



**Minutes of the Oving Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 09th March 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: Agnieszka Alborzpour (Village Hall)
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 12th January 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

5 Planning

The following applications were considered:

Hillside Cottage

21/00499/APP | Part two storey and part single storey rear/side extension with two rooflights, relocation of existing front entrance access and new front entrance canopy porch | Hillside Cottage Church Lane Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4HL Full details: 21/00499/APP | Part two storey and part single storey rear/side extension with two rooflights, relocation of existing front entrance access and new front entrance canopy porch | Hillside Cottage Church Lane Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4HL (aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

The Parish council had no objections.

Stone View

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

Cllr Perkins reported no activity on this appeal. Cllr McGinn reported that Chris Welch had been thanked for his help and was willing to help in the future if needed.

BT Poles

Cllr Winward noted that planning notices on BT poles are for pole replacement (i.e., due to rotting poles) and are not subject to local authority planning.

6 Recreation Ground

Dog Fouling and Off-lead

Signs to keep dogs on leads have been prominently installed on the recreation ground.

The rationale behind keeping dogs on leads is predominantly due to the football pitch and mix use of the recreation ground.

Sue Severn will distribute specialist 'pink spray' to volunteers to highlight dog fouling. **SS**

Entrance access

Accessibility to the village hall has been improved with the installation of an access path meeting the legal minimum width for accessibility. A Community Board grant was obtained to cover most of the cost. The pedestrian gate posts and gates are being replaced and renovated as is the wing gate access to the village hall. **SS**

Tennis Courts

The floodlights have been installed at the tennis courts. Sue Severn to follow up to ensure that they will be connected using a separate metered supply. **SS**

Old Pavilion and Line Marking Equipment Storage

Stuart Skeggs requested permission to put up a small shed to store the line marking equipment – previously stored in the old toilet, which was demolished. The Parish Council agreed he could put up a small shed tucked right away behind the new pavilion.

The old pavilion was discussed. Cllr McGinn noted that the building may be of historic value and is the only remaining building asset on the recreation ground yet to be evaluated. This will be added to the next meeting's minutes for discussion. Historic value/repair/restoration/possible relocation/potential uses are all possibilities to be considered. Sue Severn will look into a grant for a feasibility study of the building. It was noted that the building has a resident barn owl, which will need to be respected. **SS**

8 Street Lighting

The price for upgrading the brightness of the street lights is £128 per light. 1 light in The Pightle, 2 opposite the recreation ground on Bowling Alley, and one at the top of Bowling Alley/Meadway that have been reported as not bright enough will be upgraded (4 lights). **SS**

Sue Severn will contact UK Power Networks again to urgently pursue the repair of the dead light at the top of Meadway. **SS**

9 Village Hall

The Parish Council acknowledged comments received on the reopening of the village hall. Everyone who approached the Parish Council with comments has been engaged with and all feedback is welcomed to help shape the reopening for the community.

Nursery Services

Following formal evaluation and review by OVH Management Committee, the Parish Council formally agreed to appoint Footsteps as the morning nursery at the village hall. Opening would be on 17th April (in line with government guidelines), subject to an Ofsted agreement. Sue Severn and Cllr McGinn are to sign the contact on behalf of the Parish Council. It will be a 3-month rolling contract that either party can terminate. A shed will be installed, for which the groundworks have been made (and other works of fence repair, small allotment and removal of tree stumps). The cost of the shed is £1430, which will be paid back to the Parish Council by Footsteps. A repayment rate of £50/month was agreed, with lump sums for a faster repayment if possible.

SS/AM

Hall reopening

Agnieszka Alborzpour attended the meeting and summarized her report on reopening that had been circulated to the Parish Councillors. Reopening will be strictly in accordance with government guidelines, which at the time of this meeting would be 17th April for the nursery and 17th May for adult classes. Government guidance would be adhered to at all times including number of people in the hall, and stringent Covid-safe cleaning arrangements.

The Parish Council were in agreement to move ahead with the reopening on these terms, under Agnieszka's management.

Agnieszka strongly emphasised that the hall use should be led by the community and that it was important the residents of the village should not be unreasonably adversely impacted by activities at the hall. The Hallmaster system will be used to reserve dates and manage payments however Agnieszka can (and will) refuse any unsuitable bookings and will also see hirers in and out of the hall. Agnieszka has managed the Waddesdon hall for 7 years and has extensive experience.

For bookings, priority (and incentives) will be given to the previous hirers.

Agnieszka is very keen to engage with the village and urged anyone in the village with questions or concerns or requests to get in touch with her.

Agnieszka will develop the job description to be agreed with the PC / OVHMC for a local hall manager to take on this role in due course.

10 Highways and Speeding

Cllr Winward had circulated the MVAS traffic statistics prior to the meeting.

It was noted to find some future assistance for Stuart Nichols in moving the MVAS.

In terms of speeding, HS2 funding can be applied for to help with traffic calming measures. A "dragon's teeth" arrangement could be considered on all village entries (except from Baulk road, as the main road is a 40 mph limit at the junction). The fund opens at the end of the month. Cllr McGinn suggested involving local MP Greg Smith. The possibility of funding from East/West rail was also suggested. Cllr Winward and Sue Severn will pursue.

**SS/
MW**

11 Finance

Payments made outside the meeting were ratified.

The payment run was agreed as circulated.

The Oving Parish Council Accounts to the end of February 2021 were agreed.

Any possibility of a restart grant (for the village hall) will be looked into.

SS

13 OPAG

Volunteer work remains on hold.

Buckinghamshire County Council has agreed to improve the footpath leading towards Whitchurch from the end of Stone view. Work is to begin imminently.

14 Meetings

Cllr McGinn attended the Winslow Community Board meeting and secured the Community Board Grant towards improved access of £1000

Sue Severn attended the IAG meeting. Thames Valley Police are being increasingly proactive towards crime and theft in rural areas (including catalytic converter theft).

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 now be held in May 2021. (The Parish Council will be re-elected in May 2021).

Next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 May 2021 at 7.15pm, at which the Chairman will provide a report on the Parish Council's activities during 2020-2021 and all Members will sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Report will be published in the Oving and Pitchcott Newsletter and other relevant media.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21 pm.