OFFTON and WILLISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting held at the Offton & Willisham Village Hall 18th May 2023

Present

Cllr A Chaplin Cllr L Seddon Cllr C Eves

Cllr C Pinson-Roxburgh Cllr A Cox Cllr T Wells

T Davis (Parish Clerk)

Associations Reports & Speakers Offton & Willisham Parish Council District Councillor **County Councillor** Offton & Willisham Church Offton Recorder Offton & Willisham Village Hall Claydon High School

Public present: 7 members of the public.

1	Apologies for absence - Offton Church Warden
	Cllr Chaplin opened the meeting
2	Minutes of previous meeting 16 th May 2022 to be agreed - all agreed
3	Matters arising from 2022 minutes - none
4	Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report
	The Chair read out their report as well as the financial report below:-
	PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT – 2022/2023
	The balance in hand at the start of the financial year was £13,782. This year's income totalled £10,109 and expenditure was £8,993 after rounding, which after accounting for uncleared cheques leaves a balance in hand of £14,898 in the Bank as of 31 st March 2023.
	There were large donations this year for the Jubilee Celebrations, the purchase of a new grit bin and dog bin, along with a donation to relaunch the OAP Christmas Luncheon which was held in Feb of this year for 74 residents and should be expected to go ahead as normal in December 2023.
	The precept for 2023/2024 has been set at £11,000 with a view to use £261 from reserves to cover the expected budget of costs for this year.
	The bulk of budgeted expenditure for 2023/2024 will be of a similar nature, Staff wages, replacement and maintenance of assets, along with donations to for maintaining the presentation of the parish and supporting the Village Hall with it's excellent work and facilities it provides to enhance parish life.
5	County Councillor's Annual Report, Cllr K Oakes Cllr Oakes report can be obtained from the clerk
6	District Councillor's Annual Report, Cllr D Pratt Cllr Pratt's report can be obtained from the clerk
7	Reports Provided by Groups, Associations and Bodies of Offton & Willisham

	i.	Claydon High School Report
		The report can be obtained from the clerk
	ii.	Village Hall Report
		The Village Hall representative advised they had had a very good year, Elvis Night was very
		successful, the play area is in use, as is the Boules Court and flicks in the sticks remains good.
		Costs are going up, such as electricity, gardening and cleaning with a £3,000 loss overall. The
		Village Hall are in need of new fire doors and we are always seeking new members.
	iii.	Offton Village Recorder
		The Recorders report can be obtained from the clerk
8		Presentation of the 2023 APA (annual parish award)
		Cllr Chaplin thanked the award winner for their excellent contribution to the parish and presented the
		award. The Award winner was very happy to receive the award and gave an excellent speech on the history
		of the parish in their lifetime.
9		Parishioners Questions
		1. The problems with ROad CLosures was brought to the Councils attention, which will be
		followed up with Cty Cllr Oakes and it was confirmed this is an action point in the parish
		plan
		2. A resident asked if the parish plan will be published and is it going to be looked at? Cllrs
		advised that yes, at an EGM and it will not be published online but available from the clerk
		3. Will there be room on the new website for a recorders page? Cllrs confirmed this would be
		investigated
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		The meeting concluded at 8:02pm