

# Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 7.30pm

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

Present: Cllr R. Piepenstock - Chairman  
 Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer  
 Cllr. A. Forsyth  
 Cllr. N. Jay  
 Cllr. Mrs S Miller  
 Cllr. S. Patmore  
 Cllr. Mrs N. Roberts

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

## Minutes

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr. Frost Cllr Balfour Lynn	
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 6 <sup>th</sup> January 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>	CS/FF
10	<b><u>PLANNING</u></b>	Clerk
10.1	<b>Planning Consultation 20/02577/FP at The Green Man</b>	
10.2	<b>Planning Consultation 20/02578/LBC at The Green Man</b>	
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.	
10.4	<b><u>Other planning applications - outstanding</u></b> <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>	
	<b><u>OFFLEY</u></b>	
12.1	<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. Now due in March 2021	
12.4.3	<b>Dormer Glade – On going discussion</b>	
	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	
12.5	<b>Police Report</b> – Published in the Village Voice The Clerk reported that PCSO Heather had agreed to attend the March PCM. Requests for questions have been placed in the FB and Village Voice	
12.6	<b>Community Library</b> – in the Green Man. Now closed for lockdown	
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 – The additional play area equipment was discussed and approved.</b>	CLERK
16	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> Copy Date for the March 2021 issue of the village voice 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.	
17	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested</b>	CLERK
18	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be another Zoom meeting – details to follow	
19	The zoom meeting closed at 9.30pm	

	MONTH	JANUARY	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
	Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
1	29/01/2021	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 70.00		29/01/2021
2	29/01/2021	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 70.00		29/01/2021
3	29/01/2021	Ms Freya Burrige	5200	£ 20.00		29/01/2021
4	29/01/2021	NC Gardening	5550	£ 60.00		29/01/2021
5	29/01/2021	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 598.68		29/01/2021
6	29/01/2021	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 149.60		29/01/2021
7	29/01/2021	Clerks Expenses	various			29/01/2021
8	25/01/2021	NHDC Dog Bins		£ 792.07		26/01/2021
9	25/01/2021	NHDC Dog Bins		£ 264.02		26/01/2021
10	25/01/2021	NHDC Dog Bins		£ 396.04		26/01/2021
11	25/01/2021	NHDC Inspection		£ 180.00		26/01/2021