

OFFTON AND WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2008
at 7.30 pm in Offton and Willisham Village hall.

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| Present | Cllr M Bolton (Chairman) | Cllr. D Cattermole |
| | Cllr. C Storey | Cllr. D Tingley |
| | Cllr. K Earl | Cllr. L Seddon |
| | P Sands Clerk | |

County Councillor J Truelove, District Councillor S Wright, Pc Clark. and Mrs J Hitchcock were present

- Apologies for absence
Cllrs. Cox's, Coleman's, Pinson Roxburgh's and Rumsey's apologies were accepted.
- Declaration of Interests, with respect to items on the agenda
Cllr Storey re Linden House application
- Public Participation Session with regard to items on the agenda
Mrs Hitchcock spoke regarding allotments, recalling their past existence in Offton adjoining the footpath up from the School house to Middlewood
- Minutes of the previous meeting.
The minutes had been circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman
- Matters arising from the minutes
None
- Correspondence.
Michael Lord MP. Provision of allotments. If the necessary support is evident, a public meeting will be called. Clerk to reply to Michael Lord, with copy to Mrs Tappenden.
Boundary Committee proposals. Cllrs Bolton, Cox and the clerk had attended meetings.
SALC Boundary proposals overview. Council composed its reply to the SALC questionnaire for immediate return, copied to the Boundary Review office and Suffolk ACRE. It saw the proposals as fundamentally flawed.
SCC. Olympics Briefing sheet. Contents noted.
SCC. Mineral specific site details. Available on www.suffolk.gov.uk/environment. No action by Council.
SCC. Residual waste treatment sites. Request for locations. See above website. No action by Council.
Suffolk Constabulary. Realignment of Safer Neighbourhood teams. No overall reduction the number of officers will result.

Ls/dt

Clerk

Ipswich Hospital. Application for Foundation Status. Invitation for Council to become a 'member'. Details outlined. No action by Council.

NATS. Stansted plan stacking. Analysis of consultation response available on www.nats.co.uk/TCN consultation.

East of England Assembly. Review of Plan available on www.eera.gov.uk.

MSDC Walking Festival 2009. Walk leaders sought. No action by Council.

SALC. Police Community Support Officers. Suggested financial cost sharing in return for a dedicated support officer. Not pursued by Council.

SCC Locality Pilot project. Proposals sceptically received, no nomination was forthcoming but absent councillors to be consulted. This is an SCC initiative and is not aligned with the Area Boards which may be established under the Boundary Committee proposals, though information gathered can be made available to that Committee.

Clerk

MSDC. Removal of Offton payphone. Proposed by Cllr Storey, seconded by Cllr Tingley, it was agreed to 'adopt' the box for a payment of £1 to BT, subject to a satisfactory understanding of the contract conditions.

Clerk

NHS. Head and Neck Cancer services. Though opposed by Council, services will be moved from Ipswich to Norwich.

SALC Various papers. Noted.

Suffolk Preservation Society. Planning workshops available at £40 per day.

7. Planning

2848/06 Linden House Willisham. Contravention order issued by MSDC

1654/07 8 Middlewood Cottages. Appeal dismissed

2412/07 Barn Store Wallow Lane Supported by Council

2178/08 Barn 2 Castle Farm. Advised 'withdrawn' by Cllr Wright

2179/08 Ditto

2476/08 Churchs Offton Supported by Council

0243/08 Castle Oak Castle Farm Granted by MSDC

0543/08 Village hall Offton Granted by MSDC

8. Footpaths

Offton path 22. Mr Crockatt had agreed to reinstate the path across the cropped field. The field is now ploughed, reinstatement unknown.

Clerk

9. Parish Property

Nothing to report.

10. Highways.

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

11. Village Hall

Cllr Storey reported that the land and cash transfer from MSDC to the VHMC had at last been completed.

12. Parish Website

Cllr Cattermole said that a limited link with MSDC's Planning Dept can be established and Mrs Pinson Roxburgh would be asked to undertake this.

DC

13. Representatives reports

Cllr Truelove spoke to her written report. It detailed the SCC/MSDC Locality Pilot Project

(see item 6), the Boundary Committee's timetable and SCC's ongoing work on costing the known options including a possible retention of Lowestoft within the Suffolk boundary.

Cllr Wright presented a written report noting waste recycling developments and litter collection along the A14

PC Clark reported that domestic oil and metal theft is continuing but no crimes reported in our parishes. A Safer Mid Suffolk Public meeting was scheduled at The Hillside Comm. Centre Stowmarket on 3rd October. A transfer of officers from the Safer Neighbourhood teams to the Quick Response groups was planned.

14. Community

Parish Plan A public meeting, with a representative from ACRE, was planned for 9th October in the village hall to ascertain the extent of local support. Cllr Truelove will contribute towards funding any future Plan.

Clerk

15.

Finance.

Balances. Cheque £112.28 Community £4630.37 Deposit £17255.28 Petty cash £30.94

Authorisation of cheques. BDO Stoy Hayward £141 CS/LS

The audit of the 2007 accounts had been completed without comment. Completion notices had been posted

16.

Date of next meeting

November 10th 2008. .

