



**Minutes of the Oving Parish Council Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.15pm at Oving Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Ambrose McGinn (Chairman) Sue Severn (Clerk)  
Cllr Trish Perkins (Vice-Chair) Cllr Mark Cheetham  
Cllr Matt Winward

**In Attendance:** Buckinghamshire Councillor Phil Gomm Laura Williams (Minutes)

**Action**

**1 Apologies for Absence**  
Laura Williams (Minutes)

**2 Open Forum**

Mrs Boulton attended on behalf of Jessica Boulton to update the council on her proposal to plant trees, donated by Woodland Trust. Jessica recommended and it was accepted that she will choose close, 30 copse trees at the far end of the Recreation Ground, past the community orchard. A community event was suggested for the planting once the trees are received.

**Buckinghamshire Council update Cllr Phil Gomm**

Cllr Gomm reported that the drains have been cleaned in Oving although there had been some dissatisfaction because it had been announced that all drains would be cleared by a sucker and this hasn't happened. Oving is not only parish where this has happened. The Local Area Technician advises that some blocked drains require investigation. He suggested they should come back to deal with the reactive ones in Church Lane and Pulpit Lane as priority. He was promised Autumn/Winter and he will ask for a visit by the local manager.

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Litter picking groups are establishing quickly and equipment is available. Cllr Gomm will fund community litter pick refreshments.

Councillors were saddened to learn that Mrs Sue Tett had passed away and asked Cllr Gomm to pass on their condolences to Cllr Martin Tett.

Cllr Gomm continues to keep the parish in touch with planned road closures and will continue to ask that they be closed for as short a time as possible.

Community Board has funding for some benches, trees and other community projects. Oving will apply for funding towards its HM Queen Platinum Jubilee event as well as Jubilee Tree and benches.

### 3 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Perkins declared an interest in Item 5, the property was a neighbour's.

### 4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### 5 **Planning**

**21/03974/APP** | Householder application for proposed two storey rear extension  
**The Pightle Oving** Buckinghamshire HP22 4HS  
Councillors resolved to be Neutral in respect of this application.

### 6 **Recreation Ground/Tennis Club**

#### *Old Pavilion*

Cllr Winward proposed 8<sup>th</sup> January as the date for a working party to clear the Old Pavilion. Same day will be Recreation Ground working day.

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Grant application made to Community Board for cost of removal and replacement structure.

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

Work to be carried out as soon as possible by John Bitmead.

#### *Platinum Jubilee Tree*

Cllr Walker-Smith will be asked to report result of survey and tree can be ordered. Potential site is below Community Orchard in centre of new stand of trees.

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#### *Recreation Ground Trees*

The Parish Council will cut these back during working group day on 8<sup>th</sup> January. RTM Landscapes will be asked to clear the epicormic growth at the base of the trees along the field boundary.

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#### *Recreation Ground & village Grass Cutting*

Cllr McGinn and others reported that grass cutting had deteriorated during the last season and asked that a meeting be arranged to discuss standards with the contractor prior to next cutting season. Cllr Cheetham will attend with the Clerk.

SS/MC

#### *Devolved Services*

The Clerk advised that Bucks has made an offer of 3% increase to Devolved Services payments for next year with full review of work and money still awaited, this is an interim offer. The Clerk will seek a meeting with the relevant officers to discuss in detail

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and Cllr Gomm offered to accompany her. In the meantime, Councillors resolved to accept the 3% if no improvement could be achieved.

### *Tennis Club*

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Cllr Cheetham reported his meeting with the Tennis Club chairman to discuss the issue of their use of the village hall loos when they had matches.

When the hall was built it was agreed that, with certain provisions, the Club could have use of the gents' loo, accessed via the fire door, with a louvred partition in the corridor to give separation. The louvred doors were not robust and have been removed. With increased requirements around Child Safeguarding and Fire Regulations it is no longer possible to shut off access to the fire exit door.

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Discussions were held around the PC's offer to install an 'event' style portable loo in proximity to the tennis courts. The PC offered to pay the hire and servicing charges and the Club will pay for the loo paper and hand sanitiser. Cllr Cheetham made it clear that this arrangement would mean that the Club could no longer use the loos in the village hall on match days, unless the hall is empty. They could continue to use the hall for catering if it was not booked. Previously they had been allowed to book the hall if it was not booked two weeks before a match. Cllr Cheetham will attend Club AGM and report back.

MC

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

Various reports of overhanging hedges and trees to the highway and footways have been reported by parishioners. These will be dealt with by speaking to the householders and asking them to cut back the vegetation.

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## **9 Village Hall**

Update via Sue Severn.

- Footsteps nursery is working well.
- The allotment has been re-built and meets their requirements.
- The new cleaner is Mrs Angelika Opoka who councillors met briefly at the meeting.
- Chair storage is being created by using racks on the boiler room walls. The walls have been shelved for storage.
- A meeting of the Village Hall Trust Committee will be arranged in January 2022.

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## **10 Highways and Speeding**

No update other than no volunteers have been found to assist with the MVAS.

## **13 Finance**

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

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

**12 HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022**

No update received, but Councillors will discuss with Cllr Walker-Smith to move forward arrangements forward.

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**13 Meetings**

Cllr McGinn reported that he had attend the Oxford-Cambridge Arc forum and that it was important to keep in touch with plans.

**14 Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings**

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

**Any Other Business**

*Butterfly field*

Community Board funding has been confirmed. The Clerk has requested the bench from Lindengate – update awaited from Board.

**SS**

**15** There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45.