

Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 5th July 2023
Offley Village Hall 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Cllr David Barnard
Cllr Mrs C Strong
Members of the Public
David Sample – Clerk

Minutes

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	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th June 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> No changes regarding the east of Luton	
6	<u>URGENT ITEMS</u>	
7	<u>Public Questions</u> We were joined today by Revd Josias de Souza of St Francis Church Luton.	
8	<u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY</u> Cllr Barnard made a short report	DB
9	<u>NORTH HERTS COUNCIL</u> Cllr Strong made a short report	CS
10	<u>PLANNING</u>	
10.1	<i>Other planning applications</i>	
10.2	23/01230/FP at Offley Stores Luton Road - approved	Clerk
10.3	23/01227/FPH at Birkitt Hill House - approved	
	23/01029/FP at Cockernhoe Farm Luton Road	
10.4	22/03231/FP at Land North East Of Wandon End – Solar Farm	
10.5	22/02904/FP at Land East and West Of Luton Road Cockernhoe	
10.6	22/01657/FUL – LBC Two applications as the project covers into LBC area	
10.7	22/02064/FP Land South of West Lane – now approved	
10.8	Local Plan – EOL	
11	<u>FINANCE</u>	
11.1	Payments and Income All payments are up to date.	RFO

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12	<u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u>	
12	<u>OFFLEY</u>	
12.1	OFFLEY RECREATION CENTRE (ORC)	Clerk
12.1.1	Offley Community Space – Formally known as the Warm Hub	
12.1.2	Offley Village Hall –	
12.2	<u>COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN</u>	
12.2.1	Cockernhoe School Track – Residents who live along the track joined the meeting to see what updates had been received. Cllr Barnard offered to write to HCC Education as the situation was now becoming urgent. Unless a solution can be found the PC may have to consider closing the track to all traffic and foot pedestrians.	Clerk
12.2.2	Dancote Development update given Request to deregister a strip of village green is work in progress We have received a draft agreement for the purchase of the strip. The wording was not acceptable to some of the councillors and a NEW committee to cover Planning and Highways was formed. This was to be headed by Cllr Piepenstock along with Cllr Jay. Mr M Cummins was invited to join the group as he has experience in this area. It was agreed by all that Cllr Piepenstock should have contact Land Lawyer and have an option to purchase agreement drawn up.	
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	Offley Oriental – No response to the clerks correspondence to the new owners to have the site tidied up.	
12.3.4	Offley Stores – We are just waiting for the builders to start.	
12.3.5	Buses through the Village. The clerk has started a dialogue with ARRIVA to see how the bus service can be improved.	
13	<u>HERTS Highways.</u>	CLERK
14	Rights of WAY (ROW) Still waiting for the FP12 to go public.	
15	<u>Clerks Report</u>	
15.1	Village Voice – Copy Date for the September edition will be 15 th August 2023	CLERK
15.2	Old Files – Shredding The clerk requested a budget of £100.00 max to start clearing old files from the office. This was approved	
15.3	RED LION OFFLEY – the clerk had received a request to advertise on Pond Gardens. This was discussed and agreed that the Red Lion should if they so wish to apply to HCC Highways for a Brown Tourist Sign. The clerk sent full details to the RED Lion.	
15.4	Parking on Cockernhoe Green – The clerk had received a request for St Hughes to allow parking on the green as they were having a wedding party at the house. The was unanimously approved.	
15.5	Childrens Play Areas in the Parish – The clerk reported that all the damage reported in the play areas has been rectified.	
16	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA none requested	CLERK
17	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 6 th September 2023 Cockernhoe Memorial Hall 7.30pm	
18	The meeting closed at 9.30pm	

	MONTH	JUNE	Payments & Receipts for Authorisation			
	Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
1	30/06/2023	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 86.00		30/06/2023
2	30/06/2023	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 86.00		30/06/2023
3	30/06/2023	Mrs H Ayres	5200	£ 36.00		30/06/2023
4	30/06/2023	G Crick	5550	£ 86.00		30/06/2023
5	30/06/2023	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 795.70		30/06/2023
6	30/06/2023	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 198.90		30/06/2023
7	30/06/2023	EMPLOYERS NICS	2211	£ 32.64		30/06/2023
8	30/06/2023	Clerks Expenses	various	£ 308.75		30/06/2023
9	30/06/2023	Mrs A Beasey	5200	£ 150.00		30/06/2023
10	01/06/2023	J C Agric	4339	£ 888.00		30/06/2023
11	31/05/2023	Tower Mint	Coins	£ 1,088.40		15/06/2023
12	31/05/2023	Cassel Hall Trust	S137	£ 330.00		15/06/2023
13	10/05/2023	EARTH ANCHORS	37427	£ 862.80		15/06/2023
14	12/06/2023	Mrs M P Jenkins Warm Hub		£ 63.87		12/06/2023
15	30/06/2023	M J DILLEY		£ 535.00		04/07/2023