

Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 1st February 2023
Cockernhoe Memorial Hall 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Members of the Public
David Sample – Clerk

Minutes

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Frost, Strong, Patmore, Roberts and Piepenstock	
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 4 th January 2023 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</u> Concerns were raised about the major disturbance of the on off Bus travel situation. Cllr Barnard offered to write to HCC School Bus Dept.	See below
7	<u>Public Questions</u> The lack of street lights was also raised and the clerk was asked to re introduce the request for better lighting in Offley	
8	<u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY</u>	DB
9	<u>NORTH HERTS DISTRICT</u> Long Discussion regarding the Wandon End Solar Farm	CS
10	<u>PLANNING</u>	
10.1	22/03231/FP - NHDC Wandon End Solar Farm	
10.1.1	22/01657/FUL – LBC Two applications as the project covers into LBC area <u>Other planning applications</u>	Clerk
10.2	22/02904/FP at Land East and West of Luton Road Cockernhoe	
10.3	22/02095/FP KWPC again two separate applications covering two areas of	
10.4	21/01399/FP Land South of West Lane – Appeal still outstanding	
10.5	22/02046/FP Land South of West Lane	
10.6	Local Plan – The local plan has been adopted. Challenges have been made regarding the adoption procedure.	

10.7	London Luton Airport On Going situation	
11	<u>FINANCE</u>	
11.1	Payments and Income All payments are up to date.	RFO
11.2	S137 Grant allocations the request from Offley Tennis Club was approved.	
12	<u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u>	
12	OFFLEY	Clerk
12.1	OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)	
12.1.1	Offley Village Hall	
12.2	<u>COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN</u>	
12.2.1	Dancote Development	
12.2.2	Cockernhoe School Track – Work in progress	
12.2.3	Request to deregister a strip of village green is work in progress	
12.2.4	Elmtree Ave Verge damage. It was discussed and approved that the PC should investigate to the cost of installing Grass Crete.	Clerk
12.3	<u>GENERAL</u>	
12.3.1	Police Report – Published in the Village Voice	
12.3.2	Police Surgeries – Published in the Village Voice	
12.3.3	King Charles III Coronation – The clerk has found a suitable coin for the school children of the Parish	
12.3.4	Offley Oriental Getting closer to completion. Sealed bids are requested before 6 th February 2023	
12.3.5	Offley Stores – Due to problems finding good access to the sewer systems	
12.3.6	Offley Warm Hub. The Hub will continue through March. From April the name will change as many were concerned about the name and other connotations	
12.3.7	CMH Warm Hub Cockernhoe. The first session was only visited by one person. It was decided by the volunteer group not to continue unless more interest was forthcoming	
12.3.8	Wild Flower Seeds We will again be attempting to sow/grow wild flower seeds in Offley and by Cockernhoe Pond	
13	<u>HERTS Highways.</u>	
13.1	Kings Walden Road to Offley HOO. Cllr Barnard confirmed that the order had been placed for the additional signage.	CLERK
14	Rights of WAY (ROW) The request to divert FP12 will be at least another 3 months minimum before any public consultation.	
15	<u>Clerks Report</u>	CLERK
16	Village Voice – Copy Date for February 2023 will be 15 th January 2023 Parish Play Areas – The inspection review has been received and any remedial work will be carried out in the coming months.	
17	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested	CLERK
18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 1 st March 2023 Offley Village Hall 7.30pm	
19	The meeting closed at 9.45pm	