

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the
Parish Council meeting
on Thursday October 26, 2017 at
7.30pm in Henley Community Centre

1/261017	Apologies for Absence and Approvals
	Cllr Bryan Marks had sent his apologies and his absence was approved.
2/261017	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
	None
3/261017	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on September 12, 2017
	Approved.
4/261017	To invite public discussion on items on the agenda Councillors
	Three members of the public were present. There was a discussion about the sections of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk joint Local Plan draft which relate to Henley. Conclusions of the discussion are noted in the next item.
5/261017	To review the report of the Henley Housing Needs Survey and to consider submitting comments to the consultation on the new Babergh and Mid-Suffolk Joint Local Plan
	<p>It was noted that the conclusions of the Housing Needs Survey conducted by CAS are sound although the response rate was about 35%. The report predicts a need for around 10-15 new houses based on needs of current residents and their families. This figure does not include the potential needs of residents new to Henley. A meeting is to be held with Mid Suffolk planners and CAS on November 7, attended by Cllrs Redbond and Griggs. A Parish Council submission to the Local Plan consultation would be written after that meeting.</p> <p>In relation to the potential sites published in the printed Local Plan document it was felt that: SS0172, land in front of the Community Centre – building</p>

	<p>here would change the character of the village and is also problematic because of the Glebeland status of the field; SS0171, land roughly opposite the Primary School on Ashbocking Road – this site had been proposed before, was felt to be too large and presented access difficulties. Residents had been strongly opposed to its development.</p> <p>It was suggested that two other sites, not in the Local Plan draft, might be more suitable: the land north of Church Farm, roughly opposite Wellfield, and the land opposite the entrance to Gascoigne Drive.</p> <p>It was agreed it is vital to preserve the essential character of the village, and to emphasise the need for transport links to be improved as the village grows. Inclusion of Henley in a “cluster” with Otley and Woodbridge was thought to be puzzling.</p>
6/261017	To consider the proposals for closer collaboration and merger between Mid-Suffolk and Babergh District
	The proposals were noted.
7/261017	To consider the recommendatons of the Mid-Suffolk Ward Boundary review
	The recommendations were supported.
8/261017	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council
	<p>A date would be set at the next meeting for a village litter-pick</p> <p>Traffic dangers on Henley Road, especially on the bend where a fatal motorcycle accident took place, would be raised with Cllr John Field.</p> <p>Payments were made as follows: CAS Insurance (renewal) £356.39; BDO (external audit) £120; Martin Redbond (cone purchase) £ 58.68; HCCC (room hire) £54; HMRC (PAYE) £ 15.60; HMRC (PAYE) £15.40; Rod Caird (clerk pay) £205.48; Andrew Deptford (defib consumables) £108.</p> <p>Subsequent to the meeting a cheque was aised for £592.71, being the PC and Distruct Council contribution to the cost of the stage extension in the Community Centre, topping up a grant for the balance from the Suez Communities Trust.</p>