

OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th September 2010
at 7.30pm in Offton and Willisham Village hall.

Present	Cllr M Bolton (Chairman) Cllr L Seddon Cllr A Cox	Cllr K Earl Cllr A Rumsey Cllr N Coleman
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County Councillor J Truelove sent apologies.
Mrs G Hitchcock and Mr I Dickson attended

- 1 Apologies for absence
Cllrs. Pinson Roxburgh, Cattermole and Tingley, Apologies were accepted
- 2 Public Participation Session with regard to items on the agenda
There were no submissions.
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting.
The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman SC/LS
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
MSDC Street advertising. After prompting by the clerk, MSDC advised that it would contact the Castlefield developer to remove the street signs. Written confirmation of this decision had been sought but not received
- 5 Correspondence.
MSDC Register of Electors. MSDC will correct the register due out in December to take out the Ipswich Road double entry
MSDC Parish Meeting Cllr Bolton and the clerk will attend the morning session on October 7th clerk
SCC Mobile Library Changes posted on notice boards
SCC Registration offices Proposed changes noted. No action from Council
SCC Trading Standards The register of reputable traders is available on www.suffolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader. To be added to the Council's website and noted in LINK clerk
CPR
SALC Motions for AGM. None proposed.
No Nuclear 'NoNuclear' campaign not supported by Council clerk
Suffolk Police Qiiz Night. Cllrs Bolton and Coleman will enter if they can be joined by other parishioners
MSDC Dog Fouling. Not deemed a serious problem but if free bags are available they would be given to known dog walkers for them to distribute to others clerk

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| 7 | <p><u>Planning</u>
 1692/10 1 Hall cottages Willisham Granted by MSDC
 1917/10 Old Vicarage Offton Granted by MSDC
 1977/10 Mon Abri willisham Granted by MSDC
 2750/10 2 Castle lane Offton Supported by Council
 Lady field By majority decision it was decided not to proceed with a breach of Code of Conduct action against Mr Woodley. A formal Complaint would be served on MSDC who waived a section of the Enforcement Notice served on Mr Woodley and confirmed their action, dismissing protests from the Council</p> | MB |
| 8 | <p><u>Footpaths.</u>
 Willisham path 15. Mrs McCarthy agreed to ensure the openness of the cross field path. SCC have signed the route
 Willisham path 12 SCC have been informed of the 'Blocked path' notice
 Offton paths 11 and 41 SCC's suggested alternative routes had not met with Mr Tollemache's agreement and negotiations are continuing
 Offton paths 20 and 21 Mr Caston had been asked to maintain the openness of the paths, similarly Mr Crockatt for path17
 Offton 22,23 and 24. More direction signs are required
 Cllr Earl requested a dog fouling notice to be purchased for Willisham path1</p> | clerk
clerk |
| 9 | <p><u>Parish Property</u>
 Offton phone box. It was agreed that the box would need to be kept clean ideally on a bi-monthly routine Cllr Bolton will initiate the clean with a volunteer Councillor sought at successive meetings thereafter</p> | MB |
| 10 | <p><u>Highways</u>
 Mrs Searby's letter, concerned with speeding in Offton particularly local to the Cedars was discussed. Having regard to the costs of Warning features and Councillor's uncertainty regarding the severity of the speeding problem, a request is to be for speed monitoring by SID.</p> | clerk
clerk |
| 11 | <p><u>Village Hall</u>
 No report</p> | |
| 12 | <p><u>Parish website</u>
 The redesigned website Home page was warmly approved with thanks to Cllr Cattermole.</p> | |
| 13 | <p><u>Representative's reports</u>
 Cllr Truelove's written report was noted, particularly examples of the cuts in Government funding
 Though Council had not been notified of the proposals to cap Precepts, Cllr Seddon who attended the SALC area meeting will compose a reply.</p> | LS
clerk |
| 14 | <p><u>Community</u>
 Parish Plan The draft questionnaire was given to Councillors for comments to be referred to Cllr Coleman within 10 days. It would be distributed to residents with an introductory letter and replies collected
 Affordable Housing survey. ACRE would undertake at a cost of £250. A decision</p> | all |

will be made if the Questionnaire identifies a need for such housing

15 Finance

Balances. Cheque £591.88 Community £5467.81 Deposit £10660.78 Petty cash (£7.67)

The 2009/10 accounts had been approved by BDO llp and Conclusion notices posted. Minor observations made by the auditor will be discussed at the next meeting

Auhorization of cheques Hudson Signs £35 AC/AR, BDO llp £158.63 LS/KE, Petty cash £ 30 AR/LS

16 Dates for next meetings

November 1st, January 11th 2011

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