

HENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the

**Parish Council meeting which was held online on Tuesday, November 10, 2020
at 7.30pm**

1/101120	Apologies for Absence and Approvals
	<p>Kevin Griggs had sent his apologies and his absence was approved. Cllr Stephen Brock took the Chair.</p> <p>All other councillors were present.</p> <p>County Cllr John Field and District Cllrs John Whitehead and Tim Passmore attended the meeting.</p> <p>Four members of the public also attended.</p>
2/101120	Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
	<p>None</p>
3/101120	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on September 8, 2020
	<p>The minutes were approved.</p>
4/101120	To invite public discussion on items on the agenda, and to receive reports from the County and District Councillors.
	<p>Cllr Field had sent a written report. A motion at the County Council meeting calling for widespread 20mph speed limits was defeated but campaigners will continue to make the case. Funding is available for Quiet Lanes designation, and efforts continue to be made to promote safe cycling and walking. The government's proposed planning reforms do not deal with house-building delays which are caused by developers themselves not using existing planning permissions. Two large solar farms are proposed in the Bramford area.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead had sent a written report. He noted that the Joint Local Plan is beginning a final six-week consultation period before going to the Planning Inspectorate. All meetings are being held online and are available to view on YouTube. Covid 19 hardship grants are available for low-income people obliged to self-isolate. Both district councillors still have funds available from their Locality budgets.</p> <p>Cllr Passmore added serious concern about young people's jobs' outlook; prospects for school leavers look very bleak. Covid cases in Mid Suffolk are relatively few but people must stick to the national guidelines. The new Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Programme may help to deal with a problem made much worse by the pandemic, by attempting to help offenders</p>

	change their behaviour. New police teams are also tackling rogue truckers on the A14 and other major routes, and making efforts to disrupt organised crime. In principle it might be possible to share the cost of a Police Community Support Officer with Claydon and Barham; details of costs would be sent to the Clerk for consideration at a later meeting.
5/101120	<p>To consider the status of current planning applications, including:</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>there was no objection to this proposal</i></p> <p>20/02847 Greenacres, Church Lane – Application for a 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 1/10586 <i>decided</i></p> <p>19/04439, eleven dwellings on the south side of Ashbocking Road – <i>awaiting decision; the District Cllrs will inquire about the reasons for the delay</i></p> <p>To consider implementation of the planning permission (20/01936) for erection of a storage outbuilding at 3 Rectory Farm Barns - <i>the Clerk will raise this with Planning Enforcement, on the grounds that there appear to be excessive structures in the garden</i></p> <p>And to consider any update on the Hastoe and related housing projects - <i>there has been no further development on this matter</i></p>

6/101120 To consider opinions expressed in the village about the proposal to seek planning permission to install LED lights on the playing field at the Community Centre In the absence of Cllr Griggs, it was agreed to hold this over to a future meeting. It was clear from responses to the Parish Council's questionnaire that opinion in the village is evenly divided for and against. More work was needed fully to understand where responsibility would lie for the project between HAFC, the Community Centre Charity and the Parish Council.

7/101120 To receive a report from the Henley Community Centre Charity
 The second lockdown will cause severe financial problems to the Centre. Last year's surplus will be wiped out. Hopefully potential hirers will recover their confidence during early 2021. It is not clear whether the Centre is eligible for further government grant support.

8/101120 To consider whether any specific steps are needed to help residents deal with the second coronavirus lock-down The village email list would be used to encourage residents to look out for vulnerable neighbours, and to promote the Home but Not alone and other support phone lines. Support will also be offered to the Church in collecting donations for food banks and particular support over Christmas.

9/101120 Financial report to date, including any payments due; to consider a draft budget for 2021/22 and the precept requirement for that year A bank reconciliation to November 8, 2020 was presented showing a balance of £29,407.85.

No payments were due. Since the last meeting the following bank payments had been made:

Sept 14, 2020 Henley PCC £ 200.00 Churchyard grant

Sept 23, 2020 HMRC £ 46.80 PAYE

Sept 23, 2020 Rod Caird £ 397.82 Clerk pay

Oct 27, 2020 Rod Caird £57.55 Storage costs.

Nov 8 2020 SALC £11.22 Training

Nov 8 2020 CAS £313.88 Insurance

The proposed budget for 2021/22 was tabled; the precept would be set at the January meeting.

10/101120 Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

The Clerk will report overgrown hedges on Ashbocking Road, which are obscuring speed and school signage, to Highways for attention.

Positioning of the electronic speed signs outside the school was welcomed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021.