

MINUTES

of the Meeting of Occold Parish Council held at 8pm on Monday 7th November 2011 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr K Chittock, Mr R Burnett, Mr C Cripps, Mrs M Grange, Mr J Hewitson,
Mr B Hull

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Mrs Noller (who was attending the SALC AGM) and Mr Hubner (who had been detained at work). Also from District Councillor Charles Tilbury and the Community Police Officer

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

2(1) County Councillor report

County Councillor Andrew Stringer gave his report to the meeting. See Appendix

2(2) Community Police Officer report

The Clerk read out a report from PCSO Stephen Jones to the meeting. See Appendix

2(3) District Councillor report

District Councillor Charles Tilbury's report was placed in the bundle for circulation. See Appendix

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2011, which had previously been circulated to Councillors, were approved

4. Matters Arising

4(1) Item 9(2) 10.10.11: Parish Council laptop

Mr Hull had informed the Clerk that his contact at Rotary could make use of the old laptop for charity. It was given to Mr Burnett who was to ensure all data had been deleted before it was handed over

4(2) Item 10(1) 10.10.11: Sign for Tudor Court

The Clerk had been provided with a map to mark the position of the requested new sign. Councillors asked if it was possible to request separate signs for each part of Tudor Court. Clerk to follow up

4(3) Item 10(2) 10.10.11: Broken 20/30mph sign on Mill Road

This had been reported to SCC and had been mended

4(4) Item 5(1) 10.10.11: Correspondence for circulation

(i) Mr Hull asked about the details of the switching off of streetlights in Ash Tree Close during the night – what times they would be off and when the scheme was due to start, as some residents were unclear about what would be happening. There were also several lights currently not working. Mr Cripps offered to check which ones and let the Clerk know so that they could be reported to SCC

(ii) With regard to consultations on the future of health service provision, Mr Hull asked fellow councillors whether they thought it would be beneficial to invite someone from the GP's practice in Eye to come to a meeting to explain their plans for the future so that the Parish Council could respond to consultation in an appropriate way

5. Correspondence

5(1) Correspondence for circulation – *Clerks & Councils Direct* November 2011; *The Local Councillor* Issue 2 2011; *Parish Matters* (Insurance) Autumn 2011; NALC e-bulletin October 2011; LAIS Up2Date 111014; LAIS 1330 *Broadband*, LAIS 1331 *Pensions* and LAIS 1332 *Neighbourhood Planning Regulations; Babergh and Mid Suffolk Affordable Housing News for Parish Councils* Oct-Nov 2011; e-bulletin from the Suffolk Foundation about High Sheriff's Awards 2012; copies of presentation slides from MSDC Parish Liaison meeting on 13th October (see Item 8(2))

5(2) A letter had been received from SCC on winter preparations, confirming the location of grit heaps and providing guidance for volunteers undertaking snow clearance. If the Parish Council holds a list of names of volunteers they will be covered by the County Council's public liability insurance. Mr Hewitson put his name forward as a volunteer

5(3) The Clerk read out a letter from Mid Suffolk/Babergh Chief Executive regarding new appointments in the joint management team

6. Parish Paths Partnership

It was reported that new footpath signs had been put up on the various paths on Redlingfield Road

7. Planning Matters

7(1) Land behind Beaconsfield Arms

It was noted that the case had been allocated to an Enforcement Officer but that nothing further had been heard. Clerk to chase up and report at next meeting

7(2) Consultation had begun on the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy Focussed Review, regarding Distribution of Housing Policy and Employment

8. Meetings and Training

8(1) Mr Hull and Mr Hewitson volunteered to attend the next SALC Mid Suffolk North meeting on 23rd November 2011 (Venue to be confirmed)

8(2) Mr Hewitson reported on the District Council Parish Liaison Meeting held on 13th October 2011. See Appendix

8(3) Mr Cripps and Mr Chittock reported on the Village Forum meeting held on 31st October 2011

A joint committee is to be formed to plan events for the Diamond Jubilee next June. A beacon will be lit and Occold has been registered as one of the participating sites for this. (The Clerk was asked to research some prices for commemorative memorabilia for the next Parish

Council meeting so that a decision could be made on whether to distribute something to the children in the village as was done for the Millennium)

The question of speeding was raised as this is still a concern to residents. The 20mph limit cannot be policed by volunteers through the Community Speedwatch Scheme, only by police officers and there is still doubt in people's minds as to whether or not it is enforceable. (Maybe get a definitive statement from the police?)

With regard to the sound issues at the Village Hall, replacement double glazing was to be installed, the hoods are to be fixed to the outside of the air vents and extra hedging is to be planted

Richard Dunnett is to undertake a round the world cycle ride for charity. It was suggested he could come to talk to the next Parish Council meeting to ask for a donation, provided that this would fall within the requirements of S137

9. Finance

9(1) The Clerk had made arrangements with the Nationwide for Robert Owen to be removed as a signatory and Mrs Grange to be added. The forms were completed and Mrs Grange will take them into the branch in Diss

9(2) It was noted that a Poppy Wreath had been ordered and delivered for the Remembrance Day service on Sunday 13th November. A cheque for £30 was approved

9(3) Submitted for payment an invoice for £144 from BDO in respect of audit services. Approved

9(4) It was noted that an appeal had been received from Vitalise. Clerk to send usual acknowledgement

9(5) It was noted that the insurance policy had been renewed

10. Date of next meeting is Monday 12th December 2011 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.10pm