

OVING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 21st MAY 2019

WELCOME

Cllr Ambrose McGinn PC Chairman

- Apologies for absence
- To receive the following reports:

Headline Review and Financial Status

Village Hall: Village Hall Management Committee

Speeding & Road Safety Group: Stuart Nicholls

Reports from other Village organisations

County & District Councillors: Update

- Parishioners' Open Forum

THANK YOU

The Parish Council has continued to maintain and improve our Oving community assets, with a combination of volunteer time, fundraising, grant and precept income.

Thanks to all our Parish Councillors who put in a huge amount of unpaid time and effort on behalf of the village, in particular to **Kit Couper, Jack Peeters & Richard Devas** who have retired from the PC, and who have all worked tirelessly for Oving.

This **OPAG** (Oving Paths Action Group) led by **Cllr Vanessa Wiggins** and **David & Rachel Barnett** has continued to add new gates and has worked with the PC to re-surface footpaths, install safer steps and worked with landowners to keep footpaths accessible. Our thanks to them. Please continue to support this initiative, it makes a real difference to our extensive footpath network.

THANK YOU

Stuart Nicholls for leading the speeding and road safety initiative and to the volunteers who move the MVAS, and have now learned to operate the Sentinel speed camera.

Thanks to **Sue Severn** our Parish Clerk, **Linda Nicholls** Bookings Secretary for the Village Hall and to **Janet Russell** who has looked after our accounts, and who has now retired to Norfolk, we wish her well.

Village Hall Management Committee

Particular thanks to **Jack & Mary Peeters** for their fundraising activities and to all on the Committee including the PC plus **John Ireland, Mark Cheetham and Diana Hilton - Jones** - their hard work ensures the village hall remains a real asset to the community.

Specific thanks to **Rachel & David Barnett** for maintaining the village hall lawn and garden, community orchard as well as their work with OPAG where their vigilance and help in reporting problems is much appreciated.

Finally all volunteers are hugely valued - thank you to everyone who has contributed over the last year in litterpicks, rec ground clean ups or fundraising activities.

Income

FINANCIAL

This year's Precept : £27,500

A band D (average) house pays £118.15 or £9.85 per month

Last year's Precept was £26,750 with a band D house paying £115.75 or £9.65 per month

Total Income 2018/19: £38,825 + Reserves brought forward £9,120

Highlights

Precept £26,750

Football Club rent & maintenance £350

Oving Cup £115

Tennis Club £220

OVH TRUST repayment of loan,
insurance, expenses & costs £4,902

Devolved services BCC £947

OVH Trust grant to Oving for benefit of community
£4,000

Gigaclear one-off £1036

[VAT reclaim £2,680 in process]

Parish Council Reserves at 31st March 2019: £11,548

Total expenditure £36,397 including

Staff pay, minutes secretary, insurance, office and legal & professional costs, including audit, web site, subscriptions total £12,910

HIGHLIGHTS

Football Pavillion maintenance £655
(part paid by Football Club)

Repairs & maintenance hall/rec £705

Water, dog bins, RoSPA inspection £539

Grass inc. devolved services, footpaths
(inc repairs), bridleways, hedges £8,410

Street lighting maintenance/energy
£3,355

Dog bin servicing £300

Footpath repair & gates £600

Loan repayments £3,795 (£616 car park)
remainder re-charged OVH Trust)

£137 Expenditure including outdoor table
tennis (grant funded) £1,460

Contribution to Parish Magazine £450

VAT expenditure £2,680

Oving Village Hall Trust continues to be self-financing repaying capital and interest on the village hall loan and all running and other expenses and has now contributed £20,000 to the village

Oving Village Hall Trust

Income & expenditure 2017/18

RECEIPTS £14,753

Hall hire £9,950

Community events income £1,966

50/50 Club £1,378

Grant for stage and table tennis table £1,000

FIT receipt £459 to year end

(Balance brought forward £10,022)

EXPENDITURE £17,505

Maintenance & Repair £3,071

Energy £878

Cleaning & materials £1,326

Insurance £1303

50/50 prizes £551 to year end

Water, health & safety, Wifi £224

Grant to Parish £4,000

Loan repayments £3600

Bookings secretary/book keeping £2,144

Office/Licences etc. £408

Financial and Audit

2018/19 accounts have been signed off by our internal auditor.

They have been submitted to our external auditors within the Statutory Period.

The period for the Exercise of Electors' Rights to view the accounts is from 17th June to 26th July 2019 inclusive.

The appropriate notices will be displayed between these dates.

A GREEN AND PLEASANT O Ving

RTM Landscapes continue to undertake grass cutting and other land and footpath maintenance. Sadly, last year we lost the Gurney Cup to Weedon, but with a little help from villagers who can keep their frontages tidy, and some additional maintenance work we can try our best to win it back!

We have entered once again and would ask all villagers to keep their hedges cut and away from footpaths and to let us know if anything needs attention.



Further plans with BBONT to improve the Hossil Pond and create an improved wildflower roadside meadow alongside the Oving - Pitchcott road

The Oving Paths Action Group led by Vanessa Wiggins and Rachel & David Barnett continued with much achieved, donated gates installed and footpaths improved including surfaces, steps and accessibility

Gates can still be donated for £250, fitted by volunteers from rRIPPLE and the Ramblers' Association. The PC will donate 4 more this year.

RECREATION GROUND

The Football Club Pavilion is more comfortable with new heaters inside.

The Reading Room is in a poor condition. Survey responses told us the majority of residents thought we should remove it. Estimates have been sought which include demolition, removal plus moving the electricity meters and supply, which is in the Reading Room. This latter must be undertaken by UK Power Networks and the cost is prohibitive at more than £6,000. Other solutions are being sought, and we will report back once costs and options are understood and discussed by the PC.

A recent tree survey has been undertaken and the committee will meet during the summer to consider any other areas needing attention.

PLANNING

- Rectory Homes lost their Appeal at Stone View, which was heard via written submissions to the Government Planning Inspector. A very significant win for the village but OPC spent significantly with QC & lawyers to support our cause.
- Oxford-Cambridge Expressway looms with little information and uncertainty as to the route - more later
- HS2 enabling works continue with little certainty on the final timings.
- East West Rail works are also planned but now, we understand, in 2021.
- The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) is nearing completion – but uncertainty given the new Buckinghamshire Council is not yet in place.

HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

Gigaclear took over the delivery of the superfast broadband from AVB.

They have delivered on their commitment to OPC to offer the facility to all homes in the village.

Work was completed earlier this year and already many are finding the benefit of having a reliable, fast broadband service.

Oving is in the top 6% of all households nationally with access to 'fibre to the home' broadband

Rapid Rural continue to serve the village as well as conventional BT options

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

The Secretary of State's decision to make Buckinghamshire a Unitary Council has meant that there have not been District Council elections this year, as planned. The next elections will be in May 2020 for the new council, (comprising 147 Councillors) and for Parish Councils. Legislation will be passed to the House of Lords next week and the work of integrating the councils will begin.

Oving will remain in touch, with the best possible representation and the opportunity to manage our own parish with possibility increase devolved service.

Our Clerk attends regular meetings with officers and briefings and workshops to keep us informed.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Public meeting 3rd November 2018 to share concerns and options attended well including Thames Valley Police

Agreed to:

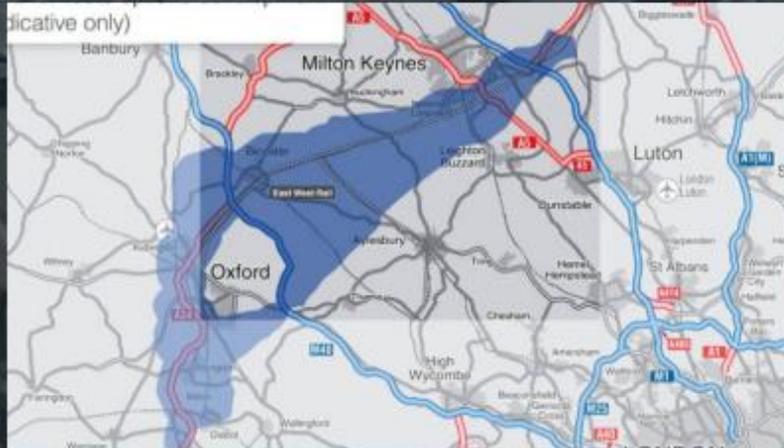
- Reconsider physical traffic calming
- Reconstitute multiple MVAs sights in Oving - completed
- Engage in training for use of Sentinel device - just completed

Stuart Nicholls significantly leading this initiative – many volunteers came forward but more required.

Early MVAs data suggests very significant above limit speeding in the village
Sentinel results yet to be seen

On 12 September 2018, the Government announced its preferred corridor for a new expressway between Oxford and Cambridge. Plans include the construction of one million new houses along its length.

The decision has been made behind closed doors based on recommendations from Highways England which consulted with a select group of landowners, colleges and local authorities. There has been no proper assessment of the environmental impacts of the scheme and no consultation with the general public. Regular people will get to comment only on some of the finer details in 2019. The question about whether the South East needs a new expressway at all has never been asked.



Oxford Cambridge Expressway

Limited information

Concern about a done deal

Could be very close to Oving and our surrounding countryside

Highly damaging to our way of life

Please make yourself aware of the issues

Oxford Cambridge Expressway

Government position at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-road-scheme-update>

Local Opposition:

Buckinghamshire Expressway Action Group

Led by Dr Deborah Lovatt (Oving Resident)

Comprehensive perspective at:

www.beag.org.uk



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Condition and Maintenance

Five years old – wearing well

Hirers always complimentary

Fabric in good shape

Several routine maintenance issues – a couple of one offs
with new tech eg rainwater recycling

Regular cleaning to a high standard

Outside areas beautifully kept by volunteers



Usage

Brownies, Pilates, Yoga, Exercise events

Church meetings

Monthly film evenings

Numerous parties – particularly children's

Busy but could be more actively used by locals and near locals alike. Management Committee considering ways to enhance usage appropriately



Special Events put on by OVH

Quizzes

Curry and darts.

Pantaloons drama.

Wreath making

Specialised talks

Village Panto last Christmas 2018 a huge success

New production planned for 2019!

Oving Parish Council – the future

It is inevitable that councils change, with councillors wishing to retire from time to time. Oving is no exception and currently has 3 casual vacancies.

If you would be interested in getting involved with the PC, applying to be co-opted or by standing for election in 2020, and would like to know more please get in touch.

Notices currently posted for election / co option - information will be widely available on noticeboards, Parish Magazine and social media

Any questions?