Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Cockernhoe Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. N. Jay Chair

Cllr. Mrs P. Cowley

Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer

Cllr. Mrs S Miller

Cllr. S. Patmore

Cllr. R. Piepenstock Vice Chair

In attendance: Cllr. Mrs F. Frost

Cllr. David Barnard

Candidates for the Cockernhoe Ward

David Sample – Clerk

**Minutes**

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| 1 | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Roberts Cllr Strong |  |
| 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.  Cllr Jay passed the Chair to Cllr Piepenstock as his daughter is one of the candidates | ALL |
| 3 | **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2022 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting.  *The minutes were approved.* |  |
| 4 | **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA** | CLERK |
| 5 | **CHAIRMANS REPORT** |  |
| 6 | **URGENT ITEMS** Councillors Elections  There were five candidates for the two vacancies in the Cockernhoe Ward. Each candidate made a short presentation and answered a set of questions from the council members. Cllr Piepenstock conducted the interviews. The unanimous vote was found in favour of Mrs C Gallagher and Mrs J. Willis. Both candidates live in Cockernhoe.  Cllr Piepenstock then returned the chair to Cllr Jay to continue the meeting. | See below |
| 7 | **Public Questions** |  |
| 8 | **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY** Cllr Barnard reported that he had given each of the local schools £500 from his locality budget. The financial year was coming to end as was his funding allocations. | DB |
| 9 | **NORTH HERTS DISTRICT** Still waiting on the Local Plan. Cllr Frost reported that the waste collection service had improved dramatically | CS |
| 10  10.1  10.2  10.3  10.4  10.5 | **PLANNING**  **15 LUTON ROAD**  ***Other planning applications***  **21/00829/LBC 3 Home Farm Court**  **21/03308/FPH** Shooters Lodge REFUSED  **21/03354/FPH** Tea Green APPROVED  **22/00174/FPH at Offley Chase**  **Local Plan still waiting for amendments to be approved**  **London Luton Airport ongoing** | Clerk |
| 11  11.1 | **FINANCE**  **Payments and Income** All payments are up to date. | RFO |
| 12  12.1  12.2  12.3  12.4.  12.5  12.6  12.7  12.8  12.9  12.10  12.11  12.12  12.13 | **CURRENT PROJECTS**  **OFFLEY**  **OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC**)  **Offley Family Funday – Nothing further to report at this time**  **Offley Green (Village Green)** work in progress  **Street Lighting in Offley - work in progress**  **HGV’S in the High Street –** It would seem that the number of HGV’s had settled down for the time being. There had been no further complaints  **Luton Road by the Flints Speeding traffic.** Speed Camera signs would be purchased and placed along the Luton Road either side of the Flints.  **COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN**  **Dancote Development –** on hold pending the local plan outcome  **Dormer Glade –** on hold pending the Local plan outcome  **GENERAL**  **Police Report** – Published in the Village Voice  **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.  **Offley Oriental and Offley Stores.** The clerk gave an update on the **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.  **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. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 13  13.1  13.2  13.3 | **HERTS Highways.**  **The A505 Offley off Slip**  **Kings Walden Road to Offley Hoo.**  **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 | CLERK |
| 14 | **RIGHTS OF WAY** |  |
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| 15  16 | **Parish Play Areas All good at present.**  **CLERKS REPORT Copy for the April 2022 Village Voice copy was 15th March 2022** | CLERK |
| 17 | **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested** | CLERK |
| 18 | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  Wednesday 6th April 2022 – Offley Village Hall |  |
| 19 | The meeting closed at 9.45pm |  |

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|  | **MONTH** | **FEBRUARY 2022** | **Payments & Receipts for Authorisation** | | | |
|  | **Transaction Date** | **Company** | **Nominal** | **Outgoing** | **Income** | **Payment Date** |
| 1 | 25/02/2022 | Mrs M Fairbanks | 5200 | £ 70.00 |  | 25/02/2022 |
| 2 | 25/02/2022 | Mrs J Johnson | 5200 | £ 70.00 |  | 25/02/2022 |
| 3 | 25/02/2022 | Mrs V. Ruffett | 5200 | £ 30.00 |  | 25/02/2022 |
| 4 | 25/02/2022 | NC Gardening | 5550 | £ 60.00 |  | 25/02/2022 |
| 5 | 25/02/2022 | Clerks Salary | 2220 | £ 598.48 |  | 25/02/2022 |
| 6 | 25/02/2022 | Clerks Tax | 2210 | £ 149.80 |  | 25/02/2022 |
| 7 | 28/02/2022 | Clerks Expenses | various | £ 171.79 |  | 28/02/2022 |
| 8 | 04/02/2022 | Whitehill Ground (Church Path) |  | £ 3,900.00 |  | 04/02/2022 |
| 9 | 16/02/2022 | Offley Village Hall Art Group | S137 | £ 520.00 |  | 16/02/2022 |
| 10 | 09/02/2022 | N Jay Seeds etc |  | £ 341.34 |  | 09/02/2022 |
| 11 | 01/02/2022 | Earth Anchors |  | £ 53.00 |  | 01/02/2022 |
| 12 | 22/02/2022 | ASAP Signs |  | £ 405.60 |  | 22/02/2022 |
| 13 | 22/02/2022 | Open Spaces Society |  | £ 45.00 |  | 22/02/2022 |
| 14 | 28/02/2022 | MJ DILLEY | 2822 | £ 145.00 |  | 03/03/2022 |