

Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 1st September 2021 7.30pm
Cockernhoe Memorial Hall

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

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

Minutes

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Frost	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Any Councillor required to make a declaration of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted in March 2021 must declare such interest at the start of the meeting.	ALL
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 th May 2021 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting. <i>The minutes were approved.</i>	
4	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA</u>	CLERK
5	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> The Chairman summarised the Code of Conduct Papers and a copy was handed to all councillors. The Code of Conduct was again approved by all to be adopted.	
6	<u>URGENT ITEMS</u> There were no questions from the public	
7	<u>Public Questions</u> A question was asked regarding the future of the Offley Oriental site. The clerk reported that he was in correspondence with the owner and that hopefully the site would come onto the open market for sale in the near future.	
8	<u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u> Cllr Barnard reported that Highways had confirmed that funding had been found to support the Offley Hill and Kings Walden Road projects. Cllr Barnard also reported that the police had purchased two new mobile speed detection vans.	DB
9	<u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u> The clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Frost that she was chasing Cllr Allen NHDC portfolio holder for all of the problems regarding Refuse Collections. Cllr Strong reported that the Local Plan was progressing and may be available in Oct/Nov 2021	CS
10 10.1	<u>PLANNING</u> 21/00230/FPH at 4 Home Farm Court Putteridge Park Revised	Clerk

10.2	<u>Other planning applications</u> 21/02145/FPH at 2 Mangrove Hall Cottages	
10.3	20/00594/OP - School House, School Lane, Offley - Now withdrawn	
10.4	21/00829/LBC at 3 Home Farm Court	
10.5	21/01399/FP at Land to the South of west lane	
10.6	20/02577/FP at The Green Man Now approved	
10.7	20/02578/LBC at The Green Man Now approved	
10.8	Local Plan still waiting	
10.9	London Luton Airport ongoing	
11	<u>FINANCE</u>	
11.1	Payments and Income All payments are up to date.	RFO
11.2	Budget 2022/2023 The clerk stated that he was starting to prepare the budget for 2022/2023 and ask to be notified if any councillor wanted anything added in for the coming year	
12	<u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u>	
	<u>OFFLEY</u>	
12.1	OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC) The clerk reported that he had received a copy of the quote to replace / repair the footpath running from Kings Walden Road along the Church Ground to the ORC. Note: The path was established many years ago by the then ORC Management with permission of the PCC. The Path is in a poor state of repair due to tree roots coming up and breaking the concrete. It has been suggested that a softer material be used to avoid further damage.	Clerk
12.2	Offley Green (Village Green) work in progress	Clerk
12.3	Offley Allotment Association (OAA). The allotments were again fully subscribed.	
12.4.	Street Lighting in Offley Cllr Dyer asked Cllr Barnard if anything could be	
12.4.1	done to remove the blinkers on some of the street lights in	
12.4.2	Salisbury/Clarion Close to allow more Light for the public whilst walking.	
	<u>COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN</u>	
12.5	Dancote Development – on hold pending the local plan outcome	
12.6	Dormer Glade – on hold pending the Local plan outcome	
12.7	<u>GENERAL</u>	
	Police Report – Published in the Village Voice	
12.8	Community Library – in the Green Man.	
	Repair of Old Stone Benches The clerk reported that the bench refurbishments were coming along nicely	
	Dog Poo in and around the villages. It was noted that there did not seem to be any increase in dog fouling in and around the village. The clerk reported that there were comments made on a FB post that the ORC field was an area not being supported by the dog owners. The clerk reported that this is not a public field and the public were allowed to use by permission of the ORC management committee.	
13	<u>HERTS Highways.</u>	CLERK
13.1	The A505 Offley off Slip	
13.2	Kings Walden Road to Offley Hoo.	
13.3	Harris Lane White Lining. The clerk reported that Highways had come back saying that funding had been found for this project.	
14	<u>RIGHTS OF WAY</u>	

15	Parish Play Areas – Elmtree Community Field	CLERK
16	CLERKS REPORT Copy for the October VV 15th September 2021.	
17	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested	CLERK
18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 6 th October 2021 at 7.30pm. Offley Village Hall	
19	The meeting closed at 9.40pm	

	MONTH	01 August 2021	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
	Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
1	25/08/2021	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 70.00		27/08/2021
2	25/08/2021	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 70.00		27/08/2021
3	25/08/2021	Ms Freya Burrige	5200	£ 20.00		27/08/2021
4	25/08/2021	Gary Crick	5550	£ 60.00		27/08/2021
5	25/08/2021	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 598.68		27/08/2021
6	25/08/2021	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 149.60		27/08/2021
7	31/08/2021	Clerks Expenses	various	£ 226.13		31/08/2021
9	23/08/2021	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	ELMTREE	£ 22,153.38		23/08/2021
10	24/08/2021	SBA Ex Audit	PFK	£ 240.00		25/08/2021
11	12/08/2021	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Gosling	£ 778.60		25/08/2021
12	24/08/2021	NHDC S106	Elmtree		£ 5,000.00	25/08/2021
13	25/08/2021	AMBMS AUDIT		£ 300.00		25/08/2021
14	26/08/2021	Roadware Litter Bins		£ 417.36		26/08/2021
15	31/08/2021	MJ Dilley		£ 210.00		01/09/2021