

# Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7.30pm

Due to the Government restrictions this meeting was Virtual and held via Zoom

Present: Cllr. Ms A. Balfour Lynn (Chairman)  
 Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer  
 Cllr. A. Forsyth  
 Cllr. N. Jay  
 Cllr. Mrs S Miller  
 Cllr. S. Patmore  
 Cllr. R. Piepenstock (Vice Chairman)  
 Cllr. Mrs N. Roberts

In attendance:  
 Cllr David Barnard  
 Cllr. Mrs C. Strong  
 David Sample – Clerk

## Minutes

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr. Frost	
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.	ALL
3	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting. <i>The minutes were approved.</i>	
4	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA</u></b>	CLERK
5	<b><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u></b>	
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 problems with the new street lights in Lilley. A fund of £7m had been made available for 20 is plenty campaign. The PC were in contact with other parishes on this campaign. Cllr Barnard reported that the School meals grant in Hertfordshire had been approved. The SafeDrive program was outlined. The clerk reported that there had been no response from the article in the Village Voice	DB
9	<b><u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u></b> Cllr Strong reported that Offley Junior School had received a grant from Southern Rural last month.	CS/FF
10	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	Clerk
10.1	<b><u>There were no objections to 7 Tea Green and 36 garden Fields</u></b>	
10.2	<b><u>Planning Consultation 20/02577/FP at The Green Man</u></b> <b><u>Planning Consultation 20/02578/LBC at The Green Man</u></b> The clerk was asked to write to the planning officer outlining the concerns which needed to be addressed before the application can move forward.	

10.3	<b>20/02631/FP at Site of Former 15 Luton Road</b> Still a problem. The clerk has written to Mr Jones to ensure that all is moving forward correctly. <b><u>Other planning applications - outstanding</u></b>	
10.4	<b>20/00594/OP at School House Offley</b>	
10.5	<b>20/00594/OP West Lane Development</b> Awaiting New Eco Plans	
10.6	<b>Local Plan –</b> The public hearing has commenced and Cllr Barnard reported that he believed the inspector was sympathetic to the presentations. Further delays due to requested changes around Barkway area in Herts.	
10.7	<b>LLAP – Still a lot going on and must be watched.</b>	
11	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	
11.1	Report on Payments and Income	RFO
11.2	PRECEPT – The Precept was discussed along with the annual budget and it was unanimously agreed that the Precept should remain the same £42,650.00 against a budget of £42,992.00	
12	<b><u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u></b>	
12.1	<b>OFFLEY</b> <b>OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)</b> No news yet of our request for sight of audited accounts	Clerk
12.2	<b>Offley Green (Village Green)</b> The papers have been circulated regarding the HCC plan to amend the plan as it was shown to be wrongly placed back in 1970. The public consultation closes on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	
12.3	<b>Moving FP 12 West Lane – Gosling Ave.</b> The clerk reported that an application had been sent to HCC ROW requesting permission to redirect part of the footpath closest to 19 Lawns Close. The plot of land adjoining 19 Lawns Close has been sold as has the opposite plot behind 21 Lawns Close. The clerk and the Parish ROW officer are in discussion with HCC.	Clerk
12.4.	<b><u>COCKERNHOE - MANGROVE - TEA GREEN</u></b>	
12.4.1	<b>Dancote Development -</b> This project now on hold.	
12.4.2	<b>Mangrove Road – Ongoing project.</b> Funds approved and order placed with Ringway Just waiting dates.	
12.4.3	<b>Dormer Glade – On going discussion</b>	
12.5	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b> <b>Police Report –</b> Published in the Village Voice The council asked that a representative from the police be invited to all meetings.	
12.6	<b>Community Library –</b> in the Green Man. Now closed for lockdown	
12.7	<b>Advent Window Promotion a complete failure.</b>	
13	<b><u>HERTS Highways.</u></b>	CLERK
13.1	<b>Mangrove Road. Ongoing project</b>	
13.2	<b>The A505 Offley off Slip</b> The clerk reported that he had met with Highways and discussed the possibility of additional signage on both the Off and On slips. Highways are now in discussion with the Police Kings Walden Road from the Red Lion down to Hoo Farm entrance also needs better signage.	
13.3	<b>Harris Lane</b> The clerk reported that he had requested that the give way white lines be reinstated.	
13.4	<b>Highways Liaison Meeting</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> February.. It was agreed that Cllrs Jay and Balfour Lynn would attend the Zoom	

14	<b>RIGHTS OF WAY</b> Look at the planning application regarding the footpath by the Red Lion and the church wall.	ABL
15	<b>Parish Play Areas</b> – during November the annual inspections took place and the report (s) have been circulated.	CLERK
16	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> Copy Date for the February 2021 issue of the village voice 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020.	
17	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA</b> none requested	CLERK
18	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be another Zoom meeting – details to follow	
19	The zoom meeting closed at 9.10pm	

	<b>Transaction Date</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Nominal</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>
1	31/12/2020	Mrs M Fairbanks		£ 70.00		31/12/2020
2	31/12/2020	Mrs J Johnson		£ 70.00		31/12/2020
3	31/12/2020	Ms F. Burroughs		£ 20.00		31/12/2020
4	31/12/2020	NC Gardening		£ 60.00		31/12/2020
5	31/12/2020	Clerks Salary		£ 598.68		31/12/2020
6	31/12/2020	Clerks Tax		£ 149.60		31/12/2020
7	31/12/2020	Clerks Expenses		£ 101.23		31/12/2020
8	31/12/2020	NC Gardening		£ 75.00		31/12/2020
9	31/12/2020	MJ Dilley	2808	£ 300.00		31/12/2020
10	15/12/2020	Parsonage Farm		£ 100.00		15/12/2020
11	04/12/2020	Liquid Amber		£ 320.00		04/12/2020
12	31/12/2020	A Beasey Litter		£ 120.00		31/12/2020