



## Minutes of the Oving Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.15pm at The Reading Room, Oving

**Present:** Cllr Ambrose McGinn (Chair) Cllr Trish Perkins (Vice-Chair)  
Sue Severn (Clerk) Cllr Mark Cheetham  
Cllr Alistair Walker-Smith

**In attendance:** Laura Williams (Minutes) 1 member of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

**Actions**

Apologies were received from Cllr Matt Winward who is on a leave of absence.

Apologies were received from Phil Gomm, who sent an update via email.

### 2. Open Forum

Concerns were raised by an attending member of the public about the planning application at Jesmond (see Item 5).

#### Update from Buckinghamshire Councillor Phil Gomm:

Recent freezing and wet weather are causing potholes, water leaks, and road closures for fixes. Phil Gomm is actively involved in these issues, aiming to get roads open again as soon as possible.

It is very important that all potholes etc are reported on Fix My Street ([www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)). It was noted that liability for pothole damage to vehicles is generally not accepted unless the pothole has already been reported on Fix My Street.

**All**

### 3. Declarations of interest

Cllr Cheetham declared an interest in Item 5 (Jesmond planning application) due to being a near neighbour.

### 4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### 5. Planning

#### Applications:

The following applications were considered:

**22/04089/APP** | Erection of three dwellings and associated access and parking. | **Jesmond Pulpit Lane Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4EZ**

Full details: [22/04089/APP | Erection of three dwellings and associated access and parking. | Jesmond Pulpit Lane Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4EZ \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

The Parish council reviewed this new planning application. Councillors and the attending member of the public had the following comments:

- At the time of the Parish Council Meeting, no yellow planning notice is not visible at the property.
- The extent of the development is not materially different from the previous application. It consists of a total of 10 bedrooms across the proposed dwellings rather than 12, and 8 parking spaces rather than 9.
- The proposed development is not considered in keeping with the surrounding properties, which are mainly low-rise bungalows.
- There are 5 objections logged on the planning portal [at the time of the Parish Council meeting]. The LLFA have objected to the new application as there is insufficient information on surface water draining, and it is not possible to connect extra properties to the existing drain that has just been fixed, as the drain has no extra capacity past the existing dwelling on the site.
- There is no biodiversity net gain.

SS

OPC unanimously concluded that all objections to the previous planning application at Jesmond still apply to the present application. A request will again be made for the Planning Officer to bring this into committee if the Planning Officer seeks to grant the application.

**22/04155/APP** | Erection of retaining garden wall and vehicular access / gates / walls (Retrospective) | **Ardenview Pitchcott Road Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4HR**  
Full details: [22/04155/APP | Erection of retaining garden wall and vehicular access / gates / walls \(Retrospective\) | Ardenview Pitchcott Road Oving Buckinghamshire HP22 4HR \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

SS

The Parish Council had no objections to this application at Ardenview.

**Buckinghamshire Council's Settlement Review**

Oving Parish Council has received a request for comments for Buckinghamshire Council's Settlement Review. Cllr McGinn will propose a response and send to the other Councillors for review. The deadline is 28 February.

AM, All

**6. Recreation Ground/Tennis Club**

A sign has been added to the Recreation ground car park to prevent parking in front of the access gate used by the Oving Football Club.

A light in the car park needs repair after being damaged by a car (again).

SS

Fencing and hedging along the Bowling Alley side of the Recreation ground needs renovation this year.

The litter bin near the Reading Room will be moved to in front of the Reading Room for easier access.

SS

It was noted that the dog waste bins and the litter bins in the village are collected by the

same van and disposed of in the same manner, so it is possible to place dog waste bags in the normal litter bins.

Provision of one or more electric vehicle charge points in the recreation ground car park were discussed. These would be similar to the points found at supermarkets etc and may generate revenue. Additional cabling might be required from the main fuse box. Home charging costs around 38p/kwh, rapid charging away from home can be around 75p/kwh. It was considered worth further research to determine the costs, advantages and disadvantages. SS will contact the company recommended by Buckinghamshire County Council, and other companies will also be approached, for research.

**SS,  
AWS,  
AM**

## **7. Village Hall**

The manager's report is delayed due to illness.

Use of the Village Hall has been granted for the Villager's Cup at Easter, free of charge.

- Cllr McGinn will continue to work to find an economic solution for providing film night chairs. **AM**
- The cleanliness of the oven after hiring needs closer monitoring, oven cleaning may need to be reviewed. **SS**
- The water meter needs checking. Sue Severn will liaise with John Ireland, and also provide figures for previous years for comparison. **SS**
- The "Village Cuppa" is proving very popular.

## **8. Highways & Speeding.**

Streetlight number 20 (outside Orchard Cottage on the Pitchcott road) is not coming on in the evenings but is on in the early mornings. Sue Severn will follow up to have the timer adjusted. **SS**

## **9. Economic Crisis**

The Reading Room is being used (it is open 10am to 4pm daily, heated, and has books/jigsaw puzzles/food donations for use). Wi-Fi extension from the Village Hall to the Reading Room would be a useful backup for an outage like Gigaclear had in January. Cllr McGinn will contact Chris Race for a solution. **AM**

## **10. Finance**

- The electronic payment run was approved.
- The accounts to the end of December 2022 were agreed as circulated.
- The Parish Council's budget was set for 2023/2024.
- The precept was agreed and unanimously resolved at £29,500, an increase of 2.61%. This means that the precept portion of the council tax for a Band D property will rise from £122.53 to £125.73. This is to cover rising costs and follows no increase for the previous year. **SS**
- Mr Gus Orchard was appointed as internal auditor for Oving Parish Council (unanimous).

A breakdown of grass cutting costs will be obtained, to identify any potential economies. **SS**

The financial arrangement with the Football Club will be discussed going forward, including

factors such as electricity metering and grass cutting.

### **11. Meetings**

Nothing new to report.

### **12. Dates of the next Parish Council Meetings**

14th March 2023.

### **13. AOB**

#### **Coronation Event**

The event will now be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>; the organising committee is making progress.

**AWS**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 2049h.

