



# OCCOLD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 in the Village Hall at 8pm

### AGENDA

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

**Present** – Cllrs C Cripps (Chair), K Chittock (Vice Chair), A Duggett, H Stone, T Weller, A Hall, S Hubner, CCllr A Stringer, DCllr Peter Gould.

**Apologies accepted** – None received.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - Members reminded of their obligations under the National model Code of Conduct.

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

##### **Report from County Councillor Andrew Stringer (Summary)**

##### **New Highway Services Contract**

Milestone Infrastructure has been awarded SCC's new highways services contract which will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

##### **SCC Cabinet Meeting**

Funding is to be provided for a new Secondary School in Ipswich.

##### **Safety improvements near the School**

Further details for this should be available in time for the next Parish Council Meeting.

##### **Report from District Councillor Peter Gould (Summary)**

DCllr Gould reported that he would not be standing as a District Councillor in the upcoming Elections but would continue as a County Councillor if elected. He reminded the Council of the need for electors to produce photographic ID to vote in the elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May and going forward.

DCllr Gould also reported that new money was coming through SCC to improve energy efficiency of homes and also that there were a number of subsidised/free activities for young people over the Easter period.

Cllr Cripps thanked Cllr Gould for his work and support he had given to the Parish Council over recent years.

The full reports 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 on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved and signed.
- b. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda or in the Clerk's report.

#### 5. CIL Funding - The CIL money available stands at £5156.59 (not including £2,000 set aside for the school safety project).

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a. Cllr Duggett confirmed he had surveyed 8/9 houses with the Thermal Imaging Camera that the village had on loan as part of the SCC pilot scheme from 7-20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. With only a short period with the camera and conditions for surveying needing to be very precise, it was difficult to survey many properties. The images showed different colours illustrating differences in energy efficiency, but the quality was slightly underwhelming. It would be interesting to follow up with residents who had taken part for their opinions and whether they were going to make changes at their properties to improve energy efficiency from the results of the survey. Cllr Duggett presumed that full results would be available from the whole project in time and it would be interesting to get feedback from other parishes involved in the pilot scheme on their experiences.

b. There were no new projects to consider for CIL funding.

6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Stone confirmed that she had interest from a few residents regarding being part of a working group for the Neighbourhood Plan. A venue and date for a first working group meeting was trying to be arranged and then a leaflet drop to properties in the village would follow along with social media posts to gain more interest. It appeared that the application for grant funding had not gone through and so Cllr Stone confirmed she would follow this up for another application to be made.

## 7. Governance

- a. Councillors were notified of the resignation of Cllr M Grange due to personal circumstances.
- b. Parish Council Elections – 4 May 2023

Councillors were reminded that the deadline for Nomination papers was 4.00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## 8. Suffolk Highways, Speeding and Road Related Issues.

a. Cllr Duggett had circulated the SID report for March. The highest speeds recorded were 51mph (inbound on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> at 18:20) and 60mph (outbound on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 23:15) on the SID by the school. Comparing this data to March 2022, the volumes and compliance with the speed limit were almost identical.

The SID by the church had reduced coverage in March as the unit was removed for the ANPR camera. The highest speed recorded was 45mph (on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> at 18:25), average speed was just over 24mph, suggesting driver compliance near the Church was better.

The full report can be viewed on the website at <http://occold.onesuffolk.net/organisations/parish-council/minutes-and-reports-for-2/>

b. Cllr Duggett reported that the village hosted the ANPR camera for a second time the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and it was again positioned outside the church in place of the SID. A summary report was being awaited from SCC (Cllr Stringer will chase this up).

c. Cllr Chittock confirmed he had signed up as a volunteer for Lorrywatch but raised concerns as to how practical it was to collect data. Cllr Weller confirmed he would sign up as a volunteer.

d. School Safety Project – following Cllr Stringer having already reported further detail on the School Safety project would be available for the next meeting, this agenda item was deferred to May 2023.

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## 9. Items for Discussion –

a. Occold Circular walk leaflets – Cllr Hall reported that she had met with SCC and received a draft of the Circular walk leaflet which also included a shorter walk suitable for the disabled. She would now scope the walk for any changes required. While doing this she would identify any environmental hotspots which may offer the potential for cameras to be positioned. The leaflet was likely to be finalised in July/August with 1800 leaflets being produced which could be given to residents and be available in the pub for visitors to the village. PDF documents would also be available for the village website as well as inclusion on the ‘Discover Suffolk’ app alongside other walks in Suffolk.

Cllr Hall also reported that SCC were looking into repairs to broken stiles etc that had been reported and would repair accordingly.

b. King’s Coronation – Cllr Hubner reported that plans were progressing for community events to celebrate the King’s Coronation in May, to include a procession and celebrations on the playing field. The pub was also hosting a beer festival, BBQ and activities.

c. Councillor Training – Cllr Hall gave feedback on the Climate Forum she had attended online. Suffolk Wildlife Trust are aiming to create a greener world in the land they care for. This will include support for local communities and especially with the biodiversity aspect of Neighbourhood Plans. There is support for pond or stream improvements and support and guidance for wildlife and biodiversity on parish land eg playing fields, churchyards, common land etc. The trust is looking to link wildlife areas with green corridors and Cllr Hall offered to speak to local landowners to see if they were interested in being involved in this.

## 10. Planning

### a. Applications

The Clerk reported that the following application had been withdrawn:

DC/23/00536 | Application for prior approval for a proposed installation, alteration or replacement of other Solar Photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the roofs of non-domestic buildings - The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (As Amended) - Schedule 2, Part 14, Class J - Installation of 116.66 kWp roof-mounted solar PV system consisting of: 303 385kW solar modules, 2 40kW inverters and 1 20kW inverter. | Occold Hatchery Barric Lane Occold Suffolk IP23 7PX

There were no new applications to consider.

### b. Determined

Reference	Address	Date received	PC Meeting	Response	MSDC Decision	Date
DC/23/00240	Land At Rear of Cedar Cottage	17/01/23	06/02/23	Neutral	Refused	10/03/23

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## 11. Financial Matters

- a. The Quarter 4 financial report was received and approved.
- b. The services of Internal Auditor Trevor Brown at a cost of £210.00 for audit of the accounts 2022-23 was approved.
- c. The following payments (General Power of Competence applies) were approved:

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR
Staff salary	254.76		254.76	Clerk Salary – Mar
HMRC	191.20		191.20	PAYE Q4
ORAC	165.00		165.00	Village Hall Hire Jun 23 – May 24
Suffolk County Council	462.47	92.50	554.97	Street Lighting Costs 2022-23

12. **Correspondence** – received since the last Meeting – None.

13. **Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm**

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