

OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2010
at 7.30pm in Offton and Willisham Village hall.

Present	Cllr M Bolton (Chairman)	Cllr L Seddon
	Cllr C Storey	Cllr N Coleman
	Cllr C Pinson Roxburgh	Cllr K Earl
	Cllr D Cattermole	Cllr A Rumsey
		P Sands Clerk

County Councillor J Truelove and District Councillor S Wright were in attendance.

1 Apologies for absence
None

DC/AR

2 Declaration of Interests, with respect to items on the agenda
None

3 Public Participation Session with regard to items on the agenda
No members of the public were present

4. Minutes of the previous meeting.
The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, were agreed with a correction to the Declaration of Interests and signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the minutes
None

6 Correspondence.
MSDC 'Home Grown'. Marketing Arts opportunities. Noted
MSDC Section106 Agreements. Funding is available ringfenced for projects within the ward / parish from levies placed on local developers, and is additional to existing funding sources for Village Hall developments
MSDC 'Whats on leaflet' Bimonthly Events leaflet . Noted
MSDC Register of Electors. Applications completed by Councillors.
NHS Bowel Cancer screening. Details placed on Notice Boards
SCC Flooding survey. Details given for clerk to reply
Boundary Commission. Recommendation to Sec. of State is for a single unitary authority in preference to the two unitary version. Report available at www.boundarycommittee.org.uk..

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7 Planning
3033/07 Ladyfield. After further deliberations over MSDC's having conceded that clauses within the Enforcement order may be passed over (another instance of the failings of its Planning Department viz Linden House), it was concluded that a meeting

between Mr Isbell who signed the Order and the Chairman should take place and if necessary with the Chief Executive

MB

2358/09 8 Middlewood Cottages Offton Appeal lodged by applicant

2362/09 Linden House Willisham Granted by MSDC but with instruction to Mr Isbell to negotiate with the applicant some retrenchment where non compliance had occurred

2870/09 Churchs Offton Granted by MSDC

2887/09 Tye Barn Willisham Refused by MSDC

2965/09 Valley Farm Offton Granted by MSDC

3350/09 2 Castle Lane Offton Supported by Council

8 Footpaths

Willisham path 1 SCC had tentatively agreed that surface dressing between the bungalows could be allowed, and that it may provide material (Council suggests road sweepings). Clerk to pursue and obtain assurances that this work, when undertaken by the Parish Council would not prejudice the SCC's insurance responsibilities

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Willisham Dog Fouling. Site notices are available from MSDC costing £6 (4"by 6"), £8 (8"by12"). Cllr Earl will determine locations, obtaining residents approval.

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9 Parish Property

Offton phone box. Shot Blasting in situ is not possible, alternative cleaning will be resolved with Mr Southall. An increase to the overall budget from £800 to £1100 may be necessary

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Willisham Notice board. Board is now erected. Mr Southall has been complimented on the outstanding quality of his work

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Marquee. Mrs Rondeboom's letter recommending the Council's purchase was considered but not agreed reasons being the ongoing financial commitment to the Village Hall project, storage, insurance and erection /site responsibilities.

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10 Highways

Willisham Bus Shelter. Enquiries to SCC Mr Paul Horne, Community Transport (Reference no1698344 appointed) had been made by the clerk.. Application forms available at SCC website/ Bus shelters. Cllr Earl will obtain, analyse and determine suitability.

KE

Castle Lane new houses These will be addressed '9 to 14 Castle Lane Offton IP8 4RH' excluding No 13.

11 Village Hall

Council have made payments of VHMC's professional costs totalling £7673 to date and will accept invoices up to a combined total of £10000 beyond which a consideration of further payments would be undertaken.

12 Parish website

Nothing to report.

13 Representative's reports

Cllr Truelove spoke to her written report, copied to Councillors. The schedule prioritising the salting and clearance of snow affected roads was explained.

Cllr Wright gave notice of an application to build 352 dwellings at Gt Blakenham. PCSO Sian Uttley had taken over from PCSO Whitrow

14 Community

Parish Plan. Cllr Coleman reported that further funding was unlikely because of the Council's cash reserves. The budget had been reappraised but it was necessary to seek a commitment from the Council for up to £1700. This was unanimously agreed. The £500 MSDC grant expired on March 11th therefore expenditure invoices must be presented before that date.

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Senior Citizens Lunch. This again had been very successful and Councillors who participated had enjoyed themselves. A repayment of £!7 56 had been received.

- 15 Acting on SALC's recommendation, it is now recorded in the minutes that notification to Councillors of Council meetings may be by E Mail and not necessarily by hand or letter post

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Finance

Balances. Cheque £2027.86 Community £4955.55 Deposit £16398.23
Petty cash £(10.86)

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Authorisation of cheques. VHMC £500 CS/LS, Offton PCC £625 KE/AR, Willisham PCC £625 CPR/CS, P Sands £2900 DC/KE, P Sands expenses £190 LS/CS, M Bolton £250 LS/KE, S Pinson Roxburgh £100 CS/AR, K Southall £430 KE/CPR, Baldwin Design £2692.44 CS/DC, Brett Design £360.81 LS/ CPR, Petty cash £30 CPR/AR

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- 16 Budget and Precept. Estimates were agreed and the precept set at £8020, proposed Cllr Earl, seconded Cllr Pinson Roxburgh.

Dates for next meetings

March 1st 2010, then May 3rd

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