# Offton and Willisham Parish Council

Minutes of the EGM Parish Council Meeting held at Offton & Willisham Village Hall on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr A Cox (Vice-Chair) Cllr L Seddon
Cllr T Wells Cllr C Pinson-Roxburgh

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**ACTION**

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| **1** | **<u>Meeting Administration</u>** | |
| **a)** | **Chair to welcome & open the meeting**<br>Cllr Cox as Vice Chair, took on the Chair role, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone | |
| **b)** | **Apologies for absence;**<br>Formal apologies were sent by Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Eves | |
| **c)** | **Declarations of Interest;**<br>None were declared | |
| **2** | **Public Participation Session *(To hear reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor, and comments from the Public)***<br>None present | |
| **3** | **Planning & Governance Consultations** | |
| **i)** | **To review the 9th January forum on the Parish Plan results with a view to discuss and set priorities for the future for Offton & Willisham**<br>Councillors discussed the results page by page taking into account the information received from the forum.<br>With regards to Carbon Capture, it was thought a good idea to liaise with the Woodland Trust to see if a Tree for Every Household could be offered. It was AGREED that Cllr Pinson-Roxburgh could enquire with the Woodland Trust.<br>The Local Recycling points were also looked at, and it was requested that the Clerk ask Cllr Chaplin for an update on the Clothes Bank, which was to be installed at the Limeburners Public House last year.<br>Council felt there was no demand for housing at this time due to a poor response of only 53 people completing the question.<br>It was AGREED to further highlight the District Council's current option for a Brown Bin for those households wishing to compost but do not have the room or facilities and in addition to this promote the current option parishioners have of owning their own composting bin at a greatly reduced rate from £14.99 plus delivery<br>https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/free-compost-a-hot-competition-and-cheap-bins-to-help-green-fingered-residents/<br>It was also agreed that this would be something to place in The Link.<br>Discussion took place in regards to Speeding in the village and that it was not just restricted to Offton & Willisham. It was felt that to reach out to | **Cllr Pinson-Roxburgh**<br>**Clerk**<br><br>**Clerk** |

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| | other local parishes to discuss a way forward by way of collaboration would be a good way forward.<br>The lack of buses was also discussed in depth. it was again seen that collaboration with other local Parishes in sharing the cost of putting on a regular circular local bus route, maybe just one or two days a week, to Needham Market from local villages such as Somersham, Barking, Ringshall, Grt Bricett, Offton & Willisham would enable parishioners to feel less isolated and more able to get out and about with a reliable service that would always run. It was AGREED that the Clerk would obtain the details of the other parishes that had already put this into practice.<br>Further questions were looked at by the Councillors.<br>It was good to see that from the people that responded the Village Hall was well used and overall people were happy.<br>It was good to see that The Link and Noticeboards were being used by those who responded. Everyday problems were discussed by the Councillors, such lighting and parking.<br>In respect of question 20, it was AGREED that a Councillor could contact the Ramblers Club to see if organised walks round Offton & Willisham could be done.<br>Cllr Pinson-Roxburgh confirmed that the Village Hall were looking to encourage parishioners to have a Boulle Team and hold watches with a local side.<br>Discussion on the Youth Section took place, with councillors happy to see that the young felt safe overall, but were aware of the lack of play facilities for older children and outdoor sports along with the problem of transport.<br>Discussion took place in respect of local business and the problems encountered due to road closures. It was AGREED this would be an agenda item so that Council can bring this to Cty Cllr K Oakes's attention.<br>In Conclusion, it was AGREED that the Parish Council will focus on Speeding in the Village, Establishing a Bus Route and Carbon Capture in the form of a Tree for Everyhousehold and for the Clerk to table these in agendas for further discussion. | **Clerk**<br><br>**Cllr Pinson-Roxburgh** |

**Meeting end 8:18pm**