Minutes of the Offley Parish Council Meeting

Incorporating Offley – Cockernhoe – Tea Green – Mangrove Green

Wednesday 6th December 2023 Offley Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. N. Jay Chairman

Cllr Mrs P. Cowley Cllr. Mrs B. Dyer Cllr. Mrs S Miller Cllr Mrs N. Roberts Cllr. R. Piepenstock 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						
	Clir Patmore, Clir Gallagher	ALL					
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	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.						
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING						
	It was proposed and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st						
	November 2023 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting.						
	The minutes were approved.						
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	AGENDA none						
5	CHAIRMANS REPORT Cllr Jay gave a summary of the meeting held at						
	NHC together with the reasoning to meet with the developers						
6	URGENT ITEMS						
7	Public Questions						
8	HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY Cllr Barnard made a short report	DB					
9	NORTH HERTS COUNCIL Cllr Strong made a short report	CS					
10	PLANNING - NEW						
10.1	23/01950/FP at The Old Vicarage Planning refused						
10.2	Other planning applications	Clerk					
10.3	23/01029/FP at Cockernhoe Farm Luton Road Planning Granted						
10.4	Planning Applications - Ongoing						
10.5	22/03231/FP at Land North East Of Wandon End – Solar Farm						
10.6	22/02904/FP at Land East and West Of Luton Road Cockernhoe						
10.7	22/01657/FUL – LBC Two applications as the project covers into LBC area						
10.8	Local Plan – EOL						
11.1	FINANCE Boyments and Income All up to date						
11.1	Payments and Income All up to date Offlow Art Group on application to support the group by paying their						
11.2	2 Offley Art Group – an application to support the group by paying their rent. This was approved						
	Tent. This was approved						

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Initials.....

11.3	Village Voice - Margret Woods (Editor) was in attendance and gave a	
	short presentation on the state of the financial situation. Due to increase	
	in various costs over the last 12 months the VV would suffer losses of	
	approx. £4000.00 pa. It was discussed and agreed that it would be a	
	great shame if the VV was to cease publication.	
	It was agreed that the shortfall would be supported with Lilley taking their	
	share of the costs on a pro rata basis.	
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12	CURRENT PROJECTS OFFLEY	
		Clark
12.1	Offley Recreation Centre (ORC)	Clerk
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12.1.2		
12.1.3		
4044	Land on the corner Luton Road and Salusbury Lane	
12.1.4		. .
	maintenance of the Triangle	Clerk
	Church Clock – Quotation has been received to automate the winding of	
12.1.5	the clock. The cost of £1457.00 plus vat was approved. The clerk said	
	that he was going to apply to Southern Rural for a grant in support of the	
	costs.	
	COCKERNHOE – MANGROVE – TEA GREEN	
12.2	Cockernhoe School Track - New correspondence has been received	
12.2.1	and circulated. It was agreed that all relevant parties would be invited to a	
	meeting to discuss further.	
	Dancote Development The contracts for the option to be purchased	
12.2.2	have been exchanged. The chairman thanked Cllr Roger Piepenstock	
	and his committee on all of the hard work put in to achieving this goal.	
	GENERAL	
12.3	Police Report – Published in the Village Voice	
12.3.1	Police Surgeries – Published in the Village Voice	
12.3.2	The clerk reported that he would again liase with PCSO Heather.	
	Offley Oriental - No changes from last months report	
12.3.3	Buses through the Village. The clerk has started a dialogue with	
12.3.4	ARRIVA to see how the bus service can be improved.	
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13	Rights of WAY (ROW) Still waiting for the FP12 to go public.	
14	Clerks Report	0. 55.4
14.1	Village Voice – Copy Date for the February edition will be 15 th January	CLERK
	2024.	
	Staffing Committee – The clerk reminded the committee that his	
	appraisal was due in January 2024 – This was duly noted.	
	The clerk also advised the council that the NALC salary scales had been	
	published for the 2022 – 2023 year. It was approved in open council that	
	the clerk should adjust his salary accordingly and back date the increase	
	to April 2023, The clerk thanked the council for their continued support	
	in his duties.	
15	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA	CLERK
16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Wednesday 10 th January 2024 Cockernhoe Memorial Hall 7.30pm	
17	The meeting closed at 9.30hrs	
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Transaction Date	Company	Nominal	Outgoing	Income	Payment Date
29/12/2023	Mrs M Fairbanks	5200	£ 84.00		29/12/2023
29/12/2023	Mrs J Johnson	5200	£ 84.00		29/12/2023
29/12/2023	Mrs H Ayres	5200	£ 36.00		29/12/2023
29/12/2023	G Crick	5550	£ 84.00		29/12/2023
29/12/2023	Clerks Salary	2220	£ 795.70		29/12/2023
29/12/2023	Clerks Tax	2210	£ 198.80		29/12/2023
29/12/2023	EMPLOYERS NHI	various	£ 32.64		29/01/2023
29/12/2023	Clerks Expenses		£ 144.21		02/01/2024
13/12/2023	Taylor Walton (Dancote)		£ 1,212.80		13/12/2023
29/12/2023	Mrs A Beasey		£ 150.00		29/12/2023
14/12/2023	Taylor Walton (Dancote)			£ 14,142.20	14/12/2023
14/12/2023	Warehill Agiklity Group			£ 325.00	14/12/2023
28/12/2023	M J Dilley		£ 300.00		28/12/2023
20/12/2023	NHDC Play Area Inspections		£ 180.00		28/12/2023