



OCCOLD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 5th June 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 and T Weller, DCllr Lucy Elkin, CCllr A Stringer

Apologies accepted – Cllrs A Hall and S Hubner

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)

Revision of Suffolk County Council's Energy Infrastructure Policy

The decision to adopt the Energy Infrastructure Policy by Cabinet in 2021 required a review after two years. This has taken place and resulted in a number of changes being proposed to ensure it is up to date and robust.

Procurement of Street Lighting Services

The current Highways Services Contract which includes provision for Street Lighting Services comes to an end in September. Final tender submissions are currently being received and evaluated with a view to awarding a new contract in June 2023.

Supporting Suffolk Residents to access benefits

Feedback from VCSE organisations show that many people are not benefitting from support they are eligible for. A proposal to put in place an additional programme of communication to improve the take up of benefits and support available was passed by the Council at the AGM.

Suffolk County Council receives £7.8m for Active Travel Schemes

The Government scheme Active Travel England aims to boost local economies and transform the school run for children by generating extra walking and cycling trips. The Council received £7.8m from this scheme to spend on projects encouraging cycling and walking eg cycle lanes, shared use paths and improved road crossings.

Investment of £10m announced for potholes and minor roads

The Council confirmed £10m would be set aside to be spent on the surfaces of smaller, local roads where people live.

Report from District Councillor Lucy Elkin (summary)

MSDC Update

At the AGM, Cllr A Mellan was appointed Leader of the Cabinet and Cllr R Warboys was appointed Chairman.

NP Funding Update

The Government's grant scheme for Neighbourhood planning closed in March 2023. For 2023/24 it is highly likely that new funding will be announced for Neighbourhood Planning work but this is not yet confirmed.

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MSDC Grants

There are some upcoming deadlines for MSDC's community grants programme. Details available on the MSDC website.

Planning

There is a new schedule for MSDC planning committees: the first planning meeting will be on 21st June 2023 and then every 4 weeks. In between the main meetings, provisional meetings will be scheduled on the intermediate Wednesdays.

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 10th May 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. The Clerk gave an update on the CIL Money income and expenditure. CIL money available stands at £5133.70 (not including £2,000 set aside for the school safety project) which was received in October 2021 and needs to be spent by October 2026.

b. Cllr Duggett reported that the batteries on the SIDs were lasting less time than when purchased and suggested the use of Solar Panels to extend battery life and reliability could be investigated as a potential project for CIL money. It was unanimously agreed for Cllr Duggett to research this further and get costs and report back at the next meeting.

6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – – Cllr Stone reported that leaflets inviting residents to a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting on Tuesday 13th June 2023 had been distributed to all properties in the village. She also reported that she had been researching options for funding and 'Locality Funds' might be appropriate. Cllr Stone would look into this further.

7. Governance – None

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

a. Cllr Duggett had circulated the SID report for May. He reported that the two units had swapped locations at the beginning of the month so the original unit is now back outside the Church. The highest speed recorded was 51mph heading towards the school (on Tuesday 2nd at 23:25) and 55mph heading away from the school (on Saturday 13th at 23:30).

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

b. School Safety Project – Cllr Stringer report that there was a meeting planned regarding the school safety project and he would hopefully have accurate plans, costs and timeline to report on at the next meeting in July 2023.

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9. Items for Discussion –

- a. Occold Circular walk leaflets – In the absence of Cllr Hall this item was deferred until the July meeting.
- b. Councillor Training – The Clerk reported that SALC were holding a selection of training courses for Councillors should anyone wish to attend one. Details had been circulated.

10. Planning

a. New Applications

DC/23/02000 | Planning Application – Erection of 1 Agricultural Workers dwelling for the poultry manager at Castle Hill Chicken Ltd | Castle Hill Farm Castle Hill Thorndon IP23 7JT

RESPONSE – An agricultural tie should be considered as a condition of approval, otherwise no objections.

b. Determined – None

11. Financial Matters –

- a. The Internal Auditor report from Trevor Brown for audit of the accounts 2022-23 was accepted and approved.
- b. The following payments were approved:

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR
Staff Salary	254.96		254.96	Clerk Salary - May
MSDS	271.02	45.17	225.85	Litter and Dog Bin emptying
RECEIPTS				
None				

12. Correspondence – None

13. **Date of next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 3rd July 2023

The meeting closed at 8.45pm