

# Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Offley Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs J Neal (Chairman)  
 Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer  
 Cllr. A. Forsyth  
 Cllr. Mrs F. Frost - part  
 Cllr. Mrs S. Miller

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

## Minutes

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b> Cllr. Piepenstock, Cllr. Roberts, Cllr Barnard, Cllr. Balfour Lynn, Cllr Tomes	
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.	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 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 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><u>Public Questions</u></b> – see Current Projects	
8	<b><u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u></b>	DB
9	<b><u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u></b> A collection point for small electrical has been set up for Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 The Museum is up and running with good local support.	CS/FF
10	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	Clerk
10.1	<b>Planning Consultation 19/02950/FP at Site Of Former 15 Luton Road To consider any other planning matters pertinent to the PC –</b>	
10.2	<b>Local Plan - Nothing expected until middle 2020</b>	
10.3	<b>LLAP Still very much up in the air. Should go to Secretary of State for a development order</b>	
11	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	RFO
11.1	Report on Payments and Income see attached	
12	<b><u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u></b>	
	<b><u>OFFLEY</u></b>	
12.1	<b>OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)</b>	Clerk
12.2	<b>OFFLEY VILLAGE HALL</b> The heating problem was yet to be solved.	
12.2.1	<b>Removal of the Ash Tree</b> The clerk reported that we were getting closer to the removal of the tree.	

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12.3	<b>Offley Village Green</b> – There is a question over the ownership of the Village Green which is situated at the junction of High Street and Offley Hill. The green was registered as Village Green back in the 1960's. After much discussion it was agreed that further investigation was required.	Clerk
12.4	<b>Advent 2020 Project</b> – a good presentation from a member of the public outlining how the project could work. More work/research need to be done and a discussion is planned for the April PCM in Offley.	
12.5	<b>COCKERNHOE - MANGROVE - TEA GREEN</b>	
12.5.1	<b>Dancote Development</b> - This project now on hold until the Local Plan has been published.	
12.5.2	<b>Elmtree Community Field</b> The play area has now been defined and we are just waiting for fencing quotes	
12.5.3	<b>GENERAL</b>	
12.5.4	<b>Police Report</b> – Published in the Village Voice	
12.5.5	<b>Community Library</b> – in the Green Man. More books required	
12.5.6	<b>Parish Web Site</b> – The clerk reported that he was on schedule for a February launch. It will be announced in the February VV.	
12.5.7	<b>VE Day /Weekend 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> The meeting held in January was well attended and full notes have been circulated	
13	<b>HERTS HIGHWAYS</b>	CLERK
13.1	<b>Trees in School Lane Offley – still waiting</b>	
14	<b>RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	ABL
14.1	notice from ROW HCC regarding Offley 31 and Offley 41 After much discussion further investigation needed.	
15	<b>PARISH PLAY</b>	
16	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> Village Voice Copy Date 15 <sup>th</sup> February for the March issue. The clerk reported that the Wooden / Rope fencing behind Offley Village Green has been partially demolished.	CLERK
17	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA</b>	CLERK
18	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Cockernhoe Memorial Hall</b>	
19	The meeting closed at 9.30pm	

	MONTH	JANUARY 2020	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
	Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
1	31/01/2020	Mrs M Fairbanks		£ 70.00		31/01/2020
2	31/01/2020	Mrs J. Johnson		£ 70.00		31/01/2020
3	31/01/2020	Mr L. Michaels		£ 20.00		31/01/2020
4	31/01/2020	NC Gardening		£ 60.00		31/01/2020
5	31/01/2020	Clerks Salary		£ 598.68		31/01/2020
6	31/01/2020	Clerks Tax		£ 149.60		31/01/2020
7	31/01/2020	Clerks expenses		£ 91.40		31/01/2020