

OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th May 2008
at 8.00pm 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 N Coleman
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District Councillor S Wright and County Councillor J Truelove attended.
Mr & Mrs J Hitchcock and Mrs S Bolton were present.

1. Apologies for absence
Cllrs. Cox and Pinson Roxburgh's apologies were accepted. NC/AR
- 1a Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
The clerk invited nominations, noting that both Cllrs Bolton and Earl were willing to be reappointed. Cllr Bolton proposed by Cllr Storey seconded by Cllr Tingley, and Cllr Earl proposed by Cllr Coleman seconded by Cllr Rumsey, were unanimously appointed as Chairman and Vice Chairman.
2. Declaration of Interests, with respect to items on the agenda
Cllr. Bolton declared related to the appeal for Offton church pew cushions.
3. Public Participation Session with regard to items on the agenda
No matters were brought up.
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
MSDC Local Development Framework. Submission now with Inspectorate for Examination in Public from 29th May to 10th June 2008.
NATS Stansted plane stacking. Following from the attendance at the public meeting by Cllrs Earl, Cox and the clerk, the draft reply prepared opposing the proposal, was agreed by Council, to be copied to MPs Michael Lord and Tim Yeo, Jeremy Pembroke SCC and Frances Bee.
SCC Suffolk Waste Partnership. Annual Report tabled.
Boundary Committee for England. Recommendations submitted to the committee will be assessed during period 14th April to 4th July 2008, prior to the issue of draft recommendations for public consultation during 7th July to 26th September.. Parish Councils and individuals Clerk

may respond Suffolk Preservation Society's expressed concerns that larger structures would be detrimental to the Planning procedures.

NALC. Local Council Review. Because essential NALC information is disseminated by SALC it was decided not to subscribe.

ACRE Evaluation Report. Council's detailed reply to ACRE on its shortcomings was presented.

NHS. Neck and Cancer services. The proposed changes will be explained further at meeting on 27th May which Cllr Seddon will attend.

SCC. Revised Bus services. Placed on notice boards and the website

Maartje Rondeboom. Ofterton church pew cushions. Council agreed to purchase one cushion cost £50. Proposed Cllr Seddon, seconded Cllr Tingley.

MSDC. Councillor's misconduct. Complaints will now be assessed by MSDC's Standards committee.

SALC. Regional Planning responsibility. Will transfer from Regional Assemblies to Regional Development Agencies.

SCC Rural Deprivation report. Available on suffolkacre.org.uk/rural report.

SALC Consultation services. Council opted to receive information sheets on selected matters.

SALC National Security Strategy. Forum to include Local Authority representatives (not Parish councils). Measures will be facilitated through Local Authority tiers.

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7. Planning

652/04 Amenity land Ofterton Request granted by MSDC.

1654/07 8 Middlewood Cottages Ofterton Appeal registered by applicant.

3601/07 Ladyfield. Withdrawn by applicant.

0599/08. 1 Highview Cottage Derrick Hill. Supported by Council.

0846/08 Old Blacksmith's Ofterton. Granted by MSDC.

1617/08 BT Removal of Ofterton payphone. Opposed by Council.

8. Footpaths

Ofterton and Willisham diversions. Hitchcock Farms proposal to divert FP2 to the edge of the concrete track was debated, some evidence being available to support a claim for the prior existence of a bridleway on the track. Mr Hitchcock will arrange a meeting with Sharon Berry, MSDC to be attended by the Chairman, Cllr. Cattermole and a Willisham councillor to explore possible options.

Willisham path 1. Mr Firth's reply was discussed and his willingness to attend to matters giving concern to the Council was welcomed. Clerk to respond. SCC has still not removed the tree roots as agreed.

Ofterton path 21. The NW path behind Ofterton Place is not available for use.

Ofterton path 15. Path between Old school house and Middlewood is overgrown.

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9. Parish Property

Nothing to report.

10. Highways.

SCC has placed curbing in Willisham fronting the village sign at Council's request.

Resurfacing has been undertaken on C450 and C451 roads.

Council's request for an extension to the Willisham 30mph speed limit is known to have been refused but not confirmed by SCC.

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| <p>11. <u>Village Hall</u>
No Report</p> <p>12. <u>Parish Website</u>
Cllr Cattermole is awaiting MSDC's reply to the joint website Planning facility concept.</p> <p>13. <u>Representatives reports</u>
None</p> <p>14. <u>Community</u>
The Chairman is seeking help from MSDC on the appropriateness of a Parish Plan for Offton and Cllr Coleman is assisting.
Willisham councillors have carried out verge cleaning.</p> <p>15. <u>Finance.</u>
Balances Cheque £1042.43 Community £4647 82 Deposit £14193.50 Petty cash £19.94
Approval of 2008 Audit Return. The internal audit by Mr Nick Banks had been completed and the return was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer prior to sending to BDO Stoy Hayward
Authorisation of cheques. SALC £251.20 DC/DT. Allianz Cornhill £420.85 CS/AR
Offton PCC £50 LS/KE</p> <p>16. <u>Dates for next meetings</u>
July 14th and September 8th 2008</p> | <p>MB</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
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