

Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 7th September 2022
Offley Village Hall Start 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. N. Jay
Cllr. Mrs P. Cowley
Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer
Cllr. Mrs C Gallagher
Cllr. Mrs S Miller
Cllr. S. Patmore
Cllr. R. Piepenstock
Cllr. Mrs J. Willis

In attendance: Cllr. Mrs F. Frost
Aimee Flack NHDC Community Services
Member of the Public
David Sample – Clerk

Minutes

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Strong, Cllr. Barnard Cllr. Roberts	
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 July 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> The Chairman introduced Aimee Flack from NHDC Aimee introduced herself and gave a brief outline on what she does and is trying to achieve.	
6	<u>URGENT ITEMS</u> The clerk was asked to present to the council a proposal to establish a WARM HUB within the village(s). He outlined what was required. The PC fully support this local initiative and Volunteers would be needed. The clerk to start the process immediately.	See below
7	<u>Public Questions</u>	
8	<u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY</u> Cllr Barnard sent apologies as he was at the Wandon End public meeting.	DB
9	<u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u>	CS
10	<u>PLANNING</u>	Clerk
10.1	<u>15 LUTON ROAD still live</u>	
	<u>Other planning applications</u>	
10.2	<u>21/01399/FP</u> Land South of West Lane – Appeal still outstanding	

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10.3	22/02046/FP Land South of West Lane – This matter was discussed in full detail and it was agreed the clerk would send in the Parish objections and comments.	
10.4	Local Plan the Revised Local Plan was going before cabinet in the next few days. It was thought that it would be approved. This would not be good news for the developments west of Cockernhoe.	
10.5	London Luton Airport The public enquiry called in by the Sec of State is due to start soon.	
11	<u>FINANCE</u>	
11.1	Payments and Income All payments are up to date.	RFO
11.2	S137 Grant Application from The Village Voice parish Magazine was discussed and approved for £1000.00	
12	<u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u>	
	<u>OFFLEY</u>	Clerk
12.1	OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)	
12.1.1	Offley Green (Village Green) work in progress	
12.1.2	Speeding through the Village Luton Road	
12.2	<u>COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN</u>	
12.2.1	Dancote Development – on hold pending the local plan outcome	
12.2.2	Dormer Glade – on hold pending the Local plan outcome.	Clerk
12.2.3	Cockernhoe School Track – Work in progress	
12.2.4	Request to deregister a strip of village green is work in progress	
12.2.5	Parking in Mangrove Road – The issue has been raised by a local resident. The PC after discussion agreed that it was not a matter for the council.	
12.2.6	Elmtree Ave Verge damage. a local resident has again raised the question about the damage to the grass verges at the entrance to Elmtree Ave. The PC would like to see Grass Crete and the clerk was asked to investigate with Highways if this would be possible.	
12.3	<u>GENERAL</u>	
12.3.1	Police Report – Published in the Village Voice	
12.3.2	Police Surgeries – The list for 2022 dates has been published	
12.3.3	The Southern Rural Police Priorities Meeting will be held in Offley Village Hall on 27 th September 2022 starting at 7.15pm Full details have been circulated.	
12.3.4	Offley Oriental and Offley Stores. The clerk gave an update on the	
12.3.5	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.	
12.3.6	Staffing Committee – see below in clerks report.	
12.3.7	Planning Highways – New Committee being formed	
13	<u>HERTS Highways.</u>	
13.1	The A505 Offley off Slip	CLERK
13.2	Kings Walden Road to Offley Hoo.	
13.3	Harris Lane	
14	Rights of WAY (ROW) The application to divert Footpath 12 is causing quite a stir within the village. The application has yet to be opened and allow a Public Consultation	
15	Parish Play Areas All good at present.	CLERK
16	CLERKS REPORT	

16.1	Staffing Committee The clerk was requested to leave the meeting whilst the Staffing Committee made their report to the council. The clerk was asked to return to the meeting where he was informed that his salary scale had been increased in line with the demands of the work required to do. The clerk thanked the Council for their confidence in him and said that he will continue to deliver as required for the PC Copy for the October 2022 Village Voice was 15th September 2022	
17	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested	CLERK
18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 5 th October Cockernhoe Memorial Hall 7.30pm	
19	The meeting closed at 9.45pm	

MONTH	Jul-22	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
29/07/2022	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 70.00		29/07/2022
29/07/2022	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 70.00		29/07/2022
29/07/2022	Mrs V. Ruffett	5200	£ 30.00		29/07/2022
29/07/2022	G. Crick ORC	5550	£ 60.00		29/07/2022
29/07/2022	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 610.05		29/07/2022
29/07/2022	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 152.40		29/07/2022
29/07/2022	Clerks Expenses	various	£ 116.83		29/07/2022
11/07/2022	MJ Dilley	2826	£ 440.00		11/07/2022
11/07/2022	HMRC Tax Return			£ 7,347.99	11/07/2022

MONTH	August 2022	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
31/08/2022	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 70.00		31/08/2022
31/08/2022	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 70.00		31/08/2022
31/08/2022	Mrs V. Ruffett	5200	£ 30.00		31/08/2022
31/08/2022	G Crick	5550	£ 60.00		31/08/2022
26/08/2022	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 609.85		26/08/2022
26/08/2022	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 152.60		26/08/2022
31/08/2022	Clerks Expenses	various	£ 140.73		31/08/2022
01/08/2022	MJ Dilley		£ 240.00		01/08/2022
01/08/2022	JC Agriculture		£ 444.00		12/08/2022
12/08/2022	ASAP School Track Signs		£ 302.41		12/08/2022
23/08/2022	HCC Locality Budget			£ 300.00	23/08/2022
26/08/2022	AMBMS Internal Audit		£ 300.00		26/08/2022
27/08/2022	MJ Dilley		£ 150.00		05/09/2022