

HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday, 22nd July 2021, at 2.30pm at Haughton Village Hall.

Attendees: Cllr. M. Allen. Cllr. G. Anslow. Cllr. P. Prokopa. Cllr. I. Sunley. Cllr. S. Taylor.
Cllr. D. Warbrick.

Clerk S. Potts.

Public: No members of the public were present. Public Open Forum – No issues were raised.

1. To receive apologies and accept and record any reasons for absences.

None received.

2. To receive any Declarations of interest in the following agenda.

None received.

3. The results of the recent Haughton Parish Survey were discussed and the following actions agreed.

The Parish Council will seek to communicate what the Parish Council is responsible for and what it can and can't do.

Communication

A communication's sub-group will be formed to look at the various methods open to the Parish Council for communication with the parish. The fibre gigabit broadband scheme will be a village scheme, details are awaited from BT Open Reach.

Traffic and Transport

The Parish Council has offered to contribute towards the creation of a 40mph buffer zone at both ends of the village. Councillor M. Winnington will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting where concerns over speeding will be discussed. A speed survey has been requested as has an extension to the 30mph limit down Station Road.

An agenda item will be raised for the September Parish Council meeting concerning the creation of a 20mph zone outside the Primary School on Rectory Lane.

It was agreed to instruct Clerk to contact County Highways and the Police regarding parking issues during the time when many residents display Christmas Lights but also more generally in the vicinity of the school and other key points in the village throughout the year.

Crime

Parish Council to signpost queries / complaints to Staffordshire Police and the two designated PCSO's. Encourage residents to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. The Parish Council will seek to resurrect the Village Neighbourhood Watch scheme. PCSO's regularly attend Parish Council meetings and give updates.

Housing

The Parish Council will hold a public meeting for any application received for 4 or more dwellings.

Amenities and Recreation

Survey shows that the Parish Council maintained facilities are well used. The Parish Council enquired about the purchase of additional land alongside the playing field for recreational purposes but the Church confirmed that the land was not for sale.

The playing field is owned by Stafford Borough Council and leased to the Parish Council, Council instructed Clerk to investigate the Parish Council becoming owners of the field with Cllrs. Winnington and Sutherland.

Three trees have been planted on the green on Moathouse Drive and the Haughton Telephone Book Exchange is now operational.

Footpaths and Commons

This subject is an agenda item on the September Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council will liaise with the Rights of Way team at Staffordshire County Council in the formulation of their strategy.

The survey revealed that the Greenway is the most used right of way on the Parish, the Greenway is the responsibility of the County Council, comments received regarding the Greenway are forwarded to the County Council.

The Parish Council will seek to establish a working group of volunteers from the parish who are willing to help maintain footpaths and rights of way.

A map of local footpaths will be added to the Haughton Parish Council website.

Haughton Parish Council will work with the Staffordshire County Council to repair / maintain the stiles on the section of Footpath 9 which it owns and will also look at other footpath work with the County's Rights of Way Officers.

Allimore Green Common – two dates in June 2022 are to be obtained from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust for organised visits for parishioners.

Dale Common – no change but will be kept under review.

Dog gloves

Haughton Parish Council to remind dog owners of their legal responsibility to have poo bags and clear up their dog's poo.

The Parish Council will continue in a limited capacity with the provision of dog poo bags while they consider other options.

The provision of extra litter bins along the Greenway will be explored with Staffordshire County Council.

Environment

The Parish Council have agreed in principle to provide villagers with a subsidised compost bin. For villagers interested in a home compost bin the Parish Council will reimburse the £12.50 to be paid for a Blackwall 330 litre Black Compost Converter or £10 for the Blackwall 220 litre Compost Converter if ordered through the Staffordshire County Council scheme below. Maximum of 100 subsidies per year, maximum one bin per household. Haughton subsidy scheme terms and conditions to be finalised and start at a date to be advised. <https://getcomposting.com/en-gb/special-offers/>

Residents with larger gardens will be encouraged to garden share. Clerk has been requested to explore how this works in other areas of the country.

The Parish Council will consider the provision of allotments for parishioners use, this will be an agenda item at the October meeting.

Covid 19 Memorial

This will be looked into further by the Parish Council at a later date, the Council will look at National and local examples for a steer.

Other comments

Survey comments regarding the Village Hall will be passed onto the Village Hall committee.

Comments on Highways / Roads will be passed onto the Staffordshire County Council via Cllr Mark Winnington and the Highways Department.

Cllr Sunley asked the Chairman to raise with the SPCA the issue of solving traffic problems being more difficult for smaller Parish Councils with a smaller precept.

The responses above are to be formulated into a document for publication, how and when this will occur is to be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on 26th July 2021.

The Chairman requested a vote of thanks for the Survey Working Group in appreciation of the many hours of hard work. All agreed and the vote of thanks was passed.

4. Meeting close – 16.52pm