

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the

Parish Council meeting which was held online on

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7.30pm.

1/120121	Apologies for Absence and Approvals
	None; all councillors were present. County Cllr John Field and District Cllrs John Whitehead and Tim Passmore attended the meeting. Three members of the public also attended.
2/120121	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
	None
3/120121	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 10, 2020
	The minutes were approved.
4/120121	To invite public discussion on items on the agenda, and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.
	<p>Cllr Passmore reported that the cost of a Police Community Support Officer is £37,000. Barham Parish Council has decided to employ a private security company. Cllr Passmore will report back after a further meeting with Blakenham.</p> <p>Cllr Field had sent a written report. He also confirmed that he will not be standing again for election as a County Councillor in the May elections this year; Adrienne Marriott will be standing as Lib Dem candidate for the seat. He also noted that the County is trying to recover unspent Highways budget; that most Covid-related spending is being covered by central government; but increased staff costs and increased demand for county services among both young and old will result in a 2% increase in council tax. Reserves will be used if necessary, which is preferable to reduced services. Cllr Field also expressed frustration at the lack of consultation about road closures in Claydon.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead had sent a written report. He noted that the District is receiving government funding for Covid spending but budgeting for the future is difficult in an uncertain environment. Council tax will increase by 1.66%. Reporting of the tax base to Parish Councils was delayed by uncertainty over revenues. The Council vehicle fleet is going over to hydro-treated vegetable oil, as part of efforts to reduce carbon footprints. Cllr Passmore emphasised the urgent need to observe all coronavirus restrictions, as infection rates have increased. He urged acceptance of vaccination appointments and recommended helping with transport to vaccination centres where necessary. Cllr Passmore also noted that during the coronavirus crisis there have been worrying increases in incidents of domestic abuse and internet scams.</p>
5/120121	To consider the vacancy on the Parish Council caused by the resignation of Beverley Thomas The Parish Council thanked Beverley Thomas for her service on

	<p>the Council. There are now two vacancies on the Council and an official notice will be published on the</p> <p>website. After expiry of the period during which an election can be called, it will be possible to co-opt volunteers to join the Council.</p>
6/120121	<p>To discuss any steps which may need to be taken for the benefit of residents during the ongoing coronavirus restrictions</p>
	<p>It was agreed to use In Touch as a means of letting residents know of the various sources of help which are available, especially to those who do not use the internet or email.</p>
7/120121	<p>To consider the status of current planning applications, including:</p> <p><i>- decision awaited; noted</i></p> <p>19/04439, eleven dwellings on the south side of Ashbocking Road – <i>awaiting decision; there has still been no further movement on this, in spite of the District Councillors’ intervention. It was noted that the site is not in the draft Joint Local Plan.</i></p> <p>A further application had been received since publication of the Agenda: 20/05823 Householder Planning Application - Erection of annexed accommodation for elderly relative (following demolition of outbuilding). Church Farm Main Road – <i>after discussion it was agreed to make no objection.</i></p> <p>And to consider any update on the Hastoe and related housing projects in the village – <i>there has been no further development on this matter</i></p> <p>20/05610 Erection of single storey rear extension. Royal Beech Cottage Ashbocking Road – <i>it was agreed to make no objection</i></p> <p>20/05240 Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions (re-submission of approved DC/17/04893) Rose Cottage Clay Lane</p> <p>20/04627 Erection of a first floor side extension and single storey rear extension. Conversion of garage to provide additional living accommodation. 1 Pond End – <i>granted; noted</i></p>
8/120121	<p>To give further consideration to the proposal that LED lighting be installed around the football pitch at the Community Centre</p>

	<p>Cllr Brock stated that the HCCC trustees had discussed this and had reported back to the Parish Council that the responsibility for the decision ultimately rests with the trustees as leaseholders. They are aware of the concerns of residents, especially those in the immediate vicinity of the pitch, and have also questioned whether there will be any advantage for the community. Opinion in the village generally is divided for and against the proposal and the trustees would need more guidance if they are to support the plan in its current form. After some discussion it was agreed that HAFC would present a more detailed plan, which seeks to take account of the worries expressed, while attempting to meet the needs of the football club and the Community. A second pitch, on a location more suited to lighting, could be a preferred solution.</p>												
9/120121	To receive a report from the Henley Community Centre Charity												
	<p>Some hirers returned to the Centre in December, but the new restrictions have led to use of the Centre only by the Pre-School. Sources of grant funding are being explored. Potholes at the entrance to the car park will be repaired.</p>												
10/120121	Financial report to date, including any payments due; to consider the precept requirement for 2021/22												
	<p>A bank reconciliation to January 12, 2021 was presented showing a balance of £28,121.58. No payments were due. Since the last meeting the following bank payments had been made:</p> <p>It was agreed to set the precept for 2021/2 at £11,832.00. The tax base for the village has reduced by 2.3%, and as a result the agreed precept requirement will not show on council tax bills as an increase.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite applications from village organisations for Section 137 grants, which will be considered at the March meeting of the Parish Council.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="352 1357 1370 1653"> <tr> <td>Nov 30, 2020</td> <td>ICO</td> <td>Direct debit</td> <td>£ 35.00</td> <td></td> <td>Registration renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 10, 2021</td> <td>CAS</td> <td>Bank payment</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> <td>VAT£ 10.00</td> <td>Web hosting</td> </tr> </table>	Nov 30, 2020	ICO	Direct debit	£ 35.00		Registration renewal	Jan 10, 2021	CAS	Bank payment	£ 50.00	VAT£ 10.00	Web hosting
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11/120121	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council												
	<p>The Clerk will report the deterioration of the H white line outside the entrance to the Church. He will also approach the PCC about the churchyard security lights which do not appear to be working. Cllr Griggs will approach the owner of Wrathall Wood to see whether some coppicing and other work there could become an Otley College project. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday March 9, 2021</p>												