year of £12,285; if approved, a precept of £12,111, the same as for the previous two years, would be proposed.</p>	
8/081116	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council noted its disappointment at the loss of a mature oak tree from the property at the corner of Church Lane and The Drift. • It was noted that a new BT cabinet at Henley Square may be a sign that fibre broadband is coming to that area. • County Cllr John Field indicated that his budget could assist with repairs to the playground. 	
9/081116	To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting	
	January 10, 2017 at 7.30pm	