

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting which was held online on Tuesday, May 11, 2020 at 7.30pm

1/110520	Apologies for Absence and Approvals
	None; County Cllr John Field and District Cllrs John Whitehead and Tim Passmore attended the meeting.
2/110520	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
	None
3/110520	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on March 10, 2020
	The minutes were approved and would be signed subsequent to the meeting.
4/110520	To invite public discussion on items on the agenda, and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.
	Cllr Field submitted a written report. He drew attention to a scrutiny committee meeting about poor performance by Railtrack. He also noted that staff at the County and District Councils were both working very effectively during the pandemic. Cllr Whitehead also submitted a report focussing on the Council's response to the pandemic. Cllr Passmore added that it remains very important that all crimes are properly reported. He said that to date 337 tickets had been issued to people not observing social distancing measures, a low figure reflecting good observance in Suffolk generally.
5/110520	To consider the status of current planning applications, including: 19/04439 , eleven dwellings on the south side of Ashbocking Road (currently still listed as awaiting decision), and to receive any update on the Hastoe housing proposal for Henley
	There was no further change to the planning application for houses on Ashbocking Road opposite Pond End; the status on the planning website is still shown as "decision awaited". It was agreed a short private meeting of Councillors would be held at the end of the Agenda to discuss the Hastoe project.
6/110520	To review welfare and related provisions for the village during the coronavirus pandemic
	It was felt that the village had responded with real commitment to the needs of residents during the pandemic. Following correspondence with a resident of Henley Square it was agreed to consider at the next meeting whether the noticeboard in Henley Square should be removed, moved or replaced.

7/110520	To receive a report from the Henley Community Centre Charity
	<p>The Centre is currently closed during the pandemic. Up to the closure bar takings had been good. Most bookings have been rescheduled for next year. Refunds have been given for bookings which were cancelled, and staff are on furlough. The closure will cause a loss of about £20,000, which will write off three years of profit. It is possible the Centre will be eligible for a government grant, administered through Mid Suffolk [subsequent to the meeting a grant of £10,000 was received].</p> <p>The Preschool may reopen in June; Trustees are meeting every week to review the situation.</p>
8/110520	To consider inviting reports for publication from village organisations in the light of the cancellation of the Annual Parish Meeting
	It was agreed to invite reports and to publish them on the website and through the email list.
9/110520	Financial report to date, including any payments due; and approval of the accounts for 2019/20 including the Annual Governance and
	Accountability Return
	<p>A bank reconciliation to May 11, 2020 was presented showing a balance of £21,541.36. No payments were due.</p> <p>The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019/20 was presented and approved; the Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the paperwork.</p>
10/110520	Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council
	None at this time.