



**Minutes of the Oving Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
via Zoom video conference**

**Present:** Cllr Ambrose McGinn (Chairman) Sue Severn (Clerk)  
Cllr Trish Perkins Cllr Mark Cheetham  
Cllr Matt Winward Cllr Vanessa Wiggins

**In Attendance:** Laura Williams (Minutes)

**Action**

**1 Apologies**

None.

**2 Open Forum**

No representations were made.

**3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**5 Planning**

The following applications were considered:

*The Hawthorns*

**20/04402/ACL** | Application for a **Lawful Development Certificate** for an existing change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage ancillary to The Hawthorns | The Hawthorns Whitchurch Road Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4ER

Full details: [20/04402/ACL | Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage ancillary to The Hawthorns | The Hawthorns Whitchurch Road Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4ER \(aylesburyvalcdc.gov.uk\)](#)

The Parish council had no objections and this was recorded on the planning portal.

**TP**

*Stone View*

**Land off Stone View Planning Appeal Reference: APP/J0405/W/20/3255259**

**Appeal by: Rectory Homes Ltd**

Nothing to report since the last meeting. The Parish Council expressed thanks for the dedicated support given by Chris Welch in countering this planning application; he has since moved away from the village and Cllr McGinn will write to him in recognition and thanks for his help.

**AM**

*Pitchcott Hill Farm*

20/03664/APP | Conversion of existing stable block to form small-scale flexible commercial floorspace (Use Class E(g)), with cafe / farm shop (Use Class E(b)), and 3 self-catered apartments (Use Class C1), together with use of land as a campsite | Pitchcott Hill Farm Pitchcott Hill Pitchcott Buckinghamshire HP22 4HT

The Parish Council is not a consultee for this application, so can only comment as a neighbour, and recorded the following comment on the planning portal *“OPC is not a consultee in this application. It is neutral in respect of this application but would ask that Highways consider traffic safety.”*

Councillors McGinn and Perkins had met with Tony Langford, Director of Pitchcott Hill Farms Ltd, and reported their impression of this development as a genuine, thoughtful small-scale venture centred on a wellness and wellbeing ethos. It was noted that access from Carter’s Lane would not be possible as the access land is not part of the property.

*BT Poles*

Cllr Winward noted that planning notices have been posted on BT poles around the village for replacement of the poles, possibly with taller poles. This is not subject to local authority planning but Cllr Winward will investigate the details.

**MW**

**6 Recreation Ground**

*Benches*

The new benches are installed. They were noted to be quite short but functional.

*Dog Fouling and Off-lead*

This is a continuing problem. The price for a banner to stipulate dogs should be on leads was £95. This was considered to be expensive given that a banner would have a limited lifespan. Also, something is needed at each of the two entrances. It was decided that two 2ft square signs at £47 each, saying “Dogs must be on leads” was a suitable alternative. Sue Severn will follow up.

**SS**

The pink spray to highlight the dog fouling problem has been obtained and will be distributed to volunteers; marking fouling is to coincide with a Facebook campaign.

**SS**

*Entrance access*

Sue Severn is applying for a grant from the Community Board for accessibility works to the area around the barrier to the village hall to allow the safe passage of wheelchairs etc. Currently this proposal is for the Parish council to fund £500 and the Community Board to fund £1500.

**SS**

*Tennis Courts*

The floodlights grant has been received for the tennis courts.

## 8 Street Lighting

A manufacturer's price for replacing the light fittings has not yet been obtained. Sue Severn will follow up. **SS**

There are two options, the existing fittings can be sent back to be reset (less expensive) or the bulbs can be replaced (more expensive). There are 2 lights in The Pightle, 2 opposite the recreation ground on Bowling Alley, and one at the top of Bowling Alley that have been reported as not bright enough. Bowling Alley was considered the priority as it is the main road.

Eon are in the process of repairing the light on Meadway.

## 9 Village Hall

### *Preparation for Re-opening*

Bucks Children's Services are able to find a group that would use the hall daily in the mornings for nursery services. It would create an anticipated £9k to £14k income per annum. Bucks Children's Services would assist with advertising. If extra storage capacity were needed (i.e., a shed), Bucks Children's Services would fund this. It was felt that this would provide reliable income for looking after the village hall and also benefit the village. Increased traffic was discussed but it was felt that arrivals would be staggered and this would minimise disruption.

**Cllr McGinn proposed to go ahead with contacting Bucks Children's Services. Cllr Perkins seconded, and the PC unanimously agreed.**

**SS**

### *Agnieszka's Proposal*

Agnieszka Alborzpour is currently running a number of local halls. Her proposal would be to manage the running of the village hall for 6 months on a fee basis of £600/month. This would cover re-opening, re-marketing, identifying a hall manager to take the hall forward, and managing until they are recruited.

Cllr Cheetham raised a concern whether this would be fair to existing hirers; it was discussed that those who had hired the hall for classes etc so far would be able to book through Agnieszka.

**Cllr McGinn proposed to follow up with Agnieszka's proposal, but only when the Bucks Children's Services income is secured. Cllr McGinn seconded on the same condition. Cllr Cheetham agreed on the condition that the Village Hall Committee agreed. Cllrs Perkins and Wiggins agreed.**

**AM  
MW  
SS**

In view of this it was decided to finish the existing hall management arrangements, with many thanks to Linda Nichols for her invaluable work and support.

**AM**

It was decided to meet with the village hall committee on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, if possible.

*Village Hall Yoga*

SS

A large bill for yoga classes recently (£750) but it was not established whether it was possible for some of these classes to take place. A refund of £250 was agreed.

*Recreation Ground Works Donation*

The Parish Council wish to thank Peter Moore for his generous donation to the improvement works to the recreation ground by the pavilion.

**10 Highways and Speeding**

*MVAS*

Cllr Winward reported a low volume of traffic.

**11 Finance**

Payments made outside the meeting were ratified.

The payment run was agreed as circulated.

The proposed budget for 2021/22 was discussed. It was agreed that the village hall income should cover the loan repayments on the village hall.

**A budget of £1000 was added to cover work to what is hoped will be made a publicly accessible wildlife space by the Hossil pond, and for work to the Hossil pond (benches, fencing, a strimmer, etc). This was proposed by Cllr McGinn, seconded by Cllr Winward, and unanimously agreed.** Cllr Cheetham offered help to the group doing the work, which is led by Chris Palmer (and includes Cllr McGinn).

SS

Sue Severn and Laura Williams will confirm if the 2020/2021 village newsletter invoice has been paid.

LW

The 2021/22 Budget was proposed by Cllr McGinn, seconded by Cllr Cheetham, and unanimously agreed.

**13 OPAG**

Volunteer work remains on hold.

The footpath leading towards Whitchurch from the end of Stone view was observed to be very difficult to negotiate, as it has become very muddy and sloped. Cllr McGinn and Sue Severn will liaise to have this improved urgently.

SS  
AM

**14 Meetings**

None attended.

**15 Date of Next Parish Council Meetings**

Under the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 the Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meetings will not be held until May 2021. (The Parish Council will be re-elected in May 2021 under current conditions and existing councillors will remain in post until the next ordinary election).

Next meeting 09 March 2021 at 7.15pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46 pm.