


# OVERSTONE Parish Council



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## Minutes of the Meeting of Overstone Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 via Zoom at 7.15pm

**Present:** Cllrs J Austin, S Betts, L McGoldrick, D Spooner, A Taylor, E Weston and S Townsend.

**In Attendance:** Interim Clerk: Linda Carter, Cllr D Cribbin (DDC)

### 182.20 PUBLIC FORUM:

Melvina Brown - Pioneer Community Chaplin of the Methodist Church attended to introduce herself to Councillors. She has been appointed to work within the new developments to help to create community connections and is working closely with the Anglican Church.

### 183.20 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Councillor Drage were received and approved.

### 184.20 MINUTES

Councillors resolved to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### 185.20 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (if any) – none arising

### 186.20 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded that if they had either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other interest in any of the agenda items then they should declare the interest and withdraw from the debate or meeting as appropriate: None declared

### 187.20 VACANCY

The Interim Clerk had advised DDC of the vacancy and was awaiting confirmation that no election had been requested and the Parish Council was free to co-opt. She would then contact the residents who had shown an interest.

### 188.20 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Councillors **RESOLVED** that, from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the post of Clerk to the Parish Council would be an unpaid post. The Interim Clerk would arrange for the publicising of the post.

### 189.20 RESOURCES

a) **Income received:** £376.79 - Verge mowing contribution from NCC

b) **Payment of outstanding invoices.**

Members **APPROVED** payments to be made totalling £2,889.75.

DATE	PAYEE	DETAIL	CHQ NO.	AMOUNT EX vat	VAT	TOTAL AMOUNT
	L Carter	January Salary	BT	£441.01		£441.01
	Hayeswood	Village path clearing	BT	£1,580.00	£316.00	£1896.00
	L Carter	February Salary	BT	£477.74		£477.74
	Ladywell Accountancy	Payroll fees	BT	£75.00		£75.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£2889.75</b>

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### c) Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments

Members received and **APPROVED** the report of balances at 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 showing a balance of £ 342,518.32 (including remainder of the Loan payment of £305,091.50).

### d) Banking arrangements:

It was necessary to agree changes to the current banking arrangements and for additional administrators to be added to the account at Yorkshire Bank.

**AGREED** – That Cllr Lorna McGoldrick be added as a Corporate Administrator  
Cllr Steve Betts and Cllr Dave Spooner be added as a Dual Administrators  
Cllr John Austin remains a signatory.

### e) Payroll provider

The Council's payroll provider had notified the Council that the service would cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March. As the Clerk's post was to be unpaid from 1st April, no further action was necessary at the moment.

### f) Grant to Overstone Playing Field Association:

Members considered an application for funding from Overstone Playing Fields Association, but rejected it as insufficient funding was available. As the budget for 21/22 had already been set, it was suggested that the Association contacts the Council in October to request funding for 22/23 which would align with the budget process.

## 190.20 PLANNING

### a) Planning Applications to consider and make resolution

Application No.	Description	Location	Respond by	Observations
DA/2020/0895	Single storey rear extension and removal of chimney	107 Woodlands Avenue, Overstone, Northampton	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	No objection
DA/2020/1159	Single Storey rear extension and new front porch	Duncannon, 24 Sywell Road, Overstone, Northampton	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	No objection to the extension but concerns regarding precedent of a front porch.

b) Planning application decisions to report (if any): None.

### c) Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Cllr Betts reported that the latest version had been submitted to Daventry District Council for the Regulation 16 Consultation and confirmation had been received that the six-week consultation period had commenced.

## 191.20 OPEN SPACES

a) **Mowing/Maintenance Issues (if any)** – the footpath from Blacksmiths Corner to the Sywell sign had been cleared and looked much better.

### b) Land at Church Farm:

There was no update from the solicitors, but the vendor had agreed to erect a stock fence along the boundary. It had also been agreed that the Council would not be responsible for any betterment of the track. A Change of Use application would need to be submitted for the land to be public access open space, and exchange of contract would be arranged with completion as soon as possible.

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**c) Open Spaces Working Group:**

Members of the working group would be meeting shortly to discuss the Council's response regarding the transfer of land from the developers.

**d) Overstone Village Hall**

WPD had agreed to remove the ash tree by the substation, and the arboriculturist would submit a report and request to DDC for the works to the protected trees on the Parish Council's behalf.

**e) Defibrillators:**

The battery and pads had been ordered and Cllr Taylor had obtained a quote of £104.40 for the remedial electrical work, which was **AGREED**.

**f) Parking Spaces**

Cllr McGoldrick reported back on the suggestion from NCC in relation to the parking spaces request. The response was positive but would need the Council to consult with residents and a map had been provided for that purpose.

**192.20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY)**

Request to appoint a Police Liaison representative – **AGREED** to appoint Cllr Taylor  
Advised that the 2021 Census would take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – information to be circulated.

**193.20 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: None**

**194.20 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY**

Cllr Townsend raised the issue of pedestrian access through the road closure which was important for students walking and cycling to school. The Interim Clerk would make enquiries.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.15pm**