

Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 2nd October 2019 Offley Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs J Neal (Chairman)
 Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer
 Cllr. A. Forsyth
 Cllr. Mrs S. Miller
 Cllr. R. Piepenstock
 Cllr. Mrs L. Tomes

In attendance: Cllr David Barnard
 David Sample – Clerk
 Member of the Public

Minutes

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Balfour Lynn, Cllr. Frost, Cllr. Strong	
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. Cllr. Piepenstock stated that he had an interest in a Planning Application	ALL
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 th September 2019 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting. <i>The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman</i>	
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA There were no matters arising.	CLERK
5	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	JN
6	URGENT ITEMS Tea Green Speeding	
7	Public Questions	
8	HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	DB
9	NORTH HERTS DISTRICT	CS/FF
10	PLANNING	Clerk
10.1	The planning applications surrounding The Rookery were discussed and no objections were put forward	
	To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the PC	
10.2	The Local Plan all of the recommended changes have been returned to NHDC for consideration. It was noted that it would be middle of 2020 before any decision was made and the Local Plan published.	
10.3	London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL) LLA have submitted a planning application to remove the noise restriction by 1% for the next 5 years whilst the Airlines bring newer planes into service. This is being vigorously fought by all surrounding district and town councils.	
10.4	DANCOTE – Work in progress	
11	FINANCE	RFO
11.1	Report on Payments and Income see attached	

11.2	Budget 2020.2021. The clerk asked that any councillor wishing to add or subtract from the current budget for the following year should please communicate with the clerk. The clerk did state that unless there were any major changes there would not be any reason to increase the precept next year 2020.2021	
12	<u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u> OFFLEY	
12.1	OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)	Clerk
12.2	OFFLEY VILLAGE HALL	
12.2.1	Removal of the Ash Tree The file has been reopened. Cllr Neal was concerned that the damage was getting worse.	
12.2.2	Replacement Oil Tank It was stated that urgency for a new Oil tank was overstated. It was discussed and agreed that a complete new system should be investigated.	Clerk
12.3	<u>COCKERNHOE - MANGROVE - TEA GREEN</u> Tea Green – The local resident complaint regarding speeding through the village was discussed. After much debate it was realised that there was in fact very little that can be done. Restricting HGV's was not enforceable as signs stating not suitable for HGV's.	
12.4	GENERAL	
12.4.1	Police Report – Published in the Village Voice	
12.4.2	Community Library – in the Green Man	
12.4.3	Parish Web Site – It was discussed and agreed the clerk should proceed and progress a new Parish Web site. A budget of £700.00 was approved	
13	HERTS HIGHWAYS Trees in School Lane Offley - Fault 401000722711 was treated as a CAT1 urgent as the branch was broken and overhanging the footway. This has been removed and closed. The maintenance of all the trees is still outstanding and we are chasing HCC again with a rider that "one of the trees that we want maintained has recently had CAT1 works on."	CLERK
14	RIGHTS OF WAY	
14.1	Mangrove Hall Farm	ABL
14.2	FP14 ROW officer to follow up complaint	
15	PARISH PLAY	
16	CLERKS REPORT Village Voice	CLERK
17	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA Non requested	CLERK
18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 6th November 2019 Cockernhoe Memorial Hall	
19	The meeting closed at 8.55pm	

	MONTH	SEPTEMBER 2019	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
			Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
	Transaction Date	Company				
1	30/09/2019	Mrs M Fairbanks		£ 70.00		30/09/2019
2	30/09/2019	Mrs J. Johnson		£ 70.00		30/09/2019
3	30/09/2019	Mr L. Michaels		£ 20.00		30/09/2019
4	30/09/2019	NC Gardening		£ 60.00		30/09/2019
5	30/09/2019	Mrs A Beasey		£ 120.00		01/10/2019

6	30/09/2019	Clerks Salary		£ 598.67		30/09/2019
7	30/09/2019	Clerks Tax		£ 149.60		30/09/2019
8	30/09/2019	Clerks expenses		£ 87.88		01/10/2019
9	12/09/2019	Precept and CTRS			£ 21,171.20	12/09/2019
10	18/09/2019	Land Registry (refund)			£ 7.00	18/09/2019
11	18/09/2019	AUTOPA Bollard		£ 294.00		18/09/2019
12	21/09/2019	NHDC Gosling Ave Rent		£ 100.00		17/09/2019
13	30/09/2019	Came and Co Insurance		£ 1,629.98		06/09/2019
14	30/09/2019	PKF Littlejohn		£ 360.00		30/09/2019
15	01/10/2019	JC Agriculture		£ 408.00		01/10/2019
16	02/10/2019	MJ Dilley	02793	£ 365.00		02/10/2019
	TOTAL			£ 4,333.13	£ 21,178.20	