## Offton and Willisham Parish Council

Minutes of the EGM Parish Council Meeting held at Offton & Willisham Village Hall on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr A Chaplin (Chair) Cllr A Cox (Vice-Chair)

Cllr C Eves Cllr C Pinson-Roxburgh

Cllr L Seddon

Dst Cllr D Pratt

4 members of the public Clerk - T Davis

**ACTION** 

1	Meeting Administration Chair to welcome & open the meeting Cllr Chaplin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone	
k	Apologies for absence; Formal apologies were sent by Cllr T Wells	
•	Declarations of Interest; None were declared	
C	Register of Interest Reminder The Clerk advised that the Register of Interest form was a legal obligation and must be completed. The Clerk was asked to resend the form to councillors.	
2	To Approve the draft minutes of the 15th May 2023 meeting and for the Chairman to sign as a true record  The Chair asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes. It was noted that the booking of meetings was ongoing with Cllr Pinson-Roxburgh and the De-fib was ongoing with Cllr Cox. All were happy to accept the minutes once a correction to the date had been made by the Clerk.  It was Unanimously agreed for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true record.	Clerk
3	Public Participation Session (To hear reports from the County Councillor, District Councillor, and comments from the Public)  The Chair invited those who wished to speak.  A resident who was part of the Pylon Working Group recently formed spoke about the missing the ESO consultation as it closed on 25th May. That there was a further two consultations of significance, one closing on 1st June, which was on the agenda this evening under item 4.i. and one closing on 25th June, Planning for new energy infrastructure, which could be found at <a href="mailto:energyNPS@beis.gov.uk">energyNPS@beis.gov.uk</a> . The resident felt the email sent by Dr Poulter informing the Parish Council of how things were was not the case.	

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4.i.	The resident was thanked and the Chair opened up item 4.i. for councillors to discuss in direct relation to what the resident had said. Councillors discussed the consultation and what it asked. It seemed an assumption had been made that there are benefits yet it was viewed as compensation. The offer of benefits was very grey and unclear and it seemed that councils would have to work with the company involved rather than be financially compensated. The council felt that the benefit is disproportionate to the impact on a small community and it cannot be rectified and there was no clear commitments given in the consultations. It was agreed that ClIr Eves would send an email to the Clerk for the response.	Cllr Eves & Clerk
4 i)	Planning & Governance Consultations Government Dept for ENERGY SECURITY & NET ZERO - Community benefits for electricity transmission network infrastructure (extended deadline 15th June) This was dealt with in item 3. BMSDC consultation request DC/23/02498 - Planning Permission without compliance of condition(s) Ref: DC/22/02413, Moat House Farm, Offton Councillors discussed this item and looked at the plans. It was AGREED to	
	support the application only on condition that the access is for the sole use of the property.	Clerk
5	To hear from the newly formed Pylon Working Group and discuss a plan of action  Residents and Councillors representing the Pylon Group were invited to speak.  It was confirmed that one meeting had been held with a view to put together a proposal that the group would like to back.  The three consultations were mentioned again and that the group would like to see a change to the planning regimes so that a co-ordinated off-shore approach could be looked at in a national framework.  The Clerk confirmed that no invitation to consult had been sent from the ESO.  Discussion then took place around the current two open consultations, how to respond and on future consultations.  It was Proposed that the Pylon Group would form a response for the Clerk to use along with communicating this to The Link and Dr Poulter.  That the Pylon Working Group would continue, so that they can prepare a response for the up-coming Parish Council meeting on 3rd July on the current situation. This was AGREED	Working Group & Clerk
6	To formally sign the new banking mandate  The Clerk advised of the paperwork to be signed following agreements to change the banking mandate and this was carried out	Cllrs