

Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 3rd November 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
David Sample – Clerk
Members of the Public

Minutes

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Strong Cllr Frost	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Any Councillor required to make a declaration of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted in September 2021 must declare such interest at the start of the meeting.	ALL
3	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th October 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>	
6	<u>URGENT ITEMS Parish Councillor Vacancy.</u> Mrs Patricia Cowley has again put herself forward as a candidate for Parish Councillor. Mrs Cowley was duly co-opted onto the PC.	
7	<u>Public Questions</u> a question was asked about the state of the Offley Oriental site and what could be done to tidy up and make the site more secure. The clerk said he would again write to the land owner and request some action.	
8	<u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY</u> The ongoing subject of the Carters Lane Crossing was still being pursued by Cllr Barnard	DB
9	<u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u> Following the many e-mails circulated the Local Plan may be out by Christmas.	CS
10	<u>PLANNING</u>	Clerk
10.1	<u>Other planning applications</u>	
10.2	21/00829/LBC 3 Home Farm Court	
10.3	21/02163/FPH 28 Gosling Ave Offley	
10.4	21/02797/FP	
	<u>Long Term Planning Objectives</u>	
10.5	21/01399/FP Land to the South of West Lane	
10.6	Local Plan still waiting for amendments to be approved	

10.7	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 presented the draft budget which had been circulated. No changes were requested.	
11.3	\$137 GRANT The clerk presented the PCC accounts and a grant of £1500.00 was approved	
12	<u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u>	
12.1	OFFLEY	
12.1	OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC) Still no response to correspondence sent	Clerk
12.2	Offley Green (Village Green) work in progress	
12.3	Street Lighting in Offley - work in progress	
12.4.	Offley War memorial Cleaning Project. The clerk was pleased to report that the PC had secured a grant of £500 from Cllr Barnard in support of this project. It is hoped that subject to weather conditions the War Memorial will be cleaned before the New Year	Clerk
12.5	<u>COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN</u>	
12.5.1	Dancote Development – on hold pending the local plan outcome	
12.5.2	Dormer Glade – on hold pending the Local plan outcome	
12.5.3	<u>GENERAL</u>	
12.5.3	Police Report – Published in the Village Voice The clerk reported that apologies had been received. The Police Surgeries would be reinstated once PCSO Heather was back to full duties.	
12.5.4	Repair of Old Stone Benches The clerk reported that the third and final bench should be installed before the new year	
12.5.5	Dog Poo in and around the villages. There is still an ongoing problem	
12.5.6	Queens Green Canopy Tree planting for the Queens Platinum Jubilee The ORC has given agreement for the trees to be planted at the entrance to the ORC field. The first choice was for a Eucalyptus Tree following a commonwealth theme. Planting is envisaged for next March 2022 ready for the Jubilee in June 2022.	
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. Found but not yet approved	
14	<u>RIGHTS OF WAY</u>	
15	Parish Play Areas All good at present.	CLERK
16	CLERKS REPORT Copy for the November VV 15 th October 2021.	
17	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested	CLERK
18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 1 st December 2021 at 7.30pm. Offley Village Hall	
19	The meeting closed at 9.30pm	

	MONTH	Nov-21	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
	Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
1	25/11/2021	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 70.00		25/11/2021
2	25/11/2021	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 70.00		25/11/2021
3	25/11/2021	Mrs V Ruffett	5200	£ 30.00		25/11/2021
4	25/11/2021	G Crick	5550	£ 60.00		25/11/2021
5	24/11/2021	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 598.48		24/11/2021
6	01/12/2021	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 149.80		01/12/2021
7	01/12/2021	Clerks Expenses	various			01/12/2021
8	04/11/2021	O P C C		£1,500.00		04/11/2021
9	08/11/2021	UK Networks			£ 7.17	08/11/2021
10	10/11/2021	HCC Locality Fund			£ 500.00	11/11/2021
11	01/11/2021	AJ Agriculture		£ 408.00		01/11/2021
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	TOTAL			£ 2,886.28	£ 507.17	