

OFFWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY

16th JULY 2018 IN THE SOCIAL CLUB

Present: Cllrs A Small (Chair), M. Brake, P. Tuke, J. Tristram, M. Mulrain, T. Staunton, D. Millington,

In Attendance: EDDC Cllr. G. Godbeer, EDDC Cllr. H. Parr, DCC Cllr. M. Shaw, A Jenkins (Clerk)

Members of Public: 5

OPEN SESSION

Mrs Warne said that during the last weekend a drone had been flying over the church, the houses and gardens in the centre of the village and that she was concerned about who was flying it and the Health & Safety and privacy intrusion. It was not known who was flying the drone but the Clerk said that he would check as to whether it was being used by the Gigaclear surveyors.

She was also concerned about bonfires being lit in peoples gardens and the smoke affecting other householders. The Chair said that there were rules governing the lighting of bonfires and that EDDC had in the past produced a leaflet advising on the lighting of bonfires. The Clerk said that he would obtain some leaflets and publish them.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Apologies

Cllr. C. Whithear, Cllr. S. Patch

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Cllr. Tuke signed her declaration witnessed by the Clerk.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th June 2018

The minutes were declared a true record of the proceedings, proposed by Cllr. Mulrain, seconded by Cllr, Millington, all in favour.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk reported that the day after the Parish Council meeting, he had received an email from PCSO Darren England apologising for not submitting a report but he had been on leave. He advised that for the period 5th May 2018 to 18th June 2018 there had been one crime reported. It was for Common Assault involving an incident between known persons.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they need to complete the Councillors Register of Interest and that they need to confirm to him by email or in writing by the 1st September that they have done so.

The Clerk said that he was sending out and forwarding on emails to Councillors but didn't know if all the Councillors were yet able to access their new email accounts. Some Councillors said that they were still experiencing problems. Cllr. Brake asked them to contact him and that he would resolve the problems with them.

6. Reports

(a) Police:

The Clerk reported that he had not received any report from the Police.

(b) District and County Councillors:

DCC Cllr. Shaw had sent a July 2018 report which had been circularised to all Councillors and posted on the website. The report included amongst others, items on the present position on Wilmington's proposed traffic-calming measures, DCC policy on single-use plastics, Library services.

Cllr. Shaw reported with regard to the Community Hospitals that a review is being conducted by the RD & E. It is expected that the CCG will be making their final decisions towards the end of the year on the future provisions of services at the Community hospitals.

EDDC Cllr. Parr advised that EDDC are removing all bring to site skips as demand had reduced following the introduction of the new recycling waste service. Cllr. Godbeer advised that up to the end of May 59% of waste had been recycled and that it was over 60% if green waste was included.

Cllr. Godbeer said that discussions were taking place within the Council on encouraging the planting of trees as part of the planning permission process.

(c) Other Reports

Cllr. Tristram advised that there had been a problem with scrambler motorbikers using the footpath from West Colwell farm. He had met with a Forestry Commission representative who had agreed to put up a barrier to prevent access by motorbikes and were presently considering the type of barrier to use.

7. Correspondence

The Clerk advised that he had forwarded on to Coucillors email correspondence received, These had included:-

- a) A Temporary prohibition of through traffic notice for the road from Axminster Road to Offwell Cross for the period 27th July (for a maximum of 5days) to the 31st July 2018 (both dates inclusive)
- b) A Temporary prohibition of through traffic notice for the road from Offwell Barton to Offwell Cross for the period 26th July (for a maximum of 5days) to the 30th July 2018 (both dates inclusive)
- c) Email from EDDC Planning that they were currently consulting on the new Statement of Community Involvement and that it was available for comment from 3rd July to 15th August 2018. Noted
- d) Email from Community Heartbeat Trust that a Vets Seminar had been booked for the 14th August and that the trainer would be Mrs Tina Sauvage.

Other items of correspondence received related to Gigaclear and the scrambler motorbikers which were dealt with under other items in the meeting.

8. Finance

Cllr Brake proposed, Cllr. Tristram seconded, all in favour that:

- a) £238.12 be paid to the Clerk for the period 30th April 2018 to 28th May 2018
- b) £49.00 be paid to HMRC for PAYE for period 28th May 2018 to 25th June 2018
- c) £174.00 be paid to Community Heartbeat trust for renewal of the VETS 26/09/2017-26/09/2018 period.
- d) £18.25 be paid to A. Dimond & Co. Ltd. for stationery supplies
- e)

9. Bank Statements

The Clerk advised that there was £9,412.36 in the current account (after allowing for uncleared cheques) and £1,088.39 in the dedicated CIL account. He passed for Councillors perusal the Bank Statements dated 29th June 2018.

10. Planning Applications

None.

The Clerk advised that the Planning Application -18/1303/FUL – Five Oaks, Offwell, EX14 9SA discussed at the last meeting had been granted subject to conditions.

11. Road at Drummerstone Cross

The Clerk said that Cllr. Patch had been confronted by a very angry parishioner complaining about the state of the road at Drummerstone Cross and his perceived lack of action by the Parish Council. The Clerk said that he contacted Stephen Kelly, the Highways Officer who had advised that the work on this road is in the programme for this financial year. Cllr. Shaw confirmed that it is still in the programme.

12. Finger Post North Coombe Road

The Clerk advised that he had not received a reply from Stephen Kelly, the Highways Officer. DCC Cllr. M. Shaw said that he would look into the matter and advise at the Colyton traffic meeting on the 23rd July. Cllr. Tristram asked if it would be allowable for the Parish Council to install a visibility mirror at this junction. Cllr. Shaw said he would ask Highways and advise

13. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Clerk advised that he had prepared a set of documents for Councillors relating to the legislation on the CIL neighbourhood proportion and the rules governing what the money can be spent on. He will forward these documents once Councillors confirm that they are able to access their new email accounts.

14. Gigaclear

The Clerk advised that the open meeting with Gigaclear had been arranged for Monday, the 23rd July 2018. The Village Hall had been booked for the meeting which was scheduled to start at 7.00pm. The Clerk asked if Councillors could meet him at the hall at 5.30pm to set up the chairs etc ready for the meeting.

Gigaclear had advised that their team would present and had indicated that someone from Connecting Devon & Somerset would also be attending.

Concern had been expressed by some parishioners ahead of the meeting and the Clerk had received a number of emails which he read out. Some had expressed concern about why the Parish Council were only now having the public meeting when some works had already been carried by Gigaclear. The Clerk said that he had replied advising that the Council had received no prior notice whatsoever that Gigaclear were going to be carrying out works in the Parish to instal an ultra fast broadband network. Once the Council were aware of it, they had arranged the meeting for the 23rd July.

The Clerk read out in full an email he had received from Mr Julian Warne, who said that he had received letters from Gigaclear stating that they wished to dig trenches across their land to lay fibreoptic cable and to sign a wayleave agreement. They had also made the point that they had the power to impose an agreement through the courts if necessary.

Mr Warne also expressed concerns about how the the work through the village was going to be carried out.

The Clerk advised Council of the problems he had experienced when Gigaclear had carried out the first work in the Parish in Bluebell Lane, causing damage to his hedge and also affecting the depth of the drainage ditch. He advised that he was still discussion with them on reinstatement of the hedge and about the ditch.

Councillors then discussed the matter at length and agreed on the nature of the subjects and questions they wished to raise at the meeting.

15. Parishes Together Grant Work

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Council had received a grant of £387.20 from EDDC on the basis of two days work(13 [hours@£30.00](#) plus VAT) with Council making a contribution of £80.80 towards the total work cost of £468.00. £78.00 would be VAT recoverable.

The Council decided to defer this item to a future meeting until it was known how the Gigaclear works would affect the ditches the Council proposed to spend the grant on.

16. Emails

It was decided to defer discussion on this item referring to the forwarding on of emails to Councillors until the next meeting.

17. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- Parishes Together Grant work
- Gigaclear
- Emails

18. Date and time of Next Meeting

The open meeting for the Gigaclear presentation will be in the Village Hall on Monday 23rd July 2018 at 7.00pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 20th August 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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Signed..... Dated.....

