Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 8th January 2020 Cockernhoe Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs J Neal (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs A. Balfour-Lynn

Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer

Cllr. A. Forsyth

Cllr. Mrs N. Roberts

Cllr. Mrs L. Tomes

In attendance: David Sample – Clerk

Members of the Public

**Minutes**

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| 1 | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**. Cllr. Strong, Cllr Frost, Cllr Miller |  |
| 2 | **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  Any Councillor required to make a declaration of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted on June 15th, 2012 must declare such interest at the start of the meeting. | ALL |
| 3 | **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting. *The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman* |  |
| 4 | **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**  There were no matters arising. | CLERK |
| 5 | **CHAIRMANS REPORT** | JN |
| 6 | **URGENT ITEMS** |  |
| 7 | **Public Questions** – No questions from the public |  |
| 8 | **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** | DB |
| 9 | **NORTH HERTS DISTRICT** | CS/FF |
| 10  10.1 | **PLANNING**  **There were no new planning applications to review.**  **To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the PC –**  **Local Plan -** Nothing expected until middle 2020  **LLAP** Still very much up in the air. Should go to Secretary of State for a development order | Clerk |
| 11  11.1 | **FINANCE**  Report on Payments and Income see attached | RFO |
| 12  12.1  12.2  12.2.1  12.3  12.3.1  12.4  12.4.1  12.4.2  12.4.3  12.4.5 | **CURRENT PROJECTS**  **OFFLEY**  **OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)**  **OFFLEY VILLAGE HALL** The heating problem was yet to be solved.  **Removal of the Ash Tree** The clerk reported that we were getting closer to the removal of the tree.  **COCKERNHOE - MANGROVE - TEA GREEN**  **Dancote Development -** This project now on hold until the Local Plan has been published.  **Elmtree Community Field** The play area has now been defined and we are just waiting for fencing quotes  **GENERAL**  **Police Report** – Published in the Village Voice  **Community Library** – in the Green Man. More books required  **Parish Web Site –** The clerk reported that he was on schedule for a February launch. It will be announced in the February VV.  **VE Day /Weekend 8 – 10th May 2020** The meeting held in December was well attended. An outline proposal was prepared and circulated. Next meeting Thursday 16th January 2020 A taster has been sent to the VV for publication and to remind people of the weekend. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 13 | **HERTS HIGHWAYS**  **Trees in School Lane Offley – still waiting** | CLERK |
| 14  14.1 | **RIGHTS OF WAY**  New HCC ROW officer has been appointed. | ABL |
| 15 | PARISH PLAY |  |
| 16 | **CLERKS REPORT**  Village Voice No January Issue. Copy Date 15th January 2020 for February issue.  The clerk reported that the Wooden / Rope fencing behind Offley Village Green has been partially demolished | CLERK |
| 17 | **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA SALT BINS / Village Green in Offley** | CLERK |
| 18 | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  **Wednesday 8th February 2020 Offley Village Hall** |  |
| 19 | The meeting closed at 8.40pm |  |