

# Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Offley Recreation Centre 7.30pm

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

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

## Minutes

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b> Cllr Piepenstock	
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 15 <sup>th</sup> 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> March 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>	JN
6	<b><u>URGENT ITEMS</u></b>	
7	<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b> The clerk reported that following the PC elections we have a councillor vacancy in the Cockernhoe Ward.	
8	<b><u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u></b> Cllr Barnard reported that there looked to be less problems with the school allocations this year.	DB
9	<b><u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u></b>	CS/FF
10	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	Clerk
10.1	<b>Planning Consultation 19/00907/FP at Offley Stores</b> a planning application has been circulated regarding the redevelopment of the closed Offley Stores site. To date there are more for than against the application. One of the main concerns was regarding the laburnum tree to the front of the store. Yes the tree is in the conservation area but not the rest of the site. <b>To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the PC</b>	
10.2	<b>Planning Consultation 18/01509/FP at Land To The South Of West lane</b> APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS hence the delay in starting on site.	
10.3	<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	

10.4	continues until 11 April. <b>London Luton Airport Limited (LLAL)</b> 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.	
10.5	<b>DANCOTE</b> - There is no current communication.	
10.6	<b>Wigmore Park</b> –It would seem that LBC wish to move the park car park into North Herts.	
10.7	<b>Wandon Park</b> Again LBC have approved building applications for more houses.	
10.8	The applicant is a LBC company <b>SAVE OUR GREEN BELT</b> The clerk report acknowledgment for the donation.	
11	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	RFO
11.1	Report on Payments and Income see attached	
12	<b><u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u></b>	
12	<b>OFFLEY</b>	
12.1	<b>OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)</b> The public meeting went as well as could be expected. An EGM followed by AGM has been called.	Clerk
12.1.1	The clerk confirmed that <b>the ORC Family Fun Day</b> had been cancelled.	
12.2	<b>OFFLEY VILLAGE HALL</b>	
12.2.1	<b>Removal of the Ash Tree</b> and ongoing insurance claim.	
12.2.2	<b>Offley Village Stores</b> a planning application has been received.	
12.2.3	<b>Parish Neighbourhood Plan Publish in the Village Voice??</b>	
12.2.4	<b>Request for a Commemorative Plaque for the Lancaster Bomber Crash 1944:</b> The Plaque to be placed on Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July. A senior RAF officer was to be asked to attend. Cllr Barnard has promised £300.00 towards the costs. Thank you.	
12.3	<b><u>COCKERNHOE - MANGROVE - TEA GREEN</u></b>	Clerk
12.3.1	<b>Party on the Park</b> The organisers have rejected the offer of parking on Cockernhoe Green. They will try to persuade visitors to walk from home and not drive.	
12.4	<b>GENERAL</b>	
12.4.1	<b>Police Report</b> – Received and Circulated	
12.4.2	<b>Community Library</b> – in the Green Man	
13	<b>HERTS HIGHWAYS</b>	
13.1	Highways Wish List	
13.2	<b>Mangrove Road Safety upgrades</b> Still complaints from residents that the road is now too narrow for HGV's on the last corner.	CLERK
13.3	<b>The contact for Highways locality has again changed. Now Graham Bury</b>	
14	<b>RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	
14.1	<b>Mangrove Hall Farm</b> Work in progress. <b>Cllr Balfour–Lynn</b> enquired of Cllr Barnard if the local ROW officer was going to be replaced. Head of HCC ROW said not??	ABL
15	<b>PARISH PLAY</b>	
16	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> Village Voice – Next issue Copy date 15 <sup>th</sup> June for the JULY issue. issue	CLERK
17	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA Non requested</b>	CLERK
18	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Cockernhoe Memorial Hall</b>	
19	The meeting closed at 8.55pm	

