



**Minutes of the Oving Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
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:** Nicolette Smith (representing Scott Raven and  
Buckinghamshire Council)  
Linda Nicholls  
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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**5 Planning**

*Church Lane*

The following applications were considered. It was noted that there has been one objection so far. The Parish Council has a neutral view of the Foxgloves and April Cottage applications (a unanimous decision).

*Foxgloves*

20/02835/ALB Foxgloves Bowling Alley Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4HD Replace concrete tiles on listed section with thatch. Replace clay tiles on non-listed with handmade clay tiles. Replace concrete floors with water permeable lime. Repair wychert walls. Add structural oak tie beams and lintels where previously removed. Add oak queen post trusses to support roof. Repair existing purlins, wall plates, and rafters, where rotten. Rewire, replumb, add insulation where possible, Full details:

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QFKJ02CLHC200&prevPage=inTray>

### *April Cottage*

20/02689/APP April Cottage, Church Lane, Oving, Buckinghamshire HP22 4HL Single storey side extension. Full details:

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QEW50OCLGVW00&prevPage=inTray>

### *Leyburn*

Follow-up from last meeting: nothing about the well that serves the village pump appears on the Land Registry (Sue Severn). In any case, the responsibility would lie with the Secretary of State (as the well would be common land) rather than the Parish Council.

### *Hill Head Farm*

Cllr Trish Perkins to follow-up.

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## **6 Recreation Ground**

### *Trees and Hedges*

These have been inspected by RTM after the recent bad weather and there are no problems.

### *Benches*

Extra seating benches made of recycled durable plastic (reducing maintenance). A backless, brown wood effect design was selected. The benches are £120 each if bought as part of a pack, which can be shared with the Berryfields parish if needed. They will be fixed securely to the ground. Sue Severn will arrange.

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## **7 Reading Room**

Work has begun on disabled access. Sue Severn will liaise with the adjoining property about a fence or similar for privacy.

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Old fence will be removed as necessary, the front concreted and tubs for plants obtained, to be filled by David Barnett.

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## **8 Street Lighting**

Waiting for LEDs from the manufacturer. Once a date for work is confirmed, notice will be given out.

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## **9 Village Hall**

### *Hall remains Closed*

The ACRE document on opening spaces had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Various factors were discussed for whether to open the hall. Larger halls are opening, but the larger rental they command covers the cost of doing so. With Covid infection rates rising again, the next few months could be a challenging period, and meeting the requirements for opening the hall (cleaning, management, etc) was felt to be potentially a returnless effort. Keeping the hall closed would be the most low cost option.

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It was noted that North Marston hall is open due to being an educational environment with the pre-school.

It was felt that due to the legislation on allowed activities changing frequently, the low income generated by allowed hall hire once regulations are applied (from a low number of people in the space because it is a small hall), and the high cost of getting the hall ready for opening, the hall will remain closed at this time, and this will be reviewed again at the next Parish Council meeting.

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However, if legislation becomes clearer, opening can be reviewed as necessary.

Linda Nicholls advised that there are some provisional bookings for next year. A decision was made to cancel every booking for clarity and to return the balance to zero; Linda was asked to provide a spreadsheet summary of the current bookings situation.

#### *Hall Management*

A preliminary job description for a new comprehensive Hall Manager role was circulated to Councillors for a review period. It is intended for management of the hall and the reading room from enquiry through completion and maintenance (and Covid management), and to include developing advertising and promotional support. A list of tasks carried out by Jack Peeters is intended to be appended for guidance. The role will be a contractor rather than employment.

Everyone will review

Cllrs Matt Winward and Ambrose McGinn will develop cost scenarios with Sue Severn

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MW  
AG  
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## 10 Highways and Speeding

#### *MVAS*

The August statistics were from the top of Bowling Alley facing North Marston. Traffic is picking up again but there was nothing unusual to report.

Replacement bolts are needed for the MVAS. Sue Severn is following up.

Sentinel will be borrowed from the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Trish Perkins volunteered to help.

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#### *Trees*

Overhanging trees are making it difficult to access Dark Lane from The Green.

A discussion had been held with UK Power Networks and RTM.

- Oving House will manage the trees that are hanging over The Green and Dark Lane from Oving House.
- The yew tree on the verge has an elder growing through it; the elder tree will be removed by UK Power Networks.
- There are sycamores on the verge in poor condition. Trees on verges should be a Highways responsibility but Buckinghamshire County Council does not accept responsibility for these or the yew tree. This is because the verges do not appear on their map (the same as the hawthorns near the Pightle). Cllr Ambrose McGinn suggested walking the road with a council representative to make the situation clear. Nicolette will take this issue back to Scott Raven for him to pursue with the cabinet member for Highways.

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**11 Finance**

Payments made outside the meeting were ratified.

The payment run was agreed as circulated.

Oving Parish Council accounts to the end of August 2020 were agreed as circulated.

**13 OPAG**

No problems reported. Volunteer work remains on hold.

**14 Meetings**

There were no meetings attended. Nicolette had nothing to feed back from Buckinghamshire County Council.

**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 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.15pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.