

Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

7.30pm Offley Village Hall

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

In attendance: Cllr. Mrs C. Strong
 Cllr. Mrs F. Frost
 Cllr. David Barnard
 Lots of members of the public
 David Sample – Clerk

Minutes

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Cowley | |
| 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 5 th January 2022 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> Reminder of the Rural Crime Meeting | |
| 6 | <u>URGENT ITEMS</u> High Street Traffic and Luton Road Speeding | See below |
| 7 | <u>Public Questions</u> | |
| 8 | <u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY</u> | DB |
| 9 | <u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u> Still waiting on the Local Plan | 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 | Local Plan still waiting for amendments to be approved | |
| 10.5 | London Luton Airport ongoing | |
| 11 | <u>FINANCE</u> | RFO |
| 11.1 | Payments and Income All payments are up to date. | |
| 11.2 | Precept 2022.2023 The clerk presented the final figures for the precept and these were unanimously approved. | |
| 11.3 | Offley Art Group The clerk had received a request from the art group to help with the rent over the next six months. Some weeks there were not enough users to cover the rent. The Art Group was established 10 years | |

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| | ago. The cost involved paid to the VH through S137 would be £520.00 for the sixth month period. This was approved by all in attendance. | |
| 12 | <u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u> OFFLEY | |
| 12.1 | OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC) | |
| 12.2 | Offley Family Funday – Meeting set for Thursday 3rd February | Clerk |
| 12.3 | Offley Green (Village Green) work in progress | |
| 12.4. | Street Lighting in Offley - work in progress | |
| 12.5 | HGV'S in the High Street | |
| 12.6 | Luton Road by the Flints Speeding traffic. <u>COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN</u> | |
| 12.7 | Dancote Development – on hold pending the local plan outcome | Clerk |
| 12.8 | Dormer Glade – on hold pending the Local plan outcome <u>GENERAL</u> | |
| 12.9 | 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. | |
| 12.10 | Queen's Green Canopy Tree planting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee The ORC has given agreement for the trees to be planted at the entrance to the ORC field. The following trees were selected. OAK – Flowering Cherry – Walnut. The clerk to get a quote for purchase and installation. | |
| 12.11 | Offley Oriental and Offley Stores. The clerk gave an update on the | |
| 12.12 | Offley Stores site. The site will be placed for sale on the market. The current owners will no longer look to develop the site themselves. | |
| 12.13 | Offley Oriental. The situation is complicated as discussed at the meeting. The owners of the site have agreed to start clearing the site to make it more presentable for the residents. | |
| 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 March 2022 Village Voice copy was 15th February 2022 | |
| 17 | ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested | CLERK |
| 18 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 2 nd March 2022 – Cockernhoe Memorial Hall | |
| 19 | The meeting closed at 8.45pm | |

| | MONTH | Jan-22 | Payments & Receipts for Authorisation | | | |
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| | | | Transaction Date | Company | Nominal | Outgoing |
| 1 | 28/01/2022 | Mrs M Fairbanks | 5200 | £ 70.00 | | 28/01/2022 |
| 2 | 28/01/2022 | Mrs J Johnson | 5200 | £ 70.00 | | 28/01/2022 |

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| 3 | 28/01/2022 | Mrs V. Ruffett | 5200 | £ 30.00 | | 28/01/2022 |
| 4 | 28/01/2022 | NC Gardening | 5550 | £ 60.00 | | 28/01/2022 |
| 5 | 28/01/2022 | Clerks Salary | 2220 | £ 598.68 | | 28/01/2022 |
| 6 | 28/01/2022 | Clerks Tax | 2210 | £ 149.60 | | 28/01/2022 |
| 7 | 31/01/2022 | Clerks Expenses | various | £ 122.37 | | 31/01/2022 |
| 8 | 01/01/2022 | MJ Dilley | Qtly | £ 300.00 | | 28/01/2022 |
| 9 | 04/01/2022 | MJ Dilley Cheque 2820 | Trees | £ 203.00 | | 28/01/2022 |
| 10 | 27/01/2022 | HCC Locality Fund | Income | | £ 500.00 | 27/01/2022 |
| 11 | 25/01/2022 | Donation | Income | | £ 350.00 | 25/01/2022 |