

OVING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 21st February 2019 in Oving Jubilee Hall.

Present: Chairman Cllr. S. Schuyleman, Vice Chairman Cllr. R. Hague, Cllr. L. Smith, Cllr. M. Wright, Cllr. S. Quigley, Cllr. A. Wilkinson (arrived at 8pm), Miss R Palmer (Clerk), County Cllr. S. Oakley and three members of the public.

| 1 | Apologies for absence. | Action |
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| | The meeting started at 6.46pm. Apologies were received from Cllr. D Marston and District Cllr. C. Page. All apologies were accepted. | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct. | |
| | There were none. | |
| 3 | Issues raised by members of the public for discussion with Council Members (up to 15 minutes). | |
| | A member of the public expressed his concern regarding the non-compliance of conditions imposed on the Oakham Farm skip site. In particular, concerns were discussed about the regular evening burnings on adjacent land that is not part of the site. Concern was also expressed about the damage caused to the local roads due to the increasing number of skip lorries entering and exiting the site. | |
| 4 | Report from District Councillor and County Councillor (if required). | |
| | County Cllr. S. Oakley (SO) advised that on 15 th March the County Council had approved the budget of £575.5m. SO advised a total Council Tax increase for 2019/2020 of 4.99% of which 2% is dedicated to fund adult social care. SO warned that with the increasing cost of delivering services and the continuing increase in the volume of demand, Council Tax increases are likely to remain in future years. SO advised of an expected adult social care and comprehensive spending review next year. SO advised that Balfour Beatty will continue with the highways maintenance contract but that services such as gritting and verge cuts are likely to be reviewed to manage costs. SO advised that the Spacehive crowd funding platform may also be affected by increased costs. SO left the meeting at 7.45pm. | |
| 5 | Urgent items for reporting and including on a future agenda. | |
| | Cllr. L. Smith (LS) reported that some residents had raised concerns about the increase of dog faeces at the recreation ground and one resident who had reported two Labrador dogs attacking other dogs and frightening children at the recreation ground. Cllr. M. Wright (MW) raised a concern about the condition of the notice boards in the Parish and the lack of notice boards at Silverlakes and Shopwyke Lakes. The Clerk was asked to include these items in the agenda for 21 st March 2019. The Chairman, Cllr. S. Schuyleman (SS) reported that the candidate who had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor had now decided not to. OPC therefore still has two vacancies. | Clerk |
| 6 | Approval of minutes (available at www.ovingcommunity.org.uk) and review of actions: | |
| | a) Parish Council meeting held on 17 th January 2019. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 th January 2019 were unanimously approved as a true copy and signed by the Chairman. All actions were reviewed and agreed. | |
| 7 | To note the resignation of Cllr. Paul Guest. | |
| | The Chairman (SS) thanked Cllr. P. Guest for his work and dedication to the Parish over many years and wished him well in his new venture. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Cllr. Guest. | Clerk |
| 8 | To formulate a response to the recently announced CDC's Housing Strategy Consultation. | |
| | It was unanimously agreed that the questionnaire was not in a format conducive to completing at a Parish Council Mtg. Proposed by Cllr. L. Smith (LS) and seconded by Cllr. R. Hague (RH) it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council and submit it prior to the 15 th March deadline. | SS/ Clerk |
| 9 | To discuss the proposed cancellation of the 85A Saturday bus service to the Parish. | |
| | Councillor R.Hague (RH) advised that local bus services were to have their funding cut by £15k. He reported that, over a four-week period, no-one had used the Saturday 85A bus service through the Parish resulting in this service being terminated in April as part of these funding cuts. Proposed by Cllr. R. Hague | |

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| | <p>previously agreed not to use SID's on Health & Safety reasons and the need to move them every four weeks. Proposed by Cllr. L. Smith and seconded by Cllr. M. Wright it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to Matt Davey, Director of Highways and Transport to request a formal response to the two applications previously submitted.</p> <p>Mr Paul Kopecek (PK) presented the results to councillors on the extensive work he has been doing to provide gates, associated signage and white roundels with white 30mph on the roads at all the entrances and exits to Oving and Merston. The exact locations and details of all these will require specific approval from West Sussex Highways, that has already been agreed in principle. To date two estimates for the cost of the gates and signs have been provided and discussed. However, it was noted that a minimum of three estimates are required and PK agreed to investigate this further. It was agreed that this would be on the next agenda for the next meeting so that the Parish Council could vote on the cost of purchase and installation of the gates and signs.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>PK Clerk</p> |
| 14 | Noting of correspondence received since 12th January 2019. | |
| | The correspondence received since 12 th January 2019 was reviewed and noted. | |
| 15 | Finance: | |
| | <p>a) To note the bank balances at 31st January 2019. The balances in both accounts were noted.</p> <p>b) To approve the schedule of payments totalling £7157.14. The schedule of payments totalling £7157.14 was approved.</p> | |
| 16 | Next Meetings: | |
| | The next OPC Full Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21st March 2019 starting at 6.45pm. Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 28th February 2019 starting at 6.45pm. | |

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: