

# Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 Offley Village Hall 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

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

## Minutes

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b> Cllr. Roberts, Tomes, 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 15 <sup>th</sup> May 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 Co-option of Councillor.</u></b> There being two applicants they were asked to make a small presentation about themselves. The councillors then debated the merits of each application and a ballot was taken. The ballot was in favour of Alan Forsyth.	
7	<b><u>Public Questions –</u></b> A request was made as to whether the Old Football Field in Luton White Hill could be used again for Saturday and Sunday Football Matches. It was discussed and agreed that further enquiries should be made.	
8	<b><u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u></b> Still too many reports of Fly tipping.	DB
9	<b><u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u></b> Cllr Barnard reported regarding the management changes at NHDC. There is now a Lib/Lab team in place. The Hitchin Library will be officially open very soon. Cllr Barnard was no longer representing NHDC at the Chilterns Conservation Board.	CS/FF
10	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	Clerk
10.1	<b>Planning Consultation 19/00907/FP at Offley Stores.</b>	
10.2	<b>To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the PC</b>	
10.3	<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.	
10.4	<b>The Local Plan</b> all of the recommended changes have been returned to NHDC for consideration.	

10.5	<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.	
10.6	<b>DANCOTE</b> - There is no current communication.	
10.7	<b>Wigmore Park</b> –It would seem that LBC wish to move the park car park into North Herts.	
10.8	<b>Wandon Park</b> Again LBC have approved building applications for more houses. The applicant is an LBC company	
11	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	RFO
11.1	Report on Payments and Income see attached	
11.2	The clerk presented the 2018/2019 final accounts for approval. After discussion the accounts were proposed, seconded and adopted.	
12	<b><u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u></b>	
	<b>OFFLEY</b>	
12.1	<b>OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)</b> The clerk reported that he was due to meet with the new Chairman and Secretary at the ORC 4 <sup>th</sup> July.	Clerk
12.2	<b>OFFLEY VILLAGE HALL</b>	
12.2.1	<b>Removal of the Ash Tree</b> and ongoing insurance claim. <b>Nothing to report</b>	
12.2.2	Cllr Neal reported that the Village Hall needed a <b>new Oil Tank</b> . Alan Forsyth said that he may be able to help. E-mails to be exchanged. It was also discussed that a Heat Source Pump should be investigated. Cllr Piepenstock said that he would send details to Cllr Neal.	
12.2.3	<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. Just waiting for a couple of Photos then we can progress with the artwork.	Clerk
12.3	<b><u>COCKERNHOE - MANGROVE - TEA GREEN</u></b>	
12.4	<b>Party on the Park</b> – The clerk reported that funds donated by Urbaser to the ORC would now be placed with CMH for the party on the Green	
12.4.1	<b>Parking on Village Green TEA GREEN</b> Cllr Frost had received two telephone calls from the public about the overflow parking on the green from social events at the village public house. The problem was discussed, and it was reported that this is the first report in three years. The situation was to be monitored and the General Manager at the PH was to be written to regarding this problem before it escalates out of control between locals and visitors.	
12.5	<b>GENERAL</b>	
12.5.1	<b>Police Report</b> – Nothing received this month.	
12.5.2	<b>Community Library</b> – in the Green Man	
13	<b>HERTS HIGHWAYS</b>	
13.1	<b>Mangrove Road</b> Safety Upgrades Still complaints from residents.	CLERK
14	<b>RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	
14.1	<b>Mangrove Hall Farm</b> Work in progress.	ABL
14.2	<b>Cllr Balfour–Lynn</b> reported that HCC were in the process of looking to recruit ROW officer replacement.	
14.3	<b>FP14 ROW officer to follow up complaint</b>	
15	<b>PARISH PLAY</b>	
16	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> Village Voice – Next issue Copy date 15 <sup>th</sup> August for the September issue	CLERK
17	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA</b> Non requested	CLERK
18	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September Cockernhoe Memorial Hall</b>	

19	The meeting closed at 8.55pm	
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	MONTH		Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
	Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
1	30/06/2019	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 70.00		30/06/2019
2	30/06/2019	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 70.00		30/06/2019
3	30/06/2019	Mr Louis Michaels	5200	£ 20.00		30/06/2019
4	30/06/2019	Mrs A Beasey	5200	£ 120.00		30/06/2019
5	30/06/2019	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 559.52		30/06/2019
6	30/06/2019	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 139.80		30/06/2019
7	30/06/2019	Clerks Expenses		£ 83.30		01/07/2019
8	05/06/2019	Cockernhoe Memorial Hall		£ 500.00		05/06/2019
9	31/05/2019	NC Gardening		£ 270.00		26/06/2019
10	30/06/2019	JC Agriculture		£ 816.00		01/07/2019