

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

At 6.30 pm in the Victory Hall, Tymmes Place, Hasketon, Suffolk  
**Draft Final Minutes**

**Present:** Stuart Dack Chairman (SD), Parish Councillors (PCllrs), Iain Whyte (IW) (Vice Chairman), Niki Field (NF), Ann TURNER (AT), and Beccy Batley (RB), and Steve LECKIE (SL) (Hasketon Parish Clerk).

Also present was County Councillor (CCllr) Elaine Bryce (EB)

There were 4 members of the public (MOTP) in attendance.

1. **Welcome:** Chairman SD opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Councillor William HELM, and District Councillor Dan Clery (DC), which were accepted.
3. **Declaration of Interests:** None declared.
4. **Co-option of Parish Councillor: Deferred** – BH has approached a possible candidate who will attend the next full meeting of the Parish.
5. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**  
HPC mtg 24/07/24 and EO mtg 08/08/24 prev. circulated, were accepted, and approved as a true record and initialled by the Chairman (SD).

**6. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes:**

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Item 8 Report: County Councillor: SD/BH to prepare report for business case for EB.

Item 6 Invitation for Members of the Public to Speak: Clerk/ AT to address overgrown hedge issue.

Item 12 Village Amenities and Events:

ii) Play Area – Clerk purchased 50 m electric reel.

iii) Victory Hall (Village Hall) – Pursue possible bicycle stand information Clerk/IW. Still being pursued

Item 13. New Councillor selection: SD to pursue possible candidate. BH , as above to speak to possible candidate.

Item 14 Highways: SD to attend meeting organised re issues relating to the B1079 and report back to the Council. See Below.

Item 16. Emergency Plan: Further development of plan AT.

Item 17. Charity Donations: - Communities Together East Anglia [CTEA] SL asked to find out more about Community Transport work by them. This is still outstanding.

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Item 6 Planning – DC/24/2250/FUL.

Clerk submitted comments on behalf of Council:

**Proposed Siting of 6 Holiday Lodges and Associated Landscaping.  
Redundant Agricultural Buildings at Shimmens Lot, Boulge Road, Hasketon, Suffolk.**

At a meeting of the Hasketon Parish Council on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 it was felt this application has failed to demonstrate the need for 6 double accommodation lodges which is contrary to Policy SCLP6.5 – *The demand or need for tourist accommodation is clearly demonstrated* – and is in fact excessive and not required. This is a rural area with currently 32 other similar commercial accommodation outlets.

This is situated on National cycle route one and will cause a considerable increase in the volume of traffic on a narrow country lane. The exit to the proposed site is too restrictive creating dangers for both potential clients and local road users. This has not been addressed by the Highways report.

The application is misleading as there is no bus route currently serving Hasketon and no Village amenities.

The site will be unsupervised during its use, and it is believed this will potentially lead to excessive noise and light pollution to adjacent residents.

Therefore, The Hasketon Parish Council objects to this application.

**7. Invitation to Members of the Public to speak:**

MOP 1 and 2 stated they had attended to speak about the planning application DC/24/3033/VOC [ DC/23/2718/FUL]. SD indicated it was not an agenda item due to the timing of its receipt but was happy to hear comments:

MOP stated they were not happy with the proposed alteration of the application as it was now directly opposite their residence. They stated they had a legal document stating that such a development should not take place on the land which they stated the applicant was aware of and that they were pursuing the matter via a legal advice. They felt this was an infringement on their privacy as it was 20ft above their property and the public could see directly into their rear garden. They felt it was safeguarding issue as children could not play in swimming costumes in the garden without fear of being viewed by unknown persons. The application states it is screened from the road, but they felt it disturbed the peace and tranquillity of the countryside.

MOP 3 commented on local roads in the village forming temporary laybys which were not tarmac covered and expressed a wish for the highways to address the issue. SD stated they were created by additional traffic trying to pass in the village. They also reported a bolt missing on the wooden climbing frame in the play area. SL indicated the inspection was due any day and the issues would be addressed. They also felt the new steps to the car park were not sufficiently level as you enter the roadway. The trees were overhanging near the noticeboard and needed cutting. They also asked about neighbourhood plans as they were aware Clopton and recently completed one. SD stated that it would be added as an agenda item at the next meeting and an invitation to someone to address the council who had experience of the process.

MOP 4 stated they wished to speak briefly about the Bredfield development [DC/23/2693/FUL] They spoke about the size of the proposed plan which contradicted their neighbourhood plan, although they were happy for small residential expansion

this was an abuse of agricultural land with 14 industrial units. They were aware of a refusal for full disclosure of reasons why Highways had now agreed to the development.

SD indicated that a resident had briefed the Hasketon Parish Council previously and the Parish fully supported the opposition to the proposals. The traffic issues were not addressed and would also have a knock-on effect for Hasketon.

8 **Report from District Councillors:** DC not present but report to be circulated upon receipt.

9 **Report from County Councillor:** EB gave an overview of her report and indicated that today a 500 million funding locally had been withdrawn by the Government. She spoke about recent fire in an Ipswich Scrap yard which was caused by batteries. She indicated lithium batteries needed careful disposal. IW stated education was required and AT explained the problems experienced by local industry. Eb stated she had received an email from BH regarding speed at the Grange Farm. And SD stated that the Parish was keen to pursue a traffic survey but was still not sure of the best location. EB stated she was checking the costs but believed it would be £400 and she would grant it from her Locality Budget.

10 Finance:

a.i. Summary of Accounts since 12/07/24 (attached)

Clerk reported an overall balance of £18086.76 being £10283.12 Savings account and £7803.64 current account.

**It was resolved to approve and adopt the accounts as presented.**

**Proposed NF  
Seconded IW**

**Clerk confirmed the accounts had been sent and checked by AT.**

ii - Approval of Invoices and transfers.

**Online invoices amounted to £1841.5**

DATE	C/DD/O L		To Whom Paid	.	
18/07/2024	OL	SD	NBB	2 BENCHES	992.4
18/07/2024	OL	SD	steve LECKIE [CLERK]	PAY (JULY 24)	242.85
05/08/2024	OL	SD	steve LECKIE [CLERK]	12 NO WAITING CONES/3 DISABLED PARKING SIGNS/50 M ELECTRIC REEL	150.39
05/08/2024	OL	SD	steve LECKIE [CLERK] - [HP]	HP SMART TANK PRINTER	159.98
02/08/2024	DD	D	ICO	YEAR FEE	35
08/08/2024	DD	D	TESCO	MOBILE PHONE	9.00
30/08/2024	OL	SD	steve LECKIE [CLERK]	PAY (AUG 24)	242.85
09/09/2024	DD	D	TESCO	MOBILE PHONE	9.00

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Admin/Clerk Expenses (period 11/07/24 TO 12/09/24) **£81.90** which covers mileage  
**It was resolved to approve the invoices for payment.**

**Proposed – NF**  
**Seconded – IW**

iii. Clerk matters –

SL reported VAT had been received for £4154.09. [2023-24]

11. Planning:

- i. Update on previous applications.  
Clerk SL reviewed all the recent applications
- ii. Bredfield update – See MOP comments and discussion.

12. Village Amenities and Events:

- i. Allotments- pended
- ii. Play Area
  - a) Annual Safety Inspection – date unknown but imminent. Costs approximately £120.  
SD proposed a subcommittee for future development of the play area and IW spoke about the ongoing costs of a new surface area. It was agreed that new gates and fencing would be pursued when funding could be realised. Some remedial work had been done to fencing and some posts needed replacement.
- iii. Village Hall – IW stated the floor had been refurbished. Fire extinguishers replaced and PAT testing had been carried out. SL stated that a grant was an agenda item and had IW furthered Wi-Fi. IW agreed this was an option and was keen to pursue this.  
Dishwasher still not a viable option.
- iv. Tree Management – MOP issue to be addressed
- v. Car Park/Amenities area – Hedgerow had been given some attention by IW but AT had tried to get a tractor cut with no success at this time due to farmers commitments. Agreed to complete this task as soon as possible.  
AT spoke about resident complaints about Tymmes Place parking. SD emphasised this was not a Parish Council matter, and other methods should be sort to resolve their issue. AT had tried to get the main MOP to attend the meeting but was unsuccessful.
- vi. Footpaths – report received from BH  
*I checked on them all in the last week. In summary they are all now passable.*

*It is obvious that some good citizens have been expending time and effort to keep the mass of vegetation off the paths.*

*I reported two bridges that need mending on 16 and 19, the chronic state of 17, and the tree that has fallen across 25. Stuart has done sterling work to keep 37 clear, sawing up two trees across the path! Also, on 37 the path continues to be difficult and dangerous due to roots and subsidence. This has been reported twice to ESC and fingers crossed they will now fix it. 38 and 26 remain an issue through the meadow. This winter I will try to make these easier to walk by cutting some of the overgrowth that is pushing walkers ever further south of the original footpath!*

- vii. Benches – Two new benches obtained, one bolted in place by IW and the larger one to be fixed in the near future, currently in the play area. Proposed to add two new Plaques.

**ACTION - CLERK**

- viii. Bus Shelter - PENDING
- ix. Report 2023 Village Fete – IW stated it was a success and raised approximately £1000 each for the Church and the Victory Hall.
- x. Re wilding – Application for Bulbs still outstanding.  
Grass cutting complaints received by AT. SL and SD stated the area discussed was not part of the Parish Council's contracted area. The housing association should be contacted by the resident.

### **13. Highways and Transport:**

- i. Traffic Issues. – See County Councillor comments.
- ii. Bus issues – SL stated he had not been successful to date with the Communities Together East Anglia [CTEA] but would continue enquiries. SL indicated he had circulated an email concerning *Bus Service Improvement Plan* which he encouraged Councillors to respond to before the deadline 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- iii. A12 Proposals – SD stated he had been involved with these discussions, but plans were not due till 2027.
- iv. Quiet lanes – survey was discussed and it was agreed to request BH to complete this on behalf of the Parish Council.

**14. Training:** Not required at this time.

**15. Emergency Plan:** AT continues to develop the plan which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **16. Grants:**

- i. Parish Magazine – It was proposed that a grant was made to the Parish Church to support the Parish magazine as a result of an application by Elsa McKenzie. £120 towards printing costs.

**Proposed – AT  
Seconded – NF  
ACTION – CLERK**

i. Victory Hall - Deferred

17. Date of Next Meeting and close 21/11/24 close 20.37 hrs

**Signed:** .....**Chairman. Date**.....

Steve LECKIE Parish Clerk