

OFFTON and WILLISHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at approximately 8.30pm at the Offton & Willisham Village Hall - following the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for the Parish and is not a convened meeting, so anyone attending will have the opportunity to express views on how you would like to see Offton and Willisham develop in the future. All are welcome.

AGENDA

1. Open of meeting by the new Chairman of Offton and Willisham Parish Council
2. Minutes of previous meeting 28th May 2024 – to be agreed and signed
3. Matters arising from 2024 minutes
4. Parish Council Chairman's Annual report
5. District Councillor's Annual Report
6. County Councillor's Annual Report
7. Reports provided by Groups, Associations and Bodies of Offton & Willisham
8. Presentation of the 2025 APA (Annual Parish Award)
9. Parishioners Questions to include:-
 - q. A number of local parishes have recently erected attractive signs, Nedging with Naughton & Bildeston to name but two. Could we not do something similar?
 - q. A famous resident. H.W.Freeman ('Jack') (1899 – 1994) lived in Offton with his wife, Betty Bodecker, for many years. He became known as the Thomas Hardy of Suffolk and wrote a number of books including Chaffinch's and Joseph and His Brethren (the American book of the month 1929). Many of his novels are set in Suffolk farming communities in the 1920's, Kersey and Bruisyard being two. Although he is less well known today his books are still in print. Would it be good to have some remembrance of him in the village, a blue plaque or something in the village hall perhaps?

Refreshments will be provided

Parish Council Chairman