

Offton and Willisham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th January 2018
in Offton and Willisham Village Hall.

Present	Cllr K Earl	Cllr M Bolton
	Cllr A Cox	Cllr A Rumsey
	Cllr I Gilson	Cllr C Pinson-Roxburgh
	Cllr M Ratcliffe	Cllr D Cattermole
	County Cllr A Whybrow	District Cllr A Killett
	O Holtom (clerk)	

Public present: Nigel Coleman, Kevin Clark, Geoff Welsh.

Public question time: Members of the public expressed their concerns about the planning application DC/17/06321.

1	<u>Meeting administration</u>	
a)	<u>Apologies for absence</u> –Sheona Warnes. David Parks was also absent.	
2	<u>Declarations of interest in respect to agenda items</u> – none	
3	<u>Sign minutes of previous meeting 04th January 2018 as a true records</u> - Agreed and signed with the following amendments: Item 6a amended by including “pension” automatic enrolment. Due to a clerical error the item 12a amended for the total amount of precept from £8660 to £8520.	
4	<u>Planning applications:</u>	
a)	<p><u>Planning application DC/17/06321</u> Location: Old Chapel House, Main Road, Somersham, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4SF Proposal: Severance of part of side garden and erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage Comments from the councillors: The parish council does not support this application. The Parish council requires a positive confirmation whether this development is in Somersham or Offton. If it is in the parish of Offton, the planning application is contrary to the Planning Core Strategy presently imposed. The proposed development is on the borders of three parishes, which is considered by the local community to be in the countryside and therefor the proposed new development is not in line with the Planning Core Strategy. The height and the size of the proposed dwelling are considered by the councillors as excessive to the plot size. It is also detrimental and out of character to the neighbouring properties which are both chalet style. Councillors share the effected neighbours’ concerns that relates to size and style of the proposed development specifically overshadowing and the loss of privacy due to windows facing the adjoining property The Spinneys.</p>	
5	<u>Finance</u>	
a)	<p><u>To approve payments and authorise cheques for signature :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbot Electrical Services – installation of the Willisham defibrillator - £125.00. <p>Councillors approved and authorised the payment.</p>	clerk
6	<u>Confirm dates of next meetings:</u> The meeting date for our Parish Council meeting confirmed on Monday 26 th February 2018.	

Meeting concluded at 8:25 pm.

*K.R. Sewell
26/2/18*