



OCCOLD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 3 October 2022 in the Village Hall at 8pm

AGENDA

1. **Roll call and Apologies for Absence.**

Present – Cllrs C Cripps (Chair), M Grange, S Hubner, D Griffiths, T Weller, H Stone, A Hall. Cllr Andrew Stringer and District Cllr Peter Gould.

Apologies accepted – Cllr K Chittock (Vice Chair), Cllr A Duggett.

2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** - Members reminded of their obligations under the National model Code of Conduct. No Register of Interests updates.

3. **Public Forum** – No members of the public were present.

Report from County Councillor Andrew Stringer.

Queen Elizabeth II - Following the sad loss of the Queen, in my role as a County Councillor, I attended the Proclamation in Eye, and the service of thanksgiving at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

Road Safety Improvements - We have a new officer framework in dealing with progressing our local highways issues that are not part of the Highways management operational plan, The issues the officer will be working on are for instance, the items from my Local Highways Budget. Our local officer is Josh White.

EV Charging – Expression of Interests! SCC have been successful in a bid for funding towards new EV charging infrastructure. The £2.75m funding will focus on community-owned carparks, where charging can be accessed 24/7.

Suffolk in talks to become investment zone - Suffolk County Council has let it be known that it has agreed to start discussions with Government to become an investment zone as part of the PM’s new growth and investment strategy.

Our political group has gone on record in the media that we are opposed to the idea since the Government says it wants to remove environmental controls and planning controls within these zones. Since the council began talks, the RSPB, National Trust and the Wildlife Trusts, including Suffolk Wildlife Trust have all described the plans, announced in Kwasi Kwarteng’s mini budget, as “an attack on nature”.

It is not yet clear which parts of Suffolk the council wants to be in the zone. The current Freeport East Zone, (investment zones are designed to replace Freeport zones) extends from the coast 50 miles inland to Sudbury and includes almost all villages in Mid Suffolk.

With advisors for the government clearly stating built development is not being able to be carried out quickly enough, and that the current planning system is holding back development, we await to see what planning rules will be changed or abolished.

Report from District Councillor Peter Gould

Thank you to all our towns and parishes who helped residents to pay tribute to Her Majesty the Queen and send condolences to the Royal family. We recognise the effort behind the scenes in supporting our communities across our districts. Thanks, in particular to our Town Council colleagues, who had the additional responsibility of staging the local proclamations of the reign of King Charles III. Condolences to the Royal family from our councils.

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Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have set out their plans for improved parking provision for the next 20 years.

Information on the recent bird flu outbreak in Suffolk.

More than £420,000 in developer contributions is to be ploughed back into communities – funding a study into Thurston railway station and improved play equipment and bus facilities for villages.

Residents across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are being encouraged to consider adding their name to the ballot and stand as a district Councillor next May.

Almost 350 residents, businesses and community groups attended the John Peel Centre for our public exhibition to find out more about major projects underway in Stowmarket. The event was coordinated by the Stowmarket Vision Group which includes Mid Suffolk District Council, alongside partners including Stowmarket Town Council, the John Peel Centre, Old Fox Yard, the National Food Museum and others.

Households urged to get Food Savvy and plan ahead to save money and avoid waste As the cost of living continues to bite a new campaign has been launched in Suffolk to help families reduce food waste and save money.

The full report from the County and District Councillors can be found at

<http://occold.onesuffolk.net/organisations/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports-2/>

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Clerks report

- a. The minutes of the meeting of 5 September 2022 were approved and signed.
- b. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

5. **CIL Funding** - No new projects at the current time. The CIL money available stands at £5156.59 (not including £2,000 set aside for the school safety project).

6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Meeting arranged for 13 October with Councillors and consultant. Cllr Stone/Griffiths leading.

7. **Governance** – The Clerk notified Council of her intention to resign with effect from 31 December 2022. The vacancy to be advertised locally and with SALC in the first instance.

8. Suffolk Highways, Speeding, and Road Related Issues

- a. Cllr Duggett has circulated the report for September. Mill Road activity this month was down on both July and August with 25430 vehicles recorded as against just over 27k and almost 30k for July and August respectively. Top speed was 51 mph (at 15:00 on 15/09), heading out of the village and 57mph (at 20:29 on 20/09) heading towards the Church. The distribution of speeds etc remains resolutely the same with 85% of vehicles passing the unit at 30/31 mph.

The new SID outside the Church produces a useful summary of activity. It is worth noting that 85% of vehicles pass the unit at 27mph, a few mph less than Mill Road.

For each month close to 30,000 vehicles travelled through the village.

The full report can be viewed on the website at <http://occold.onesuffolk.net/organisations/parish-council/minutes-and-reports-for-2022/>

Action – Clerk to contact ANPR team with new data

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9. **Items for Discussion** – No items

10. **Planning**

- a. **New applications** – None
- b. **Determined**

Reference	Address	Date received	PC Meeting	Response	MSDC Decision	Date
DC/22/03796	Land SE of Bulls Hall Cottage	8/8/22	5/9/22	Object	Refused	3/9/22

11. **Financial Matters** –

- a. The Quarter 2 Financial Report was received and approved. Current bank balance - £19455.78
- b. The following (General Power of Competence applies) were approved for payment.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR
Staff salary	308.44	61.80	246.64	Clerk Salary – Sept
Clerk expenses Q2	22.50		22.50	Quarter 2 office expenses
HMRC	184.80		184.80	PAYE Q2 22-23
RECEIPTS				
Precept 2 nd instalment	4400.00			

12. **Correspondence** – received since the last Meeting.

Date	From	Detail	Actions, if any
12/9/22	CJ	Re Cedars Rise ditch	The Clerk has responded and Cllr Hubner has spoken to the correspondent. The ditches have been cleared by the residents
12/9/22	AF	Re Cedars Rise ditch	The correspondent has confirmed that his part of the ditch has been cleared

13. **Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 7 November 2022

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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