

OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2011
at 7.30 pm in Offton and Willisham Village hall.

Present	Cllr K Earl (Chairman)	Cllr A Rumsey
	Cllr D Tingley	Cllr A Cox
	Cllr N Coleman	Cllr L Seddon
	P Sands clerk	

District Councillor S Wright attended, also present Mrs I Clarke and Mr M Hockley

Apologies for absence

Cllrs Bolton, Pinson Roxburgh, Cattermole and Gilson. Also Cllr J Truelove

Declarations of Interest, with respect to items on the agenda

None were made

Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda.

Mrs Clarke spoke of the need for a communal area in Willisham and noted the opportunity within the Parish plan for this need to be identified

Mr Hockley queried why e mails to the website were not answered. This would be raised with the website administrator

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Minutes of the previous meeting.

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

Matters arising from the minutes

None

Correspondence

National Grid. The route south of Hadleigh and Boxford is confirmed with ongoing consultations on detailed matters.

AGE UK Pride of Place. Contents noted. Website www.ageuk.org.uk/prideofplace

SCC Thatch register Councillors identified properties at The Thatch, Shortings Cottage in Offton and Long Meadow in Willisham.

MSDC Rural Arts Directory Noted

MSDC Litter and Dog bin emptying charges. Will be introduced in April 2012 and the annual cost to the council will be £35

MSDC Budget Challenge For the Council to make a constructive reply to the consultation, costs related to the 'discretionary services' are required. Cllr Earl will meet with MSDC prior to an extraordinary meeting called for 29th September

KE

MSDC.. Polling Station review. Councillors agreed the present arrangements are satisfactory

RHS Invitation to join Britain in Bloom was declined..

D Poulter MP Invitation for an individual to join an online communication panel. See website www.intouchwithdan.com.

Planning

1048/11 Old village hall Offton Granted by MSDC

1732/11 Galeden Tye lane Willisham Granted by MSDC

2662/11 Mount Pleasant farm Offton. No comment

2863/11 Maltings house Offton No Comment

MSDC Revised consultation procedure. For itself, Council will ask for the existing methods to be retained'

clerk

MSDC Services summary. Details obtained from Councillors will enable the clerk to compile a reply.

clerk

Suffolk Preservation Society. Concerns over proposed Planning legislation changes, deemed to be detrimental to rural preservation would be discussed at the meeting on 29th September

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Footpaths.

Nothing to report

Parish Property

New salt bin required at St Mary's close, No decision taken re uncollected bin held by Cllr Earl

Phone Box. Cllr Rumsey will undertake the next clean

AR

Highways

Concerns over the tree overhang in Offton have been notified in writing to UK Power Networks. No reply has been received.

Village Hall

clerk

The AGM is scheduled for 13th October

Before appointing a Willisham representative to the Management committee, Cllr Pinson Roxburgh is asked to explain the role of the committee at the next meeting

CPR

A resolution proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Tingley to increase Council's financial undertaking to the VHMC from £11K to £15K was unanimously agreed

Parish website

Nothing to report

Representative's reports

Cllr Truelove's written report had been circulated to Councillors

Cllr Wright reported to Council on the Bramford recycling site reopening, and explained the costing regime

Community

Parish Plan. Cllr Coleman said that printing of the Plan questionnaire was in process. He planned for 200 deliveries in Offton, 100 in Willisham, and Councillors will be apportioned areas to traverse. He will obtain ACRE's costs for analysing the replies..

NC

Mobile libraries. SCC's consultation is considered best answered by individual parishioners and copies are known to have been handed out by the library itself. The

website is www.suffolk.gov.uk/sld. Notices have been placed on boards

Finance

Balances. Cheque £1093.49, Community £4270.25, Deposit £11166.25, Petty cash £8.32

Authorisation of cheques. Baldwin design £3948.00 LS/AC. Petty cash £30 DT/AR

clerk

Date for next meeting

November 7th 2011

If an extraordinary meeting is called to discuss the Budget Challenge it will be on 29th September. Clerk to check the availability of the hall.

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