

OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2011
at 7.30 pm in Offton and Willisham Village hall.

Present	Cllr M Bolton (Chairman)	Cllr K Earl
	Cllr D Tingley	Cllr A Cox
	Cllr D Cattermole	P Sands clerk

District Councillor S Wright and County Councillor J Truelove attended

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Pinson Roxburgh, Seddon, Rumsey and Coleman

2 Cooption of Councillor for Willisham Ward

Mr Ivan Gilson was introduced to the Council by Cllr Earl and he briefly detailed the background to his life and activities in Willisham. He was proposed for cooption by Cllr Earl, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously welcomed to the Council. Details of Councillor training courses at SALC were given by the clerk

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3 Declarations of Interest, with respect to items on the agenda

None were made

4 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present

5 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the chairman

6 Matters arising from the minutes

None

7 Correspondence

Landfill Community Trust Solicitations deemed inappropriate because no landfill sites exist within the parishes

MSDC Community Service Awards. Cllr Pinson Roxburgh would be consulted by the clerk re a nomination for Mr Robin Derriman.

MSDC / Babergh. Facing the Future. Although the merger had been voted down the integration of services would continue. How this may affect services will be detailed to parishes in the immediate future with consultation to follow.

Needham Country Practice (Doctors surgery). There was agreed support for additional parking but doubts over the correctness of incorporating this with more housing development. Cllrs Tingley and Gilson would attend the public meeting on 6th July and report back to Council.

Suffolk ACRE AGM. The pending Localism Bill would be discussed and Cllr Cox would probably attend.

Caravan Club site in Wallow lane. Mr Romer Lee's concerns were noted but with

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Councillor's own experiences, added to the economic advantages which would result, Council concluded that the application should not be opposed. Clerk to speak to Mr Romer Lee.

clerk

Suffolk Housing Society. Notice of meeting at Hopton Village hall on 21st July.

Mrs Clarke 15 North Acres. Mrs Clarke's letter seeking improved community facilities in Willisham was discussed. It was felt that such concerns, if widely held by Willisham residents would be brought forward in the responses made to the forthcoming Parish Plan questionnaire. Clerk to speak to Mrs Clarke

clerk

8 Planning

0905/11 Antlers Ridge Willisham Refused by MSDC

1004/11 Wallow farm Offton. No Comment

1032/11 Old Village hall Offton No Comment

1732/11 Galeden Tye lane Willisham No Comment

9 Footpaths.

Clerk to register in the Link Council's concerns over dog fouling on the track to Castle farm and the path up from the church cemetery

clerk

10 Parish Property

Damage to the salt bin lid at St Mary's Close was noted Cllr Cattermole will check if repair is possible. He will also undertake the next cleaning of the phone box.

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11 Highways

The Environment Agency has reported that no immediate attention to the Channel is planned. The securing of overhead power lines against intruding tree growth is the responsibility of UK Power Networks, Ipswich, who will be informed of concerns re Bildeston Rd and adjacent to Offton place

clerk

Cones marking the collapsed verge between the telephone exchange and Mount Pleasant farm Offton are considered dangerous and SCC are to be asked to undertake the repair as quickly as possible.(post meeting. SCC will urge completion)

clerk

12 Village Hall

After obtaining confirmation, clerk to place notices and enter in Link that usage of the bottle bank at the Limeburners can result in small payment from the recycler to the VHMC.

clerk

13 Parish website

Cllr Cattermole reported 483 'hits' to the website in the last three months .

14 Representative's reports

Cllr Truelove presented a written report and read SCC's statement following the investigation into allegations made against the chief Executive Andrea Hill. Petitions to retain services had been received and actively supported. Decisions are awaited, including on the retention of mobile libraries.

Cllr Wright updated Council on the Bramford recycling site closure. This will still close on 31st July and even if subsequently taken over by private contractors it would not reopen until September.

- 15 Community
Parish Plan. Costs of printing the questionnaire have been determined, and delivery to households will commence soon, undertaken by Councillors
- 16 Finance
Balances. Cheque £1210.99, Community £4270.25, Deposit £1116.25, Petty cash £26.32
The 2010/11 accounts have been submitted to BDO, the external auditor
Authorisation of cheques MSDC (election costs) £87.50 KE/DC
- 17 Date for next meeting
September 5th 2011 2011
Cllrs Bolton and Gilson are unable to attend

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