

## OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2008  
at 7.30 pm in Offton and Willisham Village hall.

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

District Councillor S Wright attended  
Mr & Mrs J Hitchcock and Mr P.Woodley and son were present.

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| 1. | <u>Apologies for absence</u><br>Cllrs. Cattermole Rumsey and Coleman's apologies were accepted<br>County Councillor J Truelove and PCSO S Uttley also sent apologies.  | CPR/DT                |
| 2. | <u>Declaration of Interests, with respect to items on the agenda</u><br>Cllr. Seddon re Ladyfield. Cllr Storey re Hill View, Derrick Hill  |                       |
| 3. | <u>Public Participation Session with regard to items on the agenda</u><br>Mr Woodley spoke supporting the equestrian development at Ladyfield, desirous of good relations with residents. He invited questions<br>Mr Hitchcock preferred not to speak on the footpath diversions he had proposed last year.  |                       |
| 4. | <u>Minutes of the previous meeting.</u><br>The minutes had been circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman  | LS/AC                 |
| 5. | <u>Matters arising from the minutes</u><br>None  |                       |
| 6. | <u>Correspondence</u><br>Communities. Consultation Document re Members conduct. Not discussed<br>MSDC Liaison meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Bolton and the clerk will attend the morning session.<br>Suffolk Preservation Society. Detailed reply to SCC's Core Strategy Waste Development Plan.<br>Suffolk Preservation Society. Diary of 2008 events.<br>English Heritage. Refusal of Council's request for listing of the K6 telephone in Castle Road.<br>East of England Regional Assy. Comment invited on the RSS Review on Planning for Gypsy etc Accommodation See <a href="http://www.goeast.gov.uk">www.goeast.gov.uk</a> . Discussed but no reply proposed.<br>MSDC. Summer Arts Event Leaflet. Entries invited.<br>Thankyou letters. Village Hall Mgmt.Comm. Offton and Willisham PCCs | MB / Clerk<br><br>All |

7. Planning

1635/07 Galeden Tye Lane. Applicant's appeal refused by Inspectorate  
1654/07 8 Middlewood Cottages. New access refused by MSDC,  
2689/07 Galeden Tye Lane Granted by MSDC.  
3033/07 Ladyfield Offton Granted by MSDC.  
3601/07 Ladyfield Offton Objection ratified by Council.  
3809/07 Castle Lane Offton Withdrawn by applicant.  
0543/08. Village Hall Offton. Renewal supported by Council.  
0599/08. 1 Highview Cott. Derrick Hill. Site visit by Council intended.  
0846/08 Old Blacksmith's Offton. Tree surgery. Supported by Council.  
MSDC Notice of new Nationwide application form from April 6<sup>th</sup>. Planning histories from 1974 will be available. Planning information may be possible on Parish website.

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8. Footpaths

Offton and Willisham diversions. Reflecting Council's concern over the delay in making its reply, Cllrs Earl, Cox and Tingley, together with Cllr Storey will individually undertake discussions with Willisham residents, responses to be analysed at the next meeting.  
Willisham footpath 12. Diversion order has been issued. Cllr Storey, acting privately, has registered his objection.  
Offton footpaths 11 and 13. Waymarkers across the open field are required.  
SCC Countryside Access Scheme. SCC has acknowledged Council's interest but is awaiting budget clearance.

9. Parish Property

Cllr Tingley proposed oiling the Willisham notice board but Council decided that it should remain untreated in the 'grey' weathered condition.

10. Highways

Clerk to request SCC to extend the curbing beyond Tye Lane in Willisham through to the telephone box.  
Willisham 30mph speed limit. Council's request for an extension will now be considered at SCC's meeting in late March.

Clerk

11. Village Hall

No significant development was reported.

12. Parish Website

The decision in November 2007 to include the three most recent sets of approved Minutes was rescinded in favour of open ended inclusion. Cllr Cattermole to be asked to investigate a link with MSDC to include Planning material on the Council's website. The desirability of including a footpath map must await a provision by SCC due to copyright technicalities.

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13. Representatives Reports

Cllr. Wright presented a written report, detailing possible Boundary changes affecting Unitary Ipswich and surrounding parishes. The Snoasis decision is delayed until May 8<sup>th</sup>. Somersham is seeking to establish a Community shop.

Cllr. Truelove's written report timetabled the decision for the Boundary Commission's review, then for public consultation from July to September. Also it detailed decisions for school reorganisation in Haverhill and Lowestoft areas. Clerk to enquire about muddied roads at

Clerk

Woodies, Lt Blakenham.

PCSO Uttley's written report reported only one crime in the parishes during the past two months.

14. Community

Parish Plan. Cllr. Bolton's conclusions on the desirability of a Plan would be given after his discussions with K Curtis MSDC.

Beating the Bounds. Cllr Bolton would discuss with Cllr Cattermole.

Spring clean of Verges. Parishes would make individual arrangements, using material retained by the clerk

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15. Finance

Balances. Cheque £342.43 Community £4624.86 Deposit. £14794.40 Petty cash £30.70

Authorisation of cheques. Suffolk Acre £25.

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP appointed as external auditor for five years from 2007/8.

LS/KE

16. Date of next meeting

19th May 2008, preceded by the Annual Parish meeting at 7 pm

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