

## MINUTES

of the Meeting of Occold Parish Council held at 8pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr K Chittock, Mr C Cripps, Mrs M Grange, Mr S Hubner,  
Mr J Hewitson, Mrs D Noller

### **1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies had been received from Mr Burnett and Mr Hull. Also from County Councillor Andrew Stringer, District Councillor Charles Tilbury and Suffolk Constabulary Mid Suffolk Safer Neighbourhood Team

### **2. Reports from County Councillor, District Councillor, Community Police Officer**

#### **2(1) County Councillor report**

The Clerk read County Councillor Andrew Stringer's report to the meeting. See Appendix

#### **2(2) District Councillor report**

The Clerk read District Councillor Charles Tilbury's report to the meeting. See Appendix

#### **2(3) Community Police Officer report**

The Clerk read the police report to the meeting. See Appendix

**3. Minutes of the previous Meeting** held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011, which had previously been circulated to Councillors, were approved

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **4(1) Item 4(2) 7.11.11: sign for Tudor Court**

A new sign had now been installed

#### **4(2) Item 4(4) 7.11.11: Ash Tree Close streetlights**

A letter had been delivered to each house in Ash Tree Close by the Clerk, detailing the arrangements for their being switched off between the hours of midnight and 5.30am from the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012

#### **4(3) Item 8(3) 7.11.11: Diamond Jubilee merchandise prices**

Prices had been obtained from a few suppliers of merchandise. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would like to provide mugs to all pre-school and primary school children in the village, around 120 children. It was noted that quite a few children do not actually live in Occold but come from other villages such as Bedingfield, Kenton etc. Mrs Grange mentioned that in her previous village for the Millennium the Parish Council there gave each household a teaspoon. The school are also planning to give something to their children, Mrs Grange to check what they would be giving. The Teapot Pottery in Debenham could supply mugs - allowing approximately £5 per mug would cover costs of including an Occold logo or title as well as the Diamond Jubilee design. Final decision to be taken next month when the figure will need to be included in the Budget for 2012/13

#### **4(4) Item 8(3) 7.11.11: Statement from police regarding 20mph speed limit enforcement**

Unfortunately this had not yet been received

## **5. Correspondence**

**5(1)** Correspondence for circulation – Suffolk County Council *We Are Listening* results of first stage of budget consultation; Age UK booklet on their services; LAISUp2Date 111101 and associated letter from SALC; *Policing Suffolk* Newsletter November 2011; NALC briefing on The Localism Act; Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council's newsletter *Working Together* November 2011; MSDC *Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2010/2011* and accompanying email; LAIS1333 *Localism Act 2011*

**5(2)** An email had been received from Roy Barker, MSDC portfolio holder for the environment about the successful recycling rate of the Brome Household Waste site under new management by Bolton Brothers. He asked Councillors to promote the use of the site by local residents to make sure it can continue to operate

**5(3)** Results of SALC Newsletter of the Year 2011 competition had been received with judges' feedback on the Occold entry. Mrs Noller had picked up copies of the winning newsletters at the recent SALC AGM and was hoping to gain some tips for improvements to Oracle

**5(4)** The Parish Council had been invited to respond to the SCC consultation on archive and archaeology services

**5(5)** A letter had been received from MSDC asking the Parish Council to confirm that it wished them to continue to empty the litter bin and three dog waste bins in the village. With effect from April 2012 this would incur an annual charge of £55. Agreed

**5(6)** An offer had been received for the purchase of grit bins at a cost of £108, but it was not believed necessary to purchase any at this time

## **6. Parish Paths Partnership**

There was nothing to report

## **7. Planning Matters**

**7(1)** A response had been received from Planning Enforcement officer concerning development on land south of Beaconsfield Arms to the effect that the building had been measured and was considered to be in accordance with the plans. The Clerk was asked to reply to emphasise that although the height was correct according to the plans it was still higher than the ridge of the next door pub, whereas it was clearly shown in the street view plans to be no higher than this

**7(2)** PA3428/1 White House Farm: Listed Buildings Consent application for replacement of French windows with sash window. Agreed to support the application

The Clerk pointed out that the new system of notifying the Parish Council of applications by email meant that there would be a problem printing out plans larger than A4 size for consideration at meetings. Mrs Noller offered to ask the Grove Church if the Parish

Council could borrow its projector which can be connected to a laptop. It should in theory be possible to log on to the MSDC website in the Village Hall and call up the details for display on the wall via the projector. A trial run to be carried out at the January meeting

### **8. Meetings and Training**

**8(1)** Report from Mr Hull on SALC Mid Suffolk North meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011  
As Mr Hull had given his apologies for the current meeting he was not present to give a report. To be carried over to next meeting

**8(2)** An invitation to attend a consultation event on The Future of Eye Airfield had been received. It is to be held at the Cornwallis Hotel on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 6.30pm for 7pm. Mr Hewitson offered to attend and took the information that had been forwarded to the Clerk

### **9. Finance**

**9(1)** Confirmation had been received from Nationwide that the change of signatory has been completed, so that Mrs Grange is now the third signatory on the account

**9(2)** The usual request had been received from Mid Suffolk District Council for precept demand to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012

**9(3)** Requests for donations had been received from: -

Age UK

Eye Volunteer Centre

Richard Dunnett for his round the world sponsored bicycle race raising money for the Make a Wish Foundation

Eva Pizzey for funds towards an expedition to South Africa for Operation Wallacea

The Clerk did not think that it was possible to make donations under S137(3) to the last two as in the case of the bicycle race Richard was initially asking for a donation towards his costs for taking part in the race, and in Eva's case because donations under S137(3) have to be for the benefit of the local community. She was asked to confirm this with SALC before writing to these two applicants

### **10. Matters to be advised (at the Chairman's discretion)**

**10(1)** The Clerk reminded Councillors that her annual appraisal was due before the next meeting. Mr Hewitson and Mr Hull to liaise

**10(2)** Mr Cripps reported that he had been charged £6 for disposing of garden waste at the Brome site and that there was no notice up advising users of the site that this was the charge. He also reported that the paper and bottle banks at the village hall were full. Mrs Noller informed the meeting that ORAC were aware of this and were in touch with the contractors to arrange for collections to be made

**11. Date of next** meeting is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9pm

