

# Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Offley Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs J Neal (Chairman)  
 Cllr. Mrs A. Balfour-Lynn (Vice Chair)  
 Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer  
 Cllr. R. Ford  
 Cllr. Mrs F. Frost - part  
 Cllr. N Jay  
 Cllr. Mrs S. Miller  
 Cllr. R. Piepenstock

In attendance: Cllr. David Barnard - part  
 Cllr. Mrs C. Strong  
 David Sample – Clerk  
 Members of the Public

## Minutes

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b> Cllr Mrs N Roberts	
2	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> 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. <i>There were no declarations.</i>	ALL
3	<b><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b> It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February are approved as an accurate record of the meeting. <i>The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman</i>	
4	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA</u></b> There were no matters arising.	CLERK
5	<b><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u></b> The chairman reported that the football field gate was broken. M. Dilley had been instructed to repair,	JN
6	<b><u>URGENT ITEMS</u></b>	
7	<b><u>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</u></b>	
8	<b><u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u></b> Cllr Barnard reported that the school allocations had been published.	DB
9	<b><u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u></b> It was confirmed that there would be a free three months during the coming year for the brown bin collections. It was confirmed that Hitchin Museum was to finally open in June 2019. The village Voice were going to publish a retraction next month re the misleading article on the Local Plan.	CS/FF
10	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	Clerk
10.1	<b><u>There were no new applications</u></b>	
10.2	<b>To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the PC</b>	
10.3	<b>RE: Planning Consultation 18/02320/FP at Land To Rear Of Putteridge High School And Community College.</b> At the planning control meeting it was agreed that the cricket wicket should be removed and the bunding within the next 6 months. This was a good result.	

10.4	<p><b>Planning Consultation 18/01509/FP</b> at Land To The South Of West lane  <b>APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b> There is now some serious discussion regarding the changes which have been approved without public consultation</p> <p><b>The Local Plan</b> all of the recommended changes have been returned to NHDC for consideration. The public consultation on the changes is now in force and continues until 11 April.</p> <p><b>London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL)</b> We have been asked to submit a paper to LBC to stop the moving of Wandon Park into NHDC.</p> <p><b>DANCOTE</b> - There is no current communication.</p> <p><b>Wigmore Park</b> –It would seem that LBC wish to move the park car park into NHDC territory. There were also discussions regarding Weyhill House Luton. Hayling Drive was mentioned as a site for 26 New Houses by LBC.</p> <p><b>SAVE OUR GREEN BELT</b> Cllr Jay made a brief presentation about the need to support this project. It was agreed that a donation of £2000.00 should be sent.</p>	
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11	<b>FINANCE</b>	RFO
11.1	Report on Payments and Income see attached	
	<b>CURRENT PROJECTS</b>	
12	<b>OFFLEY</b>	
12.1	<b>OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)</b> The public meeting went as well as could be expected. A EGM followed by AGM have been called.	Clerk
12.2	<b>OFFLEY VILLAGE HALL</b>	
12.2.1	<b>Removal of the Ash Tree</b> and ongoing insurance claim. Ash tree: complicated by owner's refusal to allow entry into his garden	
12.2.2	<b>Offley Village Shop and Post Office.</b> It was confirmed that the Village Shop had been put forward as an asset of Community interest and that the papers had been submitted to NHDC and acknowledged.	
12.2.3	<b>Parish Neighbourhood Plan</b>	
12.2.4	<b>Request for a Commemorative Plaque for the Lancaster Bomber Crash 1944:</b> This was requested by an Offley resident and discussed by the PC and approval was give subject following the rules and regulations.	Clerk
12.3	<b>COCKERNHOE - MANGROVE - TEA GREEN</b> <b>Party on the Park</b> – Discussion has started with Highways regarding Mangrove Road parking.	
12.4	<b>GENERAL</b> <b>Police Report</b> – Nothing received. The stats are reported via the village voice each month	
12.5	<b>Community Library</b> – in the Green Man	
13	<b>HERTS HIGHWAYS</b>	
13.1	Highways Wish List – nothing to report	
13.2	<b>Mangrove Road Safety upgrades</b> now complete	CLERK
13.3	<b>Meeting with a Highways representative.</b> The clerk reported that the meeting with Highways went very well. The main areas of discussion were Stoney Hill – Mangrove Road – No Parking.	
14	<b>RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	
14.1	<b>Mangrove Hall Farm</b> Work in progress. <b>Cllr Balfour–Lynn</b> updated the PC on the fact that the current HCC ROW officer was leaving HCC. This would put most of the projects back.	ABL
15	<b>PARISH PLAY</b>	
16	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> Village Voice – Next issue Copy date 15 <sup>th</sup> March for the April issue	CLERK
17	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA Non requested</b>	CLERK

18	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 Cockernhoe Memorial Hall</b>					
19	The meeting closed at 9.55pm					
	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Feb-19</b>	<b>Payments &amp; Receipts for Authorisation</b>			
	<b>Transaction Date</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Nominal</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>
1	28/02/2019	Mrs M Fairbanks		£ 70.00		28/02/2019
2	28/02/2019	Mrs J Johnson		£ 70.00		28/02/2019
3	28/02/2019	Mr L. Michaels		£ 25.00		28/02/2019
4	27/02/2019	Clerk salary Nett		£ 559.52		27/02/2019
5	01/02/2019	JC Agriculture		£ 408.00		04/02/2019
6	06/02/2019	Offley Village Hall	S137	£ 500.00		06/02/2019
7	06/02/2019	Cockernhoe memorial hall	S137	£ 500.00		06/02/2019
8	06/02/2019	Parochial Parish Church	S136	£ 700.00		06/02/2019
9	11/02/2019	HAPTC Training DTS		£ 40.00		19/02/2019
10	27/02/2019	Clerk TAX		£ 139.80		27/02/2019
11	13/02/2019	LCPAS TRAINING		£ 40.00		27/02/2019
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