



## High Offley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 19:30 hours on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at Woodseaves Village Hall.

### **Councillors Present.**

E. Halls; R. Hockenhull; P. Mason; M. Smith (from 20:14); M. Turvey, together with the Clerk and three members of the public.

### **Public Open Forum.**

A member of the public raised the continued obstruction of pavements along the A519 caused by overgrown hedges and was advised to report the matter to Staffordshire County Council.

### **23/001: To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Turpin. Neither Stafford Borough Councillor, P. Farrington nor Staffordshire County Councillor M. Winnington were present at the meeting.

### **23/002: To Receive and Consider the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 8th December 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, were approved as a true and accurate record.

### **23/003: To Note any Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Hockenhull declared interests items 23/011 & 23/013.

Councillor Mason declared an interest in Item 23/016.

### **23/004: To Consider Filling the Current Councillor Vacancy through Co-option.**

Peter Haslop was the only applicant. The Clerk stated that Peter met the necessary criteria and he was unanimously co-opted onto High Offley Parish Council. Peter signed a declaration accepting the office of councillor and joined the meeting at 19:38 hours.

### **23/005: To Receive an Update on the Post Box at Grub Street.**

Councillor Turvey stated that the awaited article had now been published online and would hopefully appear in the Newsletter soon. Councillor unanimously voted to close this item, as there was nothing more that could be done, in their view.

### **23/006: To Receive an Update on the Speed Indicator Sign for Stafford Road.**

The Clerk provided an update and expressed frustration with the s.50 application process, as feedback from Staffordshire County Council was still awaited.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to chase the matter up again.

**23/007: To Receive an Update Regarding Works at the Sewerage Plant in Moscow Lane.**

Councillor acknowledged receipt of the email from Severn Trent Water, the content of which was duly discussed.

**Action:** Councillor Halls agreed to make contact with James Dudgeon at Severn Trent Water to ascertain if he was able to provide a realistic update.

**23/008: To Receive an Update on the Noticeboard at Shebdon.**

Councillor Turvey stated that an aluminium, double A2 size noticeboard would be sufficient to replace the current, wooden noticeboard. Such a noticeboard available from Greenbarnes was identified as being suitable.

**Resolution:** It was unanimously agreed to purchase an aluminium noticeboard, in green, from Greenbarnes at a cost of £451.86p.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to place the order with Greenbarnes.

**23/009: To Consider Planning Application 22/36424/HOU for Victoria Cottage, Shebdon Road, Shebdon.**

There was no objection to this application.

**23/010: To Consider Planning Application 22/36821/FUL (previously 20/32044/FUL) for Old Lea Farm, Peggs Lane, High Offley.**

There was no objection to this application.

**23/011: To Consider Planning Application 22/36986/LDCPP at Offley Grove Farm, Wharf Road, Adbaston.**

There was no objection to this application. Councillor Hockenull abstained from voting in this matter.

**\*20:14:** Councillor Smith arrived.

**23/012: To Receive an Update on Providing Meals to Parishioners on Christmas Day 2023.**

The Clerk stated that he had spoken with the person to leads on providing free Christmas meals for parishioners at Gnosall. In principal, there was no problem with the parish of High Offley being included in the provision for Christmas 2023, provided there was sufficient support from parishioners in helping to prepare vegetables on Christmas Eve and delivering meals on Christmas Day.

**Action:** Councillor agreed to reconsider this matter, closer to Christmas.

**23/013: To Consider a Request from the Village Hall Committee, Regarding Warm Space Coffee Mornings.**

Councillor Hockenull outlined that the Village Hall Committee were seeking a donation of £100 toward the purchase of mugs for the provision of Warm Space Coffee Mornings.

**Resolution:** Councillor Hockenull abstained from voting in this matter. It was otherwise unanimously agreed that a donation of £100 be made for the purchase of the mugs.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to arrange for the donation to be made.

#### **23/014: To Consider Changes to Email Councillor Emails.**

The Clerk outlined the current situation with councillor's email addresses needing to revert back to their original form, due to technical issues related to the impending loss of the old website domain name.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to contact the Church & Village Magazine to update councillor contact details.

#### **23/015: To Discuss Celebration of His Majesty, The King's Coronation.**

During discussion, Councillor Hockenull stated that it was the Village Hall Committee's intention to hold a party at the Village Hall and that a donation of £102 to the Village Hall for the provision of a children's bouncy castle would be welcome.

**Resolution:** Councillor Hockenull abstained from voting in this matter. It was otherwise unanimously agreed that a donation of £102 be made for the provision of a bouncy castle.

**Action:** Councillor Halls agreed to speak with the school to ascertain what arrangements they were making for celebration of the coronation.

#### **23/016: To Consider Replacement of the Wooden Planter Located at the High Offley Crossroads.**

Councillor Mason stated that the planter, that had previously been funded by HOPC, was now beyond repair.

**Action:** Councillor Haslop agreed to make enquiries with Timberlink and EFC to ascertain the price of the necessary materials.

#### **23/017: To Discuss Highway Issues.**

It was pointed out by Councillor Smith that the gritting schedule was still incorrect, as the road from Shebdon to High Offley and on to Woodseaves was still NOT being gritted. This is the main route for many people, especially those from Adbaston and anyone from Shebdon heading to Stafford.

**Action:** The Clerk agreed to contact Councillor Winnington and Mark Keeling at Staffordshire County Council Highways about the issue.

#### **23/018: To Consider Finance Matters.**

**Resolution:** Payment of the Clerk's quarterly wages (October to December 2022) and PAYE was unanimously agreed.

#### **23/019: To Request Items for the Next Meeting Agenda.**

An item concerning the PRow Group and all unresolved items were requested for the next Agenda.

#### **23/020: To Confirm the Time and Date of the Next Meeting.**

The next meeting was agreed as being at 19:30 hours on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:49 hours.

S. Ridgewell, Clerk to Council. Friday 24th February 2023.