

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the
**Parish Council meeting which was held online
on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at
7.30pm**

1/140720	Apologies for Absence and Approvals
	<p>Martin Redbond and Beverley Thomas had sent their apologies and their absence was approved.</p> <p>County Cllr John Field and District Cllrs John Whitehead and Tim Passmore attended the meeting.</p>
2/1407200	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
	None
3/140720	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on May 12, 2020
	The minutes were approved and would be signed subsequent to the meeting
4/140720	To invite public discussion on items on the agenda, and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.
	<p>Cllr Field said that a five-year cycling plan is being developed by the County. Some roads are being closed to support cycling and walking. There are spare seats on home-t-school transport but these may not be usable because of social distancing requirements. Children's Centres are being changed to Family Hubs, with a wider age range. Most Councillors are supporting moves towards the Council becoming carbon neutral by 2030. A campaign by Green councillors to open up footpaths for cyclists will require a law change. Pandemic costs to the County so far amounted to about £75 million. There is no immediate cause for concern about this as the County holds substantial reserves and support will be received from central government.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead said that Babergh and Md Suffolk both have sufficient reserves to cover additional Covid costs</p>

	<p>for this year. Mid Suffolk will also be secure in future years. There are opposing views on the Council's commercial business plans for 2021. Cllr Passmore added that procurement plans by the Council during the Covid recovery phase should favour local businesses. Police recruitment aiming to fill 74 new vacancies is going well. There are widespread frauds and scams attempting to exploit the vulnerable during the pandemic. There have been some instances of dog stealing and owners are advised to be vigilant. An anti-litter campaign is being run under the slogan "Don't Be A Tosser". Extra policing costs during the pandemic will be covered by central government.</p>
<p>5/140720</p>	<p>To consider the status of current planning applications, including:</p> <p>20/01933, erection of a first floor side extension over garage conversion, 7 St Peters Close,</p> <p>It was agreed to comment as follows: The Parish Council does not object to the proposal but concern was expressed about potential blockage of light to some windows in the neighbouring property. It was also felt that similar work to the neighbouring property would have the effect of creating two semi-detached houses where previously they were detached, thus changing the design and appearance of the whole row of houses.</p> <p>20/02847, Greenacres Church Lane, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use or operation or activity including those in breach of a planning condition. Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Section 191 as amended by section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - To remove condition 3 (Agricultural Occupancy) relating to planning permission W/10586.</p> <p>It was agreed to comment as follows: The Parish Council does not oppose the proposed acknowledgement of reality in allowing occupation for non-agricultural purposes. However the Council was very concerned to ensure that removal of the condition does not allow further residential development on the site.</p> <p>19/04439, eleven dwellings on the south side of</p>

	<p>Ashbocking Road (currently still listed as awaiting decision), and to receive any update on the Hastoe housing proposal for Henley</p> <p>The position on Ashbocking Road was noted.</p> <p>There had been no further developments on the Hastoe housing project.</p> <p>It was noted that the Cross Keys Public House is on the market again and the Parish Council was informed of this by the owner.</p>
6/140720	<p>To receive a report from the Henley Community Centre Charity</p>
	<p>At this stage the Community Centre was opting to remain closed, but the position is reviewed weekly. Rets</p> <p>Restrictions on the play area are also felt to be too onerous.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the Community Centre will receive some bookings in August and regular hirers may return from September and also later in the year. Weddings are being re-scheduled to 2021. Football may re-start in September.</p>
7/140720	<p>To consider whether the Parish Council noticeboard in Henley Square should be improved, moved or removed</p>
	<p>After discussion it was agreed to remove the noticeboard from Henley Square as its position is too unsafe for users and residents. A notice would be posted announcing the removal in advance and drawing attention to the main noticeboard at Fiveways, the website, email list and in Touch as alternative sources of information.</p>
8/140720	<p>Financial report to date, including any payments due; and approval of the governance paperwork including standing orders, financial regulations, code of conduct, risk assessment and other statutory requirements</p>
	<p>A bank reconciliation to July 13, 2020 was presented showing a balance of £25,175.39. No payments were due. Since the last meeting a bank payment of</p>

	<p>£369.06 had been made on June 11, 2020 for Clerk pay.</p> <p>Approval of the governance paperwork was held over until the September meeting.</p>
9/140720	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council
	<p>An individual village litter pick would probably be organised in September as it will not be possible to arrange a group event. No decision has been made as yet about the annual Christmas fair.</p>

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