



Offham Parish Council

MINUTES OFFHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2022 AT 7.30PM OFFHAM VILLAGE HALL

In attendance:

Cllrs Charles Unter (Chairman), Robin Taylor (Vice-Chairman) and Matt Scullion, Clerk, County Councillor Hohler, Borough Councillor Kemp, Julie Negus (Spadework), Mike Rowe (Offham Society), Matt Christmas (Roth Creative) and approx. 40 members of Public.

OFFHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Cllr Charles Unter (Parish Chairman) addressed the meeting.

Parish Council – Council members are Charles Unter, Robin Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Adrian Marchant, Matt Scullion and Phil Bailey.

Since the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting a number of Councillors have left the Parish Council and there are currently two vacancies.

The Parish Council meets once a month. Councillors take part in the Parish Partnership Panel, the Transport Advisory group, and liaise with Blaise Farm, the Landfill Site, and the Offham Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council is deeply grateful to the Village Hall Committee for the many things they do.

There is currently a Kent County Council (KCC) plan to reduce buses and a leaflet is available. Residents should respond to the consultation. We will lose the number 70 bus through the village if we don't respond in numbers.

Environment

Maintenance - We pay for Adrian Marchant to keep the village looking as nice as possible. We are grateful to Simon Mahoney and those taking part in the litter picking, which makes a huge difference.

Waste Management/Bins – We have seen a change and garden waste is being collected. We are waiting to see if the Saturday Freighter Service will be resumed. Next month the KCC waste tip at Allington will be opening.

Landfill Site - There is an application for a solar park which is still with KCC.

White Ladies House – We have repeatedly requested this be dealt with, but this has not met with approval from the authorities. The owners have made an application for development.

Traffic

We are putting together a draft Highways Improvement Plan and this is being looked at by KCC. We are waiting for drawings later in April.

Planning

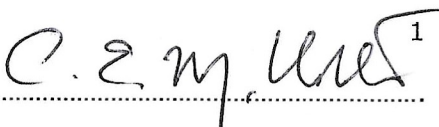
The solar park application has been mentioned.

Regular information is sent out by the Clerk whenever we receive anything from planning. You can respond personally. If it is controversial, we can ask our Borough Councillors Ann Kemp and Piers Montague to call it to Committee.

Wellbeing

This is important. The Offham Community Network was formed at the beginning of the Covid epidemic and was brilliant. The Food Bank link is run by Janette and Angela. Thanks to the Kings Arms who allow it be stored there. There is the Men's Shed run by the Parish Council, and the Dementia Café at Spadework.

Projects

Signed.....¹

Dated16/5/22