

## MINUTES

of the Meeting of Occold Parish Council held at 8pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr K Chittock, Mr R Burnett, Mr C Cripps, Mr J Hewitson, Mr B Hull,  
Mrs Di Noller

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

Apologies had been received from Mrs Grange and Mr S Hubner. Also from District Councillor Charles Tilbury and 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) District Councillor report**

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

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

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

**3. Minutes of the previous Meeting** held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011, which had previously been circulated to Councillors, were approved

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **4(1) Item 5(2) 12.9.11: Mobile library consultation**

It had been established that there were two or three residents who used the mobile library on an occasional basis. Clerk to fill in questionnaire as appropriate

#### **4(2) Item 5(3) 12.9.11: Village Forum meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011**

Mr Cripps and Mr Chittock offered to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Items to be discussed include ideas for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee next year. An advert from Norfolk China regarding mugs for this occasion, and another booklet about beacons, were placed in the bundle for circulation. It was also mentioned that the Teapot Pottery in Debenham would be likely to be making something too

#### **4(3) Item 5(1) 12.9.11: Correspondence for circulation – any matters arising**

In answer to questions arising from information in the bundle, County Councillor Stringer reassured councillors that SCC has contingency plans in place for when the eviction of travellers from Dale Farm takes place and that intelligence suggests that few of the evicted traveller families are likely to come to Suffolk

### **5. Correspondence**

**5(1) Correspondence for circulation – Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' Town**

and Parish Newsletter September 2011; NALC Communications Briefing regarding the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; NALC briefing regarding responsibilities of Councillors under The Data Protection Act 1998; Mid Suffolk Action in Partnership newsletter Autumn 2011

**5(2)** Councillors had been forwarded details of the Suffolk County Council Consultation on The Budget Challenge (see [www.suffolk.gov.uk/WeAreListening](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/WeAreListening)) and some had completed the questionnaire online

**5(3)** A letter had been received from The Boundary Commission about 2013 review of Parliamentary constituencies in England (see [www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland](http://www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland)) The proposed changes did not affect Occold or the immediate area

**5(4)** A letter and poster had been received from Andy Andrews about a Seventies Sensation event to be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Although some concerns were voiced about the noise issues with the village hall, it was agreed that this was a matter for ORAC and Mr Andrews to decide on, and it was not for the Parish Council to get involved

## **6. Parish Paths Partnership**

The Clerk reported that the missing bridleway sign on Redlingfield Road had been reported and assigned to a contractor by SCC

## **7. Planning Matters**

**7(1)** It was noted that the following applications have been granted planning permission: -  
PA909/11 Land at Flimworth House, The Street – demolition of existing building and erection of new 2 bedroom dwelling  
PA2196/11 Huntingdon Life Science Research – provision of new insulation and single skin profile roof covering

**7(2)** PA3038/11 Agricultural buildings at Poplar Hall Farm – notification had been received that formal approval was not required for the proposed development

**7(3)** With regard to the building behind the Beaconsfield Arms, the Clerk informed Councillors that the planning enforcement officer had been notified but that nothing further had been heard. She was asked to follow up

## **8. Meetings and Training**

**8(1)** SALC AGM to be held at Henley Community Centre on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 7-9.30pm (preceded by drinks reception and cold fork buffet) – including address by director of Suffolk Preservation Society on “Planning Changes; An opportunity or threat for local councils and communities?” Mrs Noller offered to attend this meeting and therefore gave her apologies for the next Parish Council meeting which is on the same date

**8(2)** Details of a Volunteer Day being held in Stowmarket on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10am-3pm were placed in the bundle. The Clerk also has posters to display

## **9. Finance**

**9(1)** Budget and Expenditure for first 6 months of year were reviewed and found to be satisfactory

**9(2)** The Register of Assets was reviewed. Approved and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the age of the laptop and printer meant that they were now obsolete and as the Clerk actually used her own anyway these items should now be disposed of. Mr Hull offered to see if any charitable use could be made of the laptop if it had no resale value

**9(3)** Submitted for payment Clerk's salary for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 being £945 (SCP23 = £10.498 per hour for 180 hours). Approved

**9(4)** Receipt of £3475 from Mid Suffolk District Council being precept for 6 months was noted

**9(5)** Change of signatory for Nationwide account was in hand. The Clerk had obtained a copy of the required Death Certificate and now needed to get Mrs Grange to present the forms at the Nationwide with her ID

**9(6)** It was noted that interest of 24p had been received on the account at the Nationwide for the quarter to end of September

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

**10(1)** The wall outside Lathom at Tudor Court has been taken down with the result that the sign for Tudor Court now has nowhere to be mounted. It has been placed on a wooden stake temporarily, but the Clerk was asked to notify the street naming department to ask for proper metal posts to be inserted

**10(2)** The 20/30mph sign on Mill Road has been hit by a large vehicle and is bent. Clerk to notify Highways

**10(3)** Information had been received from SuffolkACRE about how amendments can be made to satnav data to prevent HGVs using unsuitable rural roads

**10(4)** SuffolkACRE had passed on information about a Green Dog Walkers scheme operating in Falkirk which seemed to have reduced dog fouling by a considerable amount

**10(5)** Suffolk Fire and Rescue had passed on information about an event to give advice to owners of thatched properties in reducing fire risk being held in Eye on 26<sup>th</sup> October. It was assumed that the owners of thatched properties in the parish have been informed directly since details were given to the Fire and Rescue department recently for their thatch register

**11. Date of next meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011** at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.15pm