



OCCOLD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 3rd July 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, S Hubner, A Hall and T Weller, DCllr Lucy Elkin

Apologies accepted – Cllr Andrew Stringer

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 to observe the meeting.

Report from County Councillor Andrew Stringer (Summary)

Concern over SCC budget position

Concern has been raised over the significant extra expenditure already announced since the 2023-24 budget was set in February and therefore as to whether budget setting procedures were sufficiently robust.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

The consultation response for the extension of the North Falls wind farm off the Essex coast has been reviewed and a response based on the issues raised will be made by SCC.

National Grid Reinforcement works between Bramford and Twinstead

A response to the Planning Inspectorate on upgrading the power lines between Bramford and Twinstead has been submitted.

Report from District Councillor Lucy Elkin (summary)

MSDC Update

The MSDC administration has been working on plans for delivery of its key priorities for the coming year and beyond. The new planning committee has been formed and changed to being just one planning committee.

Electric vehicle charging points in MSDC Car parks

A £300K grant has been awarded from the Office for zero emission vehicles to install 28 new Electric vehicle charging points in several car parks and installation work has begun.

Half term activities

A range of activities for children and young people were funded by MSDC during the June Half Term week.

Post Office closure in Eye

The search for a solution for an alternative location continues as Suffolk Libraries have confirmed it is not possible for them to host currently.

MSDC Community Grants

A rolling grants programme is available to fund activity by community organisations. Full details are available on the MSDC website.

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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 5th June 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

a. Cllr Duggett reported that a solar unit for the newer SID would cost £750 + VAT. This would extend battery life such that they would require changing approximately monthly as opposed to weekly. He was still waiting for a cost from Radarlux regarding the older SID. Cllr T Weller proposed that CIL money should be used for this project. This was seconded by Cllr A Hall and unanimously agreed. Cllr A Duggett agreed to take this forward and also enquire about costs for repairs/servicing to the old SID with Radarlux.

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

6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Stone reported that 12 residents had been in attendance at the first Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting on Tuesday 13th June 2023 and she was aware of other residents who wished to be involved but were unable to attend. It was an interesting discussion with a number of action points to take forward to the next meeting on 13th July. MSDC Grant funding for Neighbourhood plans was still not open for bids.

7. **Governance** – The Clerk confirmed she would submit the outstanding Register of Interest Forms to MSDC.

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

a. Cllr Duggett had circulated the SID report for June. The highest speed recorded was 49mph heading towards the school (on Sunday 18th at 11:19) and 59mph heading away from the school (on Friday 23rd at 23:34). There was a trend for outbound vehicles to be travelling at a higher speed than inbound.

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

b. ANPR Project update – Cllr A Duggett confirmed that Occold were to host the ANPR camera again the week beginning 7th August 2023.

c. School Safety Project – In the absence of CCllr Stringer who was going to report further details on the school safety project it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting in September 2023.

9. Items for Discussion

a. Occold Circular walk leaflets – Cllr Hall reported that she was still waiting to hear back from SCC regarding finalising the Circular walk leaflet. She hoped to be able to report more about progress in September.

10. Planning

a. New Applications

DC/23/01846 | Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed Installation, Alteration or Replacement of other Solar Photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the Roofs of Non-domestic Buildings. The

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Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 14, Class J - Installation of a 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 IP23 7PX

RESPONSE – Noted

b. **Determined** – None

11. Financial Matters

a. The following payments were approved:

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR
Staff salary	254.96		254.96	Clerk Salary – June 2023
Staff salary	254.76		254.76	Clerk Salary – July 2023 (due for payment after 31 July 2023)
HMRC	191.00		191.00	Tax on Clerk’s salary Q1
Information Commissioner’s Office	35.00		35.00	Data Protection Renewal Fee (Direct Debit)
Trevor Brown	194.20		194.20	Internal Auditor + mileage
Scott Regan	25.00	5.00	30.00	Cleaning Bus Shelter
RECEIPTS				
NIL				

12. Correspondence

Tour of Britain Cycle Race - it was noted that the route was passing through Debenham as the closest location to Occold.

SALC D-Day 80 - it was suggested that this correspondence should be passed to ORAC who may be interested in participating.

13. **Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 4th September 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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