

MINUTES OF OVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT UPPER FARM,
OVINGTON ON TUESDAY, 21st MARCH 2023 AT 8 P.M

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry
Present: Mr. K. R. Nott
Mr. P. E. Pawsey
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Together with 3 (three) members of the public

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. M. Lewin (Neighbourhood Watch representative), Mrs. I. Parker (District Councillor) and Mr. P. Schwier (County Councillor)

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of Ovington Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st March 2022 were read by the Clerk, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a) Highway matters

Mr. P. E. Pawsey reported that the blocked drains in the highway between Upper Farm and Donkey Corner, first reported early 2021 and again in 2022 to ECC Highways online reporting tool and by email to Mr. Andrew Cook, Director of Highways & Transportation and Cllr. Schwier had still not been cleared. It was agreed to pursue ECC Highways and Cllr. Schwier. The repairs/replacing of the direction signs at Donkey Corner and Ashen Road had been completed.

b) Skip

Mr. Pawsey reported that the skip was well used and successful. It was agreed to hire another skip for August Bank Holiday weekend 2023.
There were no other matters arising.

4) BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2023

It was resolved not to enter Ovington for the Best Kept Village Competition in 2023.

5) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME REPORT

Mr. M. Lewin had stated that there was nothing relevant to report this year. Residents thanked Mr. Lewin for forwarding NW information when necessary.

6) AIRFIELD JOINT ACTION GROUP REPORT

Mr. P. E. Pawsey reported that there were no current issues with EGC and there was a good relationship with Club members.

7) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

A written report from Mrs. I. Parker was read on her behalf and circulated.

8) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

A written report from Mr. P. Schwier was circulated.

9) PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. P. J. Gentry reported the following:

- a. The budget and precept for 2023-24 was £7916.00, which was £116 more than 2022-2023. The PC endeavors to keep the precept under control, whilst maintaining service to residents.
- b. A defibrillator in Ovington is now operational. Mrs. D. Nott was thanked for raising the funds and paying for its deployment. Mr. P. Pawsey was also thanked for hosting the defibrillator at Upper Farm.
- c. The November 2022 Parish Council meeting welcomed Cllr. Peter Davey, Chairman of the Essex Association of Local Councils, who presented Long Service Awards to Cllr. Robert Nott for his 65th year as a Councillor and to Adrian Corder-Birch for his 52nd year as Clerk.
- d. Unfortunately the Community Policing initiative, explored by Mrs. R. Marsh, did proceed as no volunteers could be found.
- e. BDC's anti-litter signs along roads were deployed but the effect was questionable.
- f. Blocked drains in Ovington continue to be reported to ECC Highways using their online reporting tool and to Cllr. Schwier
- g. The skip in Ovington was well used, no issues were reported and a similar arrangement is planned for the ensuing year.
- h. Mr. P. E. Pawsey was thanked for cutting the grass in Ovington Churchyard.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Pawsey, Nott, Corder-Birch, Schwier and Mrs. Parker for their support and work for Ovington.

Mr. S. Norris also thanked Mr. Nott and Mr. Pawsey for their service as Ovington Councillors for many years and also for their work for Ovington Church and Churchyard.

11) THE OVINGTON DEFIBRILLATOR

Mrs. D. Nott reported that the Ovington defibrillator had been installed and explained the reasons why a heated cabinet was necessary. The Chairman confirmed that future maintenance and servicing will be arranged and paid for by the Parish Council at the same time as the defibrillator in Little Yeldham. Mr. Pawsey proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Nott for her hard work in connection with the defibrillator which was warmly supported.

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Proposed new notice board

Mr. S. Norris asked if a new notice board can be considered to replace that in the former telephone kiosk. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.

b) Future Annual Parish Meetings

Mr. S. Norris asked if future Annual Parish Meetings can be held in the Church as it is the only public building in the village. Venues will be considered by the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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(Chairman)