

# HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the  
**Parish Council meeting**  
**on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at**  
**7.30pm in Henley Community Centre**

<b>1/110918</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence and Approvals</b>
	<p>Cllrs Kevin Griggs, Martin Redbond, Beverley Thomas and Steve Brock were present. Cllrs Bryan Marks and Alex Harrison had sent their apologies and their absence was approved.</p> <p>Seven members of the public were present, together with County Cllr John Field and District Cllrs John Whitehead and James Caston.</p>
<b>2/110918</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation</b>
	None
<b>3/110918</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on July 10, 2018 and August 28, 2018</b>
	The minutes were approved
<b>4/110918</b>	<b>To invite public discussion on items on the agenda, and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors. During this time a presentation will also be made by Hastoe Group concerning plans for new homes in Henley.</b>
	<p>Written reports were presented by the County and District Councillors, which will be published on the website with these minutes.</p> <p>In answer to a question Cllr Field said that the destination of refuse sent for recycling varies regularly according to commercial opportunities. Also in answer to a question the District Cllrs explained that the future of the former MSDC building in Needham Market is still under discussion but apartments at the</p>

front of the building were likely and housing would be a part of development of the rest of the site. The outcome may be clearer by the District elections in May 2019. Endeavour House in Ipswich is felt to be a well-equipped, modern building with good facilities, though there is inadequate parking space.

John Lefever, the Land and New Business Manager for Hastoe Group, made a presentation to the meeting.

The Parish Council has been talking to Hastoe Housing Association since the housing needs survey identified the need for about 15 new, affordable homes in the village, so that the next, local generation can set roots in the village and so that residents are able to move to suit their changing needs.

Hastoe has a track record in developing rural housing projects with those important principles in mind, and a number of meetings have taken place between the Parish Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Community Action Suffolk (which conducted the Henley housing needs survey).

Hastoe's scheme for Henley would envisage 15 affordable homes which would be a mixture of some for rent and some for shared ownership with Hastoe. The rents would be at less than the open market rate, and the shared ownership scheme would enable first-time buyers to get on to the housing ownership ladder without having to find the full deposit which would be required for a wholly-owned property.

Hastoe does not make its rental homes available for right-to-buy. And all 15 homes would be committed to local people. In previous schemes of this kind, Hastoe has been able to deliver on this commitment.

Overall, the project would be financed by the provision of an additional 15 homes which would be offered to the open market for sale at the full, sole-ownership price.

So the end result would be about 30 new homes for Henley, half of which would be defined as affordable and fully committed to local residents. This would meet the need indicated by the housing needs survey, and

	<p>by opinion expressed at a well-attended public meeting in Henley in November 2013.</p> <p>Hastoe is in talks with a local landowner about a site for the project. Until these talks have arrived at an agreement in principle, nothing further can be made public about the location. But once that has happened, a consultation process will begin between Hastoe, the landowner, the Parish Council and the village more generally, in order to make sure the project really does meet local needs and has the support it requires. The Mid Suffolk planning team will obviously be closely involved as well.</p>
<b>5/110918</b>	<b>To consider any updates on planning matters</b>
	None available
<b>6/110918</b>	<p>Progress reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Operation of the Respect Zone outside the Primary School</b></li> <li>• <b>Village maintenance and the proposal to employ a handyperson to tidy verges etc.</b></li> </ul>
	<p>It was agreed in principle, subject to confirmation of price and funding, to approve the Highways proposal for single yellow lines on both sides of Ashbocking Road. These would legally restrict parking outside the school during specified busy times of the day, leaving the existing zig-zig section as it is, and adding a three-car stretch of road where pull-in parking will be allowed.</p> <p>It was agreed to confirm insurance requirements so that a handyperson can be employed on an hourly basis to carry out maintenance projects specified by the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was noted that the new grit bin on the Gascoigne Drive/Freeman Avenue would shortly be installed.</p>
<b>7/110918</b>	<b>To receive a report from the Henley Community Centre Charity</b>

	<p>The flooring in the Boughton Room has been resurfaced and the curtains replaced.</p> <p>It was noted that in another five years the flooring in that room would probably need to be fully replaced.</p> <p>The AGM of the Henley Community Centre Charity will be held on October 4, 2018 at 8.00pm – all are welcome to attend.</p>
<b>8/110918</b>	<b>Financial report to date, including any payments due</b>
	<p>A bank reconciliation to September 10 was presented showing a bank balance of £28,469.78. Since the last meeting the second instalment of the precept had been received from MSDC (£6,055.50). Payments had been made: £180.50 to Rod Caird by bank transfer (Clerk pay); £40 (cheque) to Information Commissioner to renew registration; £90.20 to HMRC for PAYE; £48 to Ladywell Accountancy for payroll services; £20 to D. Jones for bus shelter sweeping. Payments were made under the General Power of Competence conferred by the Localism Act 2011, ss.1-8.</p>
<b>9/110918</b>	<b>Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council</b>
	<p>A village litter pick will be held on the same day as the Village Brunch – Sunday October 14. Brunch will be free for litter pick volunteers.</p>
<b>10/110918</b>	<b>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting</b>
	Tuesday, November 13, 2018