

## MINUTES

of the Meeting of Occold Parish Council held at 8pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr K Chittock, Mr C Cripps, Mrs M Grange, Mr S Hubner, Mr B Hull, Mr R Mullarkey, Mrs D Noller

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

Apologies had been received from Mr Owen who was detained at work

### **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 Mark Tucker gave the police report to the meeting. See Appendix

With regard to the 20mph speed limit, the Clerk offered to forward information to PCSO Tucker confirming the legal status of the restriction

#### **2(3) District Councillor report**

The Clerk read the report to the meeting. See Appendix

**3. Minutes of the previous Meeting** held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015, which had previously been circulated to Councillors, were approved

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **4(1) Item 4(2) 9.3.15: White lining**

It was noted that this has now been completed

#### **4(2) Item 4(3) 9.3.15: New liner for litter bin**

Mr Hull had looked at the bin and believed that it should be possible to find a replacement liner. He would look into costs and report back to the next meeting

#### **4(3) Item 5(5) 9.3.15: Town and Parish Elections 2015**

It was noted that the nomination papers were duly submitted by the Clerk, and she had subsequently received notification that, as no other nominations had been received, the election would be uncontested

### **5. Correspondence**

**5(1)** Correspondence for circulation - update on Patchway Council's proposal under Sustainable Communities Act; information about Mendlesham Parish Councils street lighting costs savings; Came & Company *Parish Matters*; information from the Adnams Charity including Annual Report and Accounts; LAIS1374.1 *Councillor Travel Expenses Update*; LAIS1376 *Guide and Transparency Code*; LAIS1377 *Prayers*; LAIS1378 *Parking*; LAIS1379 *Unauthorised Encampments*

**5(2)** A letter had been received from Department for Communities and Local Government about supporting VE Day 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. ORAC had arranged to have a lighting of the beacon on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> May which had been publicised in the village

**5(3)** The Clerk had been contacted by Barry Woods who was in touch with a descendant of Private A E Haddock, one of the soldiers named on the Occold Roll of Honour. This gentleman was planning to lay a wreath in memory of his ancestor in Roclincourt Cemetery, France on 17<sup>th</sup> May and had offered to take one from the people of Occold also. The Parish Council agreed that this was a good idea and voted to cover the £30 cost of a wreath. It was suggested that the wreath should mention all of the fallen of Occold as well as the individual concerned. Clerk to liaise with Barry Woods

## **6. Public Footpaths**

The Clerk had received the following report from the Footpaths Warden Andy Wright: -

Footpaths are looking ok. Haven't checked all sections for a month or two, so I'll try and have a look before the meeting. Two new signs fitted by the research centre, waiting for one other to be fitted.

The other problematic area heading towards Rishangles is now much better. I cleared it before Christmas and since then the farmer has also made an effort.

## **7. Planning Matters**

**7(1)** PA3434/14 Grove Farm, Occold: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

It was noted that the applicants have filed an appeal against refusal of permission

**7(2)** PA44/15 Church Place, Church Lane: Single storey rear extension

It was noted that permission has been granted

## **8. Meetings and Training**

**8(1)** Clerk's appraisal

It was noted that this has now been completed satisfactorily

**8(2)** Possible visit to EFW facility at Great Blakenham

EFW can accommodate groups of up to 20 people and visits take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am or 2pm. Clerk was asked to arrange a date in late June, other organisations to be invited to make up a group of 20

**8(3)** The Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, is holding a series of public meetings with the Temporary Chief Constable. The nearest to Occold will take place on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in Eye Community Centre, all welcome, no need to book

## **9. Finance**

**9(1)** Submitted for payment invoice from Essex & Suffolk Water for water rate for cemetery tap £57.40. Approved

**9(2)** A request from PCC for reimbursement of grass cutting costs in the cemetery for 2014 of

£585 was considered and approved

**9(3)** It was noted that acknowledgments had been received from PCC and Jubilee Baptist Chapel for recent donations

**9(4)** It was noted that the audit date had been set for 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Clerk to arrange for internal audit with Mrs Crisp

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

**10(1)** It was noted that a defibrillator had been installed outside the shop in Thorndon and it was suggested that Occold should give some consideration to having one. To discuss at next meeting

**10(2)** The Chairman had submitted a report on the potholes in the village but only the ones on Barrack Lane were large enough to comply with the requirements for immediate attention

**10(3)** There were problems with drainage on Castle Hill with water running down the road on the left hand side as you go down the hill towards Thorndon. Clerk to report

**10(4)** A local resident had approached the Chairman with complaints about speeding vehicles in the village and had asked for more 20mph signs or a speed gun to be purchased. To discuss at May meeting

**10(5)** Notification of a planning application had arrived too late for inclusion in the Agenda. It was agreed to meet at The Beeches at 8pm next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to consider the plans

**11. Date of next scheduled meeting** is the Annual Parish Council Meeting which will follow the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 8pm** in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.15pm