

MINUTES

of the Meeting of Occold Parish Council held at 8pm on Monday 10th November 2014 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr K Chittock, Mr C Cripps, Mr S Hubner, Mrs D Noller,

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Mrs Grange, Mr Hull and Mr Owen

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

PCSO Ed Wright gave the police report to the meeting. See Appendix

2(3) District Councillor report

District Councillor Charles Tilbury gave his report to the meeting. See Appendix

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 6th October 2014, which had previously been circulated to Councillors, were approved

4. Matters Arising

4(1) Item 4(1) 6.10.14: White lining for traffic calming

This should have been ordered but John Simpson, the engineer who had been dealing with this, has moved post. Clerk to check with the new engineer for this area, Phil Wright, that the order is still progressing

4(2) Item 4(2) 6.10.14: Hi Vis vests

Take up has not been very encouraging as yet but it is hoped that with the darker evenings more people might come forward to collect one. Councillors were asked to encourage residents to take up the offer of a free vest

4(3) Item 4(3) 6.10.14: Standing Orders

Mr Hubner had completed the amendments and a copy was distributed to each councillor for consideration before the next meeting when they will be tabled for approval

4(4) Item 4(4) 6.10.14: Vacancy

Mr Richard Mullarkey had put himself forward as a candidate for one of the vacancies. Councillors voted unanimously to co-opt him. Clerk to send the necessary paperwork so that he can take office at the next meeting

4(5) Item 5(5) 6.10.14: New liner for bin on green

The District Council street cleansing team had provided a black bin bag when the bin was last emptied so that it can still be used. The Clerk is in the process of trying to obtain prices for a replacement liner from suppliers

5. Correspondence

5(1) Correspondence for circulation - *Suffolk View* Autumn 2014; *Clerks & Councils Direct* Nov 2014; SALC Annual Report 2013-2014; LAIS Up2Date 141017; LAIS1368 and LAIS1368.1 *Transparency Code* and update; LAIS1369 *Planning Practice Guidance: Housing Assessment*; LAIS1370 *Development Benefits Pilot*

5(2) The Clerk had been reminded by SALC that due to elections on 7th May 2015 the Annual Parish Council Meeting next year must be held on or between the dates of 11th to 25th May. The dates of all 2015 meetings were decided as follows: -

12 th January	6 th July
9 th February	7 th September
9 th March	5 th October
13 th April	9 th November
11 th May	7 th December
8 th June	

6. Public Footpaths

There was no report from the Footpaths Warden this month. Clerk to remind him before the December meeting in case there is anything he wishes to be notified to the council

7. Planning Matters

7(1) Call for sites from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

As part of the streamlining of the two District Councils a new planning document to cover both districts is being prepared. This will cover the period to 2031 replacing the 1998 Mid Suffolk Local Plan and the 2006 Babergh Local Plan. Previous “land bid” sites will not be carried over into the new system and this time only “strategic” sites of greater than 2ha in suitable locations will be considered for inclusion. These are likely to be adjoining and well-related to towns and larger villages rather than in the countryside or in smaller villages

Councillors debated whether there were any suitable sites around Occold and whether there was any local need for more housing on this scale. It was decided that the answer to both questions was negative and so council resolved not to put forward any sites for consideration

7(2) It was noted that planning application 2758/14 for change of use to keeping horses at The Beeches, Cranley Green (off Redlingfield Road) and erection of barn had been filed (time for comments has passed)

8. Meetings and Training

8(1) SALC AGM to be held at Henley Community Centre on Weds 12th November

8(2) Community Energy Workshop to be held in Stowmarket 1-4.30pm Thursday 13th November. Mr Hubner was interested but unable to attend due to work commitments. Clerk was asked to see if any handout materials could be obtained

8(3) Various training courses from SALC including Planning Essentials Workshop to be held

at SALC office Claydon Weds 3rd December 9.30am -12.30pm

9. Finance

9(1) Cheque for Poppy Wreath. As agreed when setting the Budget in January a larger donation was made as it is the centenary of the beginning of the First World War. £45 to be donated

9(2) Submitted for payment invoice from SALC for bespoke training £200 + £40 VAT = £240. Approved

9(3) Information had been received from District Councils about Precepts, Taxbase and Grants for 2015/16. This will need to be taken into consideration when setting the Precept in January

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

10(1) An invoice had been received from ORAC for hire of the hall for the training evening, but too late for inclusion in the Agenda for this meeting. To be considered at December meeting

10(2) It was noted that a letter recently circulated to residents regarding the village hall made several references to "the Council" and councillors wished to note that this was not the Parish Council but rather Mid Suffolk District Council

11. Date of next meeting is Monday 1st December 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.20pm