

# Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
Cockernhoe Memorial 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

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

## Minutes

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr Willis Cllr Roberts Cllr Frost Cllr Cowley	
2	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> 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	<b><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b> It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting. <i>The minutes were approved.</i>	
4	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA</u></b> none	CLERK
5	<b><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u></b>	
6	<b><u>URGENT ITEMS</u></b> Meeting with The Crown Estate - declined	
7	<b><u>Public Questions</u></b>	
7.1	<b>Red Lion – Hoo Lane Speeding</b> – It was agreed with Cllr Barnard that a meeting would be arranged with Highways to visit the site and look at further ways of improvement.	
7.2	<b>Offley Place – Fencing – It has all gone quiet</b>	
7.3	<b>Offley Riding Club</b> It as reported that ORC has been close due to lack of anyone coming forward to take over. A local resident in attendance said that they had made enquiries.	
8	<b><u>HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY</u></b> Cllr Barnard made a short report	DB
9	<b><u>NORTH HERTS COUNCIL</u></b> Cllr Strong made a short report	CS
10	<b><u>PLANNING - NEW</u></b>	
10.1	<b><u>Other planning applications</u></b> – Current	
10.2	<b>23/01950/FP at The Old Vicarage</b>	
10.3	<b><u>Planning Applications - Ongoing</u></b>	
10.4	<b>23/01029/FP at Cockernhoe Farm Luton Road</b>	
10.5	<b>22/03231/FP at Land North East Of Wandon End – Solar Farm</b>	
10.6	<b>22/02904/FP at Land East and West Of Luton Road Cockernhoe</b>	Clerk

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10.7	<b>22/01657/FUL – LBC</b> Two applications as the project covers into LBC area	
10.8	<b>Local Plan – EOL</b>	
11	<b>FINANCE</b>	
11.1	<b>Payments and Income</b> All payments are up to date.	
12	<b>CURRENT PROJECTS</b>	
	<b>OFFLEY</b>	
12.1	<b>Offley Recreation Centre (ORC)</b>	Clerk
12.1.1	<b>Offley Community Space</b> – still thriving	
12.1.2	<b>Offley Village Hall</b> – nothing to report	
12.1.3	<b>Offley Riding Club</b> – There is some reluctance for the Bank and other details to be handed over	
12.1.4	<b>Land on the corner Luton Road and Salusbury Lane</b> Still waiting on a decision from HCC.	Clerk
12.2	<b>COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN</b>	
12.2.1	<b>Cockernhoe School Track</b> – Since the last meeting there has not been any exchange of correspondence.	
12.2.2	<b>Dancote Development update given</b> The draft option to purchase was circulated and it was agreed to start the process when the funds from Mr Parker had been received.	
12.3	<b>GENERAL</b>	
12.3.1	<b>Police Report</b> – Published in the Village Voice	
12.3.2	<b>Police Surgeries</b> – Published in the Village Voice The clerk reported that he would again liaise with PCSO Heather.	
12.3.3	<b>Offley Oriental</b> – The clerk has requested that the Planning Enforcement team place a section 215 order on the site.	
12.3.4	<b>Buses through the Village.</b> The clerk has started a dialogue with ARRIVA to see how the bus service can be improved.	
13	<b>Rights of WAY (ROW)</b> Still waiting for the FP12 to go public.	
14	<b>Clerks Report</b>	
14.1	<b>Village Voice</b> – Copy Date for the December/January edition will be 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	CLERK
15	<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA</b> Automation of the Church Clock	CLERK
16	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 Offley Village Hall 7.30pm	
17	The meeting closed at 9.30hrs	

Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
27/10/2023	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 84.00		30/10/2023
27/10/2023	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 84.00		30/10/2023
27/10/2023	Mrs H Ayres	5200	£ 36.00		30/10/2023
27/10/2023	G Crick	5550	£ 84.00		30/10/2023
27/10/2023	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 795.70		30/10/2023
27/10/2023	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 198.80		30/10/2023
27/10/2023	EMPLOYERS NHI	various	£ 32.64		30/10/2023
27/10/2023	Clerks Expenses		£ 90.36		31/10/2023
10/10/2023	G Crick		£ 250.00		10/10/2023
16/10/2023	Netwise		£ 396.00		16/10/2023

13/10/2023	One Stop Flag Pole		£ 20.38		13/10/2023
24/10/2023	Newsquest Media Group.		£ 678.48		27/10/2023
01/11/2023	Mr M J Dilley		£ 230.00		01/11/2023