

HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk's Report – September 2015

Planning

- Permission granted on - 15/22330/FUL - Red Lion Farm
- Permission granted on 15/22630/HOU – Brazenhill House, Brazenhill (garage and store)
- New application received number 15/22923/HOU for a loft conversion, two storey extension and open porch to existing dwelling at Willowdene Rectory Lane
- SBC has refreshed the planning application validation criteria which is now out for consultation for 8 weeks ending 28th October. Parish Councils are being asked to comment.

Correspondence

- Letter regarding planning applications at Red Lion Farm and historic conditions not being met – requesting parish council's assistance in resolving issues
- Information Commissioners Office – updated registration
- Notification of SBC's Parish Forum 24th September 2015
- Members Digest number 210 and 211
- Approved Annual Return and invoice
- Letters from Royal Mail regarding painting post boxes
- Request from SBC for dates when 2016/17 precept will be approved
- Invitation to Mayor's Charity Appeal meal on 8th October
- Staffordshire Playing Fields Association subscriptions and Annual Report
- SPCA Bulletins – 3rd September bulletin refers to funds for Transparency Procedures
- Invitation to cllrs to church service to celebrate Queen being longest serving monarch (attended by Cllr Anslow)
- Invitation to cllrs to Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade 8th November
- Wayleave payment of £9.78 from Western Power
- Bank statement no 69
- SPCA Training Courses (Planning, Finance, VAT)

The first letter about Red Lion Planning, dated 14th August, detailed concerns about the development. Resident believes there had been non-compliance with previous planning permissions particularly regarding a hedge that was removed and that should have been reinforced by Hawthorn and Blackthorn by additional planting. Resident would like the hedge reinstated and reinforced to minimise the impact on the outlook and reduce the noise especially in summer and has asked the Parish Council to help.

A second letter was received dated 27th August enclosing an old copy of the plan and photographs of the view before and after Red Lion Farm was developed.

I searched the Borough Councils website and managed to find the applications from 1999 that did have a planting scheme within the conditions. I also made enquires with the Enforcement Officer

regarding non-compliance with conditions and was told that a breach of conditions is not enforceable after 10 years of the date of application and there is no right of appeal. I read the officers report for the latest application (July 2015) that made reference to the neighbour's comments but as they related to a previous application they were not relevant.

I have prepared a statement regarding the Recording of Parish Council meetings along with amending NALC's suggested Media Policy. I would like cllrs to consider formally adopting the policy, we can do this at a later meeting and note the statement which you may choose to have read out at the beginning of each council meeting, especially if members of the public are present.

I attended a training course on Finance, budgets, precepts and the Annual Return this week. The Chairman also attended. It was reassuring to learn that the procedures we have are what was recommended by the trainer. There will be a minor change to the Annual Return next year with councils having an opportunity to decide the dates on which to display the information and send off the return (as long as it meets the deadline). The Annual Return this year was returned with no recommendations i.e. a clean report.

I also attended SBC's Parish Forum this week. A lot of the discussion was around Neighbourhood Planning and Planning in general. Cllr Allen asked for the views of Planning Officers on a developer wanting to develop land outside the Settlement Boundary i.e. the situation we have in Haughton presently. The Head of Planning, Mr Ted Manders replied – he said within the adopted Local Plan, there are policies for “the interim period”, i.e. now, while the second document of the Local Plan (that has the settlement boundaries) is in draft form. Once the second document is adopted it will give complete protection apart from exception sites. He added that SBC had more than met the percentage allocation in the key service villages and if more were accepted, the split between KSV's and Stafford/Stone would be distorted.

I will be attending, with Cllr Anslow, a training course on Planning in October.

Accounts paid in August

Paid To	Details	Amt	VAT	Total to pay
R Mathews	August Salary	£48.00	£0	£48.00
J Cooper	August Salary	£274.59	£0	£274.59
A Wright	N/Watch signs	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
Mr Print it	walking leaflets	£120.00	£0	£120.00
Haughton V/Hall	Room hire for PC meeting	£23.00	£0	£23.00
			TOTAL	£1133.39

Accounts for Approval - September

Paid To	Details	Amt	VAT	Total to pay
R Mathews	September Salary	£48.00	£0	£48.00
J Cooper	September Salary and expenses	£281.79	£0	£281.79
Grant Thornton	External Audit	£100.00	£20.00	£20.00
Ricoh	Photocopying May -July & rent Aug – Oct	£311.28	£62.26	£373.54
Haughton V/Hall	Room hire for PC meeting & BKV meeting	£48.00	£0	£48.00

Peter Lawrence	BKV Items	£204.57	£0	£204.57
Play safety	Playground Inspection	£80.00	£16	£96.00
JWH	Grass cutting	£644.00	£0	£644.00
R Barker	BKV items	£130.00	£0	£130.00
HMRC	NI and PAYE 2 nd quarter	£299.60	£0	£299.60
Information Comm.	Data Protection Register	£35.00	£0	£35.00
			TOTAL	£1133.39

Finally, the October meeting will focus on budget and precept requirements. The agenda item that will be carried over from September's meeting, to discuss projects for a 3-4 year plan will form the basis of budget discussions. Therefore if cllrs are suggesting projects, please could you have as much information as possible especially costs.

Jayne Cooper

Clerk, Haughton Parish Council, 25th September 2015