



## Minutes of the Oving Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.15pm at Oving Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	CLlr Ambrose McGinn (Chairman) CLlr Trish Perkins (Vice-Chair) CLlr Matt Winward	Sue Severn (Clerk) CLlr Mark Cheetham CLlr Alistair Walker-Smith
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Buckinghamshire Councillor Phil Gomm	Laura Williams (Minutes)

- |                                   |   | <b>Action</b>                                   |
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| <b>1 Apologies for Absence</b>    | There were no apologies for absence.  |   |
| <b>2 Open Forum</b>               | There were no members of the public in attendance.<br>An update from Buckinghamshire Councillor Phil Gomm will be added as an agenda item to the next meeting; at this meeting his update was in the open forum:<br>Drain works will begin in the ward at the end of October/Early November 2021 and Oving is expected to be a priority. The work will be in 2 phases – initial gully cleaning, followed by analysis for repairs.<br>Flash flooding on Oving village green is in hand as a separate issue.<br>Phil Gomm has briefed the Local Area Technician about Pulpit Lane/Meadway drain problems. Phil Gomm and CLlr Perkins will liaise with each other and the residents for machinery access. It may be possible to informally reduce use of the road for sufficient time to allow the works.<br>A vote on the Local Area Plan is expected on 15 <sup>th</sup> July, the fourth time it has been presented. It was pointed out that if the plan is approved with areas highlighted for housebuilding, this may reduce/prevent housebuilding in areas not highlighted.<br>From the Community Board, the Health and Wellbeing committee have an open event on 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct along the Waddesdon Greenway showcasing fitness/gardening/etc activities. Other upcoming ideas included community allotments, mass litterpick, community buses. Phil Gomm is leading the Rural Speeding Task Force. | SS<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>PG/TP |
| <b>3 Declarations of Interest</b> | There were no declarations of interest.   |   |
| <b>4 Confirmation of Minutes</b>  | The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.   |   |

## 5 Planning

There have been no new applications since the previous meeting.

It was noted that the application for an extension to Hillside cottage, Church Lane (extension) was turned down.

## 6 Recreation Ground/Tennis Club

### *Old Pavilion*

Villagers have asked if the building is really beyond saving. Cllr Winward assured the Parish Council that the survey report showed absolutely irreparable decay in all parts of the building – roof, main frame, floor, walls, and even the UPVC repair cladding. No part of the building is saveable. There is also no evidence of owls nesting this year.

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However, it was discussed to have a replacement that kept the tone of the original building. This a new wooden building will be installed on the staddle stones, about 8ft smaller than the existing building, and painted white, reflecting the unique nature of the old building. A cost of approximately £8k was estimated. Community Board funding has been applied for.

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Cllr Winward will prepare a summary for the newsletter to keep everyone informed.

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### *Gate and Ramp Access – Reading Room*

There will be 2 accessibility-suitable gates installed at the sides of the Reading Room to keep the recreation ground fenced.

SS

### *Platinum Jubilee Tree*

RTM sent out a list of tree varieties for planting for the Platinum Jubilee that councillors will review and choose from. Cllr Cheetham reminded everyone that villagers also want a replacement for the pink may tree from the previous Jubilee.

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### *Tree Planting*

The Parish Council look forward to hearing from Jessica Boulton about the tree planting she proposed.

### *Community Allotment*

To be added as an agenda item for a future meeting.

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### *Recreation Ground Trees*

The Parish Council have been asked to trim back trees overhanging the neighbouring land. The responsibilities for this are being checked.

SS/AM

Separately, growth at the base of the lime trees needs cutting back, SS will ask RTM.

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### *Recreation Ground Grass Cutting*

RTM will cut a wavy path through the longer recreation ground path, as requested at the last meeting.

### *Tennis Club*

A meeting with Peter Docwra is needed to discuss plans for improvement of tennis club

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facilities (which would be separate from the village hall, and grant-funded).

## 8 **Street Lighting, Rights of Way and Verges**

### *Street Lighting*

Replacement brighter lights have been fitted. The Meadway light is still not working, Sue Severn will follow up. SS

### *Overhanging Trees and Hedges*

Hedges obstructing paths have been cut back. It was noted that hedges may not be trimmed until 1<sup>st</sup> September to protect nesting birds, unless there is a safety issue, such path obstruction in this case.

## 9 **Village Hall**

Update via Sue Severn.

- Footsteps nursery income is covering the running costs of the hall. There are also many other bookings including parties and classes. SS
- Originally the Parish Council were looking to replace Agnieszka after 6 months. However, for the time being, and she is happy to stay on and is generating sufficient income to cover the costs of this; the Parish Council agreed to her continuing. SS
- A new cleaner is needed.
- Village hall chairs need cleaning.
- The contents of the cupboards/shed/loft will be organised, and the table football will be sold.
- There is a meeting of the Village Hall Trust Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## 10 **Highways and Speeding**

Update from Cllr Winward. Nothing to report from the statistics. The monitor will now be moved every 3 months rather than every 2 months. Help is still needed for moving the equipment, nobody has yet volunteered after 3 months of advertising in the newsletter.

Phil Gomm left the meeting at 2000h.

## 13 **Finance**

Payments made outside the meeting were ratified and the electronic payment run was approved.

Oving Parish Council accounts to year end August 2021 were agreed as circulated.

## 12 **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022**

To be discussed at the Village Hall Trust Committee meeting. Bookings for equipment etc will be made soon, as many villages will also be needing marquees etc. AWS

**13 Meetings**

Community board – see Open Forum.

CLlr McGinn will attend a forthcoming meeting about the Oxford-Cambridge Arc for awareness.

CLlr Winward met Vicar Steve Flashman to hear about Steve’s vision for improving the church building with the addition of a café/meeting area. Plans have been submitted to the diocese.

**14 Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings**

9th November 2021, 11th January 2022, 8th March 2022. All 7.15pm at the village hall.

**Any Other Business**

*Butterfly field*

Community Board funding has been requested for a seat and an information board for the butterfly meadow (behind the Black Boy).

**SS**

**15** There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2014h.