

MINUTES

of the Meeting of Occold Parish Council held at 8pm on Monday 9th February 2015 in the Village Hall.

Present:, Mr C Cripps, Mrs M Grange, Mr S Hubner (part of meeting), Mr R Mullarkey, Mr R Owen

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Mr Chittock and Mr Hull who were on holiday and Mrs Noller who was unwell

District Councillor Charles Tilbury and County Councillor Andrew Stringer had also sent their apologies

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

Councillors noted that there had been a police speed trap outside the village on the B1077 recently and commented that it would be interesting to find out the results

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015, which had previously been circulated to Councillors, were approved

4. Matters Arising

4(1) Item 4(1) 12.1.15: White lining in The Street

There had still been no response from Suffolk County Council as to when this work would be done. Clerk to follow up again

4(2) Item 4(3) 12.1.15: New liner for bin

Mr Hull had offered to have a look to see if he could find something suitable for use as a liner but was currently on holiday

5. Correspondence

5(1) Correspondence for circulation - *Town and Parish Newsletter* Jan 2015; letter from County Councillor Graham Newman concerning arrangements for dealing with flooding; copy of SALC response to consultation on Local Government Finance Settlement 2015 to 2016; information from SALC on Public Right to Report Meetings

5(2) A letter had been received from the daughter of a former resident regarding the possible planting of an oak tree in the village in memory of her relatives. She had initially approached

the church and had been given the impression that there was no suitable location within the cemetery but Mr Hubner agreed that he would look at this again in conjunction with the Rector as there was really no other location within the village that was appropriate

5(3) Information had been received from SALC about measures for handling the new Public Right to Report Meetings. This was placed in the bundle for circulation. It was possible that the Standing Orders would need amending to reflect the new requirements. To consider at next meeting

6. Public Footpaths

Mr Cripps reported that there had been a problem with rubbish in the ditch both opposite and alongside the footpath that runs alongside Cranley Cottages on Mill Road. This had been reported to the County Council and was now in hand

Mr Mullarkey asked the Clerk to supply him with a copy of the footpath map

7. Planning Matters

7(1) Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy Revised Draft Charging Schedule. Consultation ends on 13th February

7(2) Consultation on new Joint Local Plan for Babergh and Mid Suffolk ends on 12th March. Information events local to us are to be held on 10th Feb and 3rd March. Any comments for the consultation need to be decided at the March meeting

7(3) PA44/15 Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension Church Place, Church Lane Occold
The plans were tabled and considered. There were no objections

7(4) PA290/15 Erection of External Acoustic Porch Occold Village Hall

Mr Hubner declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest as one of the trustees that nominally owns the playing field and village hall. The plans were tabled and considered. There were no objections

7(5) PA3434/14 Various works at Grove Farm, Bulls Hall Road Occold. It was noted that planning permission has been refused

8. Meetings and Training

8(1) The Clerk's appraisal is still to be carried out. A date will be set once Mrs Noller has recovered

8(2) Dates of 2015 SALC Mid Suffolk North meetings had been notified: Mon 9th March, Thurs 11th June, Mon 14th September, Thurs 10th December

8(3) Conference on Rural Affordable Housing on Tuesday 24th February 2015 9.30am – 4pm in Ely organised by East of England Region of the Royal Town Planning Institute

8(4) Contact details for arranging a site visit to the EFW facility at Great Blakenham had been supplied by District Councillor Tilbury. Several councillors expressed an interest in

visiting the facility

9. Finance

9(1) Confirmation had been received from Mid Suffolk District Council that the precept request had been successful

9(2) Confirmation had been received from SALC that the current S137 expenditure limit is £7.36 per elector

9(3) It was noted that acknowledgments for recent charitable donations had been received from Macmillan, St Elizabeth Hospice, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Eye & District Volunteer Centre, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service

9(4) A request for a donation had been received from Age UK. Clerk to send usual acknowledgement

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

10(1) Large HGV lorries were causing a problem with the ditches and banks on the B1077 around Occold Hall Farm. Clerk to report to highways

11. Date of next meeting is Monday 9th March 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.10pm