

OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2008
at 7.30 pm in Offton and Willisham Village hall.

Present	Cllr M Bolton (Chairman)	Cllr. DCattermole
	Cllr. A Rumsey	Cllr. D Tingley
	Cllr. K Earl	Cllr. L Seddon
	Cllr. C Storey	Cllr A Cox
	P Sands Clerk	

County Councillor J Truelove and Mr G Travis MSDC attended.
Mr & Mrs J Hitchcock were present.

1. Apologies for absence
Cllrs. Coleman and Pinson Roxburgh's apologies were accepted.
2. Declaration of Interests, with respect to items on the agenda
None were declared. The clerk reminded councillors that they were required to update their Declaration if their circumstances change
3. Public Participation Session with regard to items on the agenda
No matters were introduced.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting.
The minutes had been circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman
5. Matters arising from the minutes
None
6. Correspondence.
Stansted plane stacking Acknowledgement letters had been received from MPs Yeo and Lord, NATS and CAA concluding that the observations made by Council had been noted and would be considered. The recommendation that stacking should occur over the sea was held to be "dangerous" by the CAA.
Fordham Research Housing market research assessment. No action by Council.
Environment Agency. Managing Flood Risk. Noted. Papers taken by Cllr Storey
SALC Notices of Training courses.
7. Planning
0599/08. 1 Highview Cottage Derrick Hill. Granted by MSDC
1879/08 5 The Cedars Offton. Granted by MSDC.
8. Footpaths
Willisham path 2 and diversions. Following from the evidence and support presented at the

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site meeting on 18th June, Hitchcock Farms has proposed to MSDC that the diverted route for path 2, viz the concrete track, be now classified as a bridleway. Willisham councillors argued for that part of the path around Tye Farm to be retained and extended westwards towards the track. Council will await the revised proposals from Sharon Berry MSDC for its consideration.

Willisham path 1. In Tye lane the surface has been cut and obstructions removed.

SCC have confirmed :-

Offton path 11, Western end will be waymarked and obstructions will be discussed with the landowner

Offton path 15. Leading up from School house the path will require extensive clearing by SCC later in the year, including corrective waymarking.

Offton path 20. The path is correctly signed at the crossing of the Elmsett road. Note that only the eastern route in Offton.

Offton path 21. Missing post at Elmsett road will be replaced.

Offton path 22. Will be waymarked at the northern end on the Castle Farm track.

9.. Parish Property

Nothing to report.

10. Highways.

Willisham 30mph speed limit. SCC's reply still awaited.

11. Village Hall

Some progress reported on negotiations with MSDC.

12. Parish Website

It appears improbable that the link with MSDC's Planning website can be established..

13. Representatives reports

Cllr Truelove spoke to her written report. Details of the two Boundary Committee proposals for consultation were explained. Parish Councils will be notified. NATS were considering possible further design options for the Stansted stacking proposals

14. Community

Parish Plan. By invitation, Mr Guy Travis, MSDC's Cultural and Community Development Officer explained the benefits, the adoption procedure, grant aiding possibilities (the Parish Council would contribute 5% of the cost), and the role of ACRE. Planning depts must take account of Parish Plans. Council funding for parish projects would only be provided for items identified within a Parish Plan. The Chairman noted that a meeting with ACRE was envisaged in October

Offton spring clean of verges.. Not determined

Offton hedgerow survey. Has been completed and sent to Guy Ackers who reported back favourably.

Willisham Church. Proposed by Cllr Earl, seconded by Cllr Storey it was agreed that £50 be donated to Willisham PCC towards the cost on a new altar cloth

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15. Finance.

Balances. Cheque £1159.28 Community £4630.37 Deposit £17255.28 Petty cash £10.67

Authorisation of cheques. Petty cash £30 DT/LS

Council agreed to give two bottles of wine to Nick Banks for assisting in his role of internal

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auditor. The Audit return has now been sent to the external auditor BDO Stoy Hayward.

- . 16. Dates of next meetings
- . September 1st and November 10th 2008. Dates to be included on the Council's website.

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