

**Minutes of the Oving Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Oving Village Hall, Oving**

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**Present:**

Cllr Ambrose McGinn (Chairman)  
Cllr Kit Couper  
Cllr Richard Devas  
Cllr Jack Peeters

Cllr Vanessa Wiggins  
Sue Severn (Clerk)  
Linda Nicholls (Minutes Secretary)  
Janet Russell (Book-keeper)

Cllr Janet Blake (AVDC)

Six members of the public and three representatives from Gigaclear.

**Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman called for one minute's silence to remember Councillor Kevin Hewson who had been an extremely effective Councillor and good friend to Oving during his tenure as District Councillor. He will be greatly missed.**

**1 Apologies for absence**

None.

**2 Open Forum for Parishioners**

Representatives from Gigaclear attended the meeting to update parishioners on progress in providing ultrafast broadband for Oving. Plans were shown to councillors and it was explained how the work would be undertaken. They hoped to start at the end of April and finish within three months.

They do not intend to apply for road closures unless necessary when eight weeks' notice would be given. One drop cabinet would be installed for every 48 homes, with Network Extension Sections available for off-map properties.

*Gigaclear representatives left the meeting.*

Cllr Janet Blake

- The proposed unitary authority for Buckinghamshire: The Minister has chosen the Buckinghamshire since council proposal. She reminded the meeting that consultation is open until 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for those who wish to make representations to the Secretary of State.
- The Empty Homes Policy is being updated to see if more can be brought back into use.
- Ofsted has deemed BCC Children's Services as inadequate, once again.
- Pothole categories have been changed, main road potholes would now take priority regardless of size, due to lack of resources. (A response from BCC had not been received regarding parishes filling their own potholes, which had previously been mooted by parishes).
- Other BCC priorities would prevent the overflowing drain at the top of Meadway from being repaired immediately, but it was on the Local Area Technician's list.

Cllr Peeters asked for 'Highways' to be added to every OPC agenda.

*Cllr Blake left the meeting.*

**3 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None.

**4 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**5 Planning**

No planning applications had been received for consultation by the Parish Council at the date of the meeting.

**6 Ultrafast broadband**

This item was covered in the Open Forum when members of Gigaclear were present.

**7 British Legion Silent Soldier Campaign**

The Clerk had circulated details of the British Legion campaign to councillors. To consider the purchase of one or more Silent Soldiers for Oving parish to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice in 1918.

The Clerk reported that she had received notification from the British Legion that they awaited details of the choices available for the silhouettes available but that she requested approval to spend up to £400 for two silhouettes for Oving.

Councillors agreed to order two. This was agreed unanimously.

**8 Recreation Ground**

- Approval had been received from BCC to carry out the work on the dropped kerb and a Licence will be issued once dates are confirmed.
- Reading Room '*Design-it-Yourself*'. Cllrs Peeters and Devas to investigate.
- 25 bags of rubbish had been collected at the recent litter pick. Cllr Peeters thanked those involved.

**9 Oving Village Hall Trust & Village Hall**

- The flooding in the loft had been repaired.
- The rainwater pump had been replaced.
- Some doors still need shortening slightly.
- Fire extinguishers need to be put on walls.

**10 OPAG**

Cllr Wiggins reported on the path in Stone View. Cllr Peeters asked whether shingle could be laid on footpath 9 near Myatt's Farm. It was agreed to ask RTM to do this.

**11 Finance**

The payment run, as circulated, and budgeted payments made outside of the meeting were approved and ratified by councillors:

# OVING Parish Council

Type	Payee	Detail	PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNT			OVH TRUST ACCOUNT		
			Net £	VAT £	Total £.	Net £	VAT £	Total £
		Net salary 320, Office provision £50, Software/phone £37.20, Mileage 8 trips £21.60	£428.80	-	£428.80			
BACS	Mrs S J Severn	Bookings Secretary Oving Village Hall March				£114.00		£114.00
BACS	Mrs L Nicholls	Minutes Jan/February	£38.00		£38.00			
BACS	Mrs D Varley	Hall cleaning February				£85.00		£85.00
BACS	Bucks Best Kept Village	Competition entry fee 2018	£20.00		£20.00			
BACS	Aylesbury Fire Systems	Invoice 7535 Annual service smoke detectors				£55.43	£11.09	£66.52
BACS	Mrs J Russell	Book Keeping February	£20.00		£20.00	£20.00		£20.00
BACS	Aqua Windows	Window cleaning February				£18.00		£18.00
			£506.80	£0.00	£506.80	£292.43	£11.09	£303.52

Cllr McGinn reminded the Clerk that the village pump needs to be renovated. Cllr Peeters, the Clerk and Dave Lucas would inspect it.

## 12 Devolved services & grass cutting

RTM Landscapes would start work during April and the schedule of work has now been confirmed.

In the light of the recent spate of burglaries, the police asked that everyone marks their property and also reports all incidents or crime to 101, or dials 999 if a crime is taking place.

Speed Watch: Stuart Nicholls had agreed to take this on. LAF have two speed cameras and might be willing to lend one to Oving. Stuart Nicholls to contact Cllr Couper.

## 13 Meetings

The Clerk reported that she had attended the Parishes Planning Forum at AVDC. There was nothing significant to report in terms of process or changes. The VALP has now been submitted to government for approval.

Cllr Couper had attended a LAF meeting and met the new PCSO for the area, Adam Piotrowski.

There is a considerable amount of money still in the LAF funds, it was decided to see what could be used within Oving.

## 14 Date of next meetings

TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 - ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2018 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** *Apologies: Linda Nicholls*

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 2110 hours.