



## ST OSYTH PARISH COUNCIL



### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall, St Osyth on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.15 pm

**PRESENT:**

Vice-Chairman: Cllr. John Kemp  
Cllr's Alma Blockley, David Cooper, Ray French, Mandy Kelly,  
John Lockwood, Colleen Peverell, Jean Smith, Michael Talbot,  
Michele Thomas, Julie Ward & John White

Cllr. Alan Goggin, Essex County Councillor (Arrived at 8.35 pm)

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Sonia Grantham (Long-standing Family Commitment)

**MINUTES:**

Neil Williams

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Ten

**G-18-063 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

The Vice-Chairman advised Councillors, that under Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, they had a responsibility to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in any matter to be discussed.

Cllr. Kemp declared Non-Pecuniary Interests in respect of Planning Applications 18/00940/FUL, 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL.

Cllr. Kelly declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of Planning Application 18/00464/FUL.

Cllr. Peverell declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of Planning Application 18/00464/FUL and St Osyth Priory.

**G-18-064 CHANGE OF AGENDA ORDER:**

The Vice-Chairman requested that as several members of the public wished to address the Council in respect of planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, Public Participation be heard before planning applications were reviewed by the Council. All agreed.

**G-18-065 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- a. A member of the public addressed the Council, expressing concern in respect of planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, stating that the proposed development would wreck the view of the village from Wigboro Wick Lane, as the first floor and roofs of the houses would be visible from the lane. They continued that the application amounted to backland development and if permitted would be 'an eyesore' like Old School Close.

- b. A member of the public addressed the Council, expressing concern in respect of planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, stating that there was no evidence to back up the need for a car park, which if permitted would lead to 'dubious activity' which could not be seen from the road, in addition to being difficult to monitor the use of the area by travellers or those abandoning vehicles. They continued that the car park would not be a short walk from the centre of the village and that they could not imagine people making use of it, especially as the area currently set aside for parking along The Warren was seldom used. Access to the car park was also of concern, as it would necessitate cutting across the gardens of several houses, as well as crossing the village green. They concluded by stating that there was no need for the houses as the District Council currently had a six year stock of planning permissions, and that if approved, the development, which was outside of the Settlement Development Boundary, would set a precedence.
- c. A member of the public addressed the Council, expressing concern in respect of planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, stating that the Parish Council had installed a bollard along The Warren as there were concerns about pedestrian safety. They continued that if permitted the car park, which would be a disgrace, would attract drug dealers.

The Clerk informed all present that the bollard had in fact been installed to prevent vehicles using the permissive footpath to access Cowley Park.

- d. A member of the public addressed the Council, expressing concern in respect of planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, stating that the development would result in part of the village green being removed to enable access, adding that the Parish Council had some years ago installed bollards to prevent access to the village green and that there was nothing in the Design and Access Statement regarding the village green. They continued that one of the houses was shown as being three storey, and that the plans were misleading in that the single storey dwellings were not almshouses. They added that the development at Old School Close had originally been planned as a 'Mews' but that the style had changed following approval. The member of the public concluded by stating that not only would the view of St Osyth from Wigboro Wick Lane would be lost forever, but that the houses were not enough to offset the car park, and that residents should petition the owners of the Priory for continued use of The Bury for parking.
- e. A member of the public addressed the Council, expressing concern in respect of planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, stating that the village had spent twenty years opposing the planning applications for St Osyth Priory, and that it was diabolical that a new planning officer would consider approving further development, especially as the Primary School and local surgeries could not cope with additional pupils or patients.
- f. As landowner of the proposed development, Mr Peter Bond, responded to the points raised by members of the public by stating the following:

- i) That he had put forward the application as the Parish Council had approached him about a car park, which he stated was needed, especially as future plans for The Priory would see parking on The Bury reduced to fourteen spaces.
- ii) That whilst the proposed car park might not be used by people needing to visit the shops in the centre of the village, it would be needed by those using the Church. He stressed that it was not the Church which needed the car park, but those using the Church for weddings, funerals, christenings etc.
- iii) That the argument that The Warren was not used for parking was wrong, as it had been demonstrated that there was a need, especially as the Bond Family had been approached before for the use of land as a car park. He continued that this was possibly the best option the village would get for a car park and that there needed to be a shift away from the 'no building' mentality to that of correctly controlled development.
- iv) That concerns over antisocial behavior and travellers were easily dealt with by way of CCTV and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and height restricted barriers. Mr Bond cited previous use of Warren Farm by drug dealers which had ceased almost immediately following the installation of CCTV and ANPR.
- v) That the Bond Family would only approve a certain style of building, which would be in keeping with the area and that it would not become another Old School Close.
- vi) That he [Mr Bond] had already been approached by a number of people interesting in purchasing plots, many of whom wanted to build bungalows.
- vii) That he [Mr Bond] had wanted to include a purpose built surgery, to cater for both practices but despite both practices submitting an 'Expression of Interest' to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) the latter had not responded.

A member of the public stated that the NHS was not able to finance a new surgery.

Mr Bond responded that the surgery would have been built at no cost to the NHS or CCG, and that the rent would have been less than what both surgeries combined were currently paying.

Having afforded members of the public the opportunity to speak, the Vice-Chairman closed public participation at 7.40 pm.

## G-18-066 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Prior to presenting planning applications to the Parish Council, by way of a powerpoint presentation, the Clerk reminded Councillors of material and non-material planning considerations.

	APPLICATION & ADDRESS	PROPOSAL
a)	18/00464/FUL Mr M Skeels 138 Colne Way Point Clear Bay	Replacement dwelling (following demolition of existing). <i>Amended plans.</i>  The Parish Council would reaffirm its objections of 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018, in that the position of the proposed development is still set forward of neighbouring properties, over which it would have a detrimental effect, especially no 139, which due to the height of the proposed development would be in direct view.  Additionally, Councillors are concerned that unless the proposed development is moved towards the rear of the plot, it will potentially block the sightline of drivers approaching New Way from Western Promenade.
b)	18/00940/FUL Mr Lord Wellwick Farm Colchester Road, St Osyth	Erection of five holiday homes.  No objections.
c)	18/00957/FUL Mr & Mrs C Whitford 11 Stanmore Way St Osyth	Proposed single side extension and rear conservatory.  No objections.

Having reviewed planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, Councillors were given the opportunity to comment:

- a. Cllr. Peverell stated that the Parish Council had been trying to secure a car park for the village for almost twenty years, and that the proposed site was the only location large enough and indeed close enough to the village to facilitate it. She continued that as mentioned by Mr Bond, concerns over antisocial behavior and travellers could be addressed by the installation of CCTV and ANPR cameras as well as a height restricted barrier. Cllr. Peverell added that several of the proposed properties would be for purchase by younger, first time buyers, which given the cost of existing properties in the area should be encouraged.
- b. Cllr. White commented on the following:
  - i) That if minded to support the applications, the Parish Council would be contradicting its own policy of no development west of the crossroads in the centre of the village, and that the area of the proposed development had not been included in either the 2007 or current draft Local Plan.

- ii) That whilst the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) stated that development should be allowed in the absence of a local plan, provided a Council did not have more than five years of housing stock, this was not applicable as Tendring District now had a six and a half year supply of housing, which invalidated the NPPF.
  - iii) That despite a change in wording from the 2007 Local Plan, the development would still be deemed as backland development under the current draft Plan. Cllr. White continued that five appeals from sites across the District, citing the lack of a Local Plan, had been rejected by Planning Inspectors.
  - iv) That the Design and Access Statement submitted by the agent and report in the Parish Magazine by the Councils Chairman were misleading, in that whilst the almshouse style properties would look like almshouses, they would in fact be for sale, and that the condition of selling to people over fifty five years of age could not be enforced, as once purchased they could be sold to anyone.
  - v) That the car park would mean the loss of agricultural land within the Coastal Protection Belt.
  - vi) That the site had a history of planning applications, all of which had been refused, and that the proposed car park would be a retrograde step, as the car park would only be used by those attending the Church.
  - vii) Cllr. White concluded by stating that he opposed the planning applications as the site was neither in the Local Plan nor the Settlement Development Boundary.
- c. Cllr. Ward stated that she opposed the applications as the entrance would be too dangerous due to drivers being unable to see past the Johnson Institute and that the car park would not be used.
  - d. Cllr. Cooper stated that the village was in desperate need of a car park, which was not for the benefit of the Council or the Church, but for the residents and that the village should not be reliant on the good will of two landowners for off-road parking.
  - e. Councillors subsequently voted on Planning Application 18/00958/OUT.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council support Planning Application 18/00958/OUT. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Peverell and seconded by Cllr. Blockley. A total of seven Councillors voted in favour of the application, with three opposing and two abstaining.
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d)	<p>18/00958/OUT R &amp; P Bond Land at Warren Farm The Bury, St Osyth</p>	<p>Outline application for Development of 7 almshouse type one and two bed dwellings and 5 houses in conjunction with provision of car park for public use.</p> <p>Prior to a vote by Councillors, the following objections were recorded;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the proposed development is outside of the Settlement Development Boundary and is deemed as backland development.</li> <li>• that there is no requirement for either the proposed housing or car park.</li> <li>• that the site which is agricultural land, located within the Coastal Protection Belt, has seen previous applications refused.</li> </ul> <p>The following comments in support of the application were recorded;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the 7 'almshouse' style properties would provide much needed 'affordable' accommodation for both younger residents, first time buyers and those over 55 years of age.</li> <li>• the site of the proposed development is the only suitable location for a car park, the need for which has already been acknowledged by the District Council.</li> <li>• that the residents cannot rely of the goodwill of two landowners for the continuing provision of off street parking.</li> </ul> <p>Following a lengthy discussion the Council voted in favour of the application, by a margin of 7 in favour, 3 objecting and 2 abstaining.</p>
e)	<p>18/00959/FUL R &amp; P Bond Land at Warren Farm, The Bury, St Osyth</p>	<p>Provision of car park for public use.</p> <p>Prior to a vote by Councillors, the following objections were recorded;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that there is no requirement for the car park at the proposed location.</li> <li>• that the car park would be sited on agricultural land.</li> </ul> <p>The following comments in support of the application were recorded;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the site of the proposed development is the only suitable location for a car park, the need for which has already been acknowledged by the District Council.</li> </ul>

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Having heard the Councils decision in respect of planning applications 18/00958/OUT and 18/00959/FUL, all members of the public departed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

f)	18/00975/FUL Mrs E Kingston 15 Tower Estate Point Clear Bay	<p>Replacement dwelling following demolition of existing.</p> <p>Whilst the Parish Council does not object to the application itself, Councillors would seek assurance that the development does not impinge on the footpath.</p>
g)	18/01005/LUEX Mr D Stock Bushwood Rectory Road, St Osyth	<p>Use of dwelling as a domestic residence by persons not working in agriculture.</p> <p>No objections.</p>
h)	18/01026/TCA Mrs Lucy Balfe 22 Point Clear Road St Osyth	<p>Copper Beech - Reduce by 30% &amp; cut back overhanging branches. Copper Beech - Reduce by 30%. Common Beech - Reduce by 30%. Mountain Ash - Reduce by 30%. Hawthorn - Reduce by 30%.</p> <p>The Parish Council refers this application to the TDC Tree &amp; Landscape Officer for consideration.</p>
i)	18/01077/TPO Mr & Mrs Booth 96 Clacton Road, St Osyth	<p>1 No. Sycamore - Re-pollard. 2 No. Lime Trees - reduce by 50%.</p> <p>The Parish Council refers this application to the TDC Tree &amp; Landscape Officer for consideration.</p>
j)	18/01079/TCA Mr & Mrs Booth 96 Clacton Road, St Osyth	<p>1 No. Sycamore - Reduce. 1 No. Birch – Reduce.</p> <p>The Parish Council refers this application to the TDC Tree &amp; Landscape Officer for consideration.</p>
k)	18/01089/LUEX c/o Stanfords Land rear of 3-4 Seaview Parade Seaview Road, St Osyth	<p>Use of land to station static mobile home for permanent residential use.</p> <p>The Parish Council would reaffirm its objections of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 on the basis that not only is the site within Flood Zone 3, but that the applicant has failed to provide sufficient evidence to support the claimed lawful use of 10 years.</p>

l)	18/01008/TELLIC BT OpenReach Adj to St Osyth Wick Farm Wick Road, St Osyth	Installation of a cabinet.  <b><i>Noted - for information only.</i></b>
m)	18/01030/TELLIC BT OpenReach Outside of 41 Point Clear Road St Osyth	Installation of high speed broadband cabinet.  <b><i>Noted - for information only.</i></b>
n)	18/01060/TELLIC BT OpenReach Rear of 1 Westwood Park Flag Hill, St Osyth	Installation of high speed broadband cabinet.  <b><i>Noted - for information only.</i></b>
o)	18/01062/TELLIC BT OpenReach Outside of Denmere Beach Road, St Osyth	Installation of high speed broadband cabinet.  <b><i>Noted - for information only.</i></b>
p)	18/01063/TELLIC BT OpenReach Junction of Cow Lane & Greenland Grove, St Osyth	Installation of high speed broadband cabinet.  <b><i>Noted - for information only.</i></b>
q)	18/01064/TELLIC BT OpenReach 65M NE from 9 Wall Street Lee Over Sands, St Osyth	Installation of high speed broadband cabinet.  <b><i>Noted - for information only.</i></b>

#### **G-18-067 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Tendring District Council (TDC) Notification of Decisions (Determinations) 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- b. Correspondence from Mrs King in respect of Planning Application 18/00959/FUL.
- c. Correspondence from Mrs Appleby in respect of Planning Application 18/00959/FUL.
- d. Correspondence from a resident of Chisbon Heath in respect of The Pretty Thing Campsite.

#### **G-18-068 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED:** That having been previously circulated, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 be verified for accuracy by the Council and signed by the Vice-Chairman as a true and accurate record. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Blockley and seconded by Cllr. French. All agreed.



## **G-18-069 UPDATE ON SUMMARY OF ACTION:**

- a. G-18-047 a. The Clerk informed the Council that despite having contacted the County and District Council, Essex Police and the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP), the horse box remained in situ. He continued that he had contacted the District Councils Environmental Services, as he had received complaints of insects and vermin being attracted to the rubbish contained within the horse box.
- b. G-18-047 c. The Clerk informed the Council that the Personnel Committee had reviewed the Code of Conduct at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, and that the Chairman would report on this at the meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- c. G-18-049 d. The Clerk informed the Council that the Personnel Committee had discussed Operation London Bridge at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, and that the Chairman would report on this at the meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- d. G-18-050. The Clerk informed the Council that the Chairman would be reporting on the results of the Dumont Avenue play area consultation in her Chairman's Report in the Parish Magazine.
- e. G-18-051 c. The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr. Ward had visited a resident of Clacton Road with regard to the moving of a Parish Council heritage bin.

Cllr. Ward informed the Council that the resident had raised a number of concerns, which included amongst other things, individuals urinating in the bin, which resulted in liquids from the bin entering their property, due to the proximity of the bin to their property.

The Clerk added that having also spoken with the resident, another concern was that of damage to the rendering of the property, due to the freestanding bin being knocked against the building. The Clerk concluded that he was awaiting confirmation as to the extent of the Publically Maintainable Highway from Essex County Council, which would be reviewed once to hand.

- f. G-18-051 g. The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr. Lockwood would report on the addition of a website counter during his report later in the meeting.
- g. G-18-051 h ii. The Clerk informed the Council that he had written to Essex Police regarding the use of TruCAM, but that he had yet to receive a response.
- h. G-18-057. The Clerk informed the Council that he had written to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex regarding incident of fly-tipping at the Cemetery in June 2017, but that he had yet to receive a response.

- i. G-18-058. The Clerk informed the Council that he was investigating the possibility of CCTV being installed at the Cemetery.
- j. G-18-059 b. Cllr. Kelly informed the Council that despite emailing the General Manager of the Orchards Holiday Park, she had yet to have a meeting with him.
- k. G-18-060. The Clerk informed the Council that he would brief Councilors on the meeting with a representative of Save Our St Osyth (S.O.S). during the course of the meeting.

#### **G-18-070 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Correspondence from Roger Hirst, Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex (PF&CCfE) regarding the appointment of new Chief Constable.
- b. Correspondence from Mrs Brown regarding the Parish Allotments.

#### **G-18-071 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:**

- a. **Blooms in St Osyth:** The Vice-Chairman informed the Council that despite the warm weather, the blooms were looking very good.
- b. **Highways Working Party:** The notes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 having been previously circulated, the Vice-Chairman invited questions from those present. None were forthcoming.
- c. **Martin's Farm Country Park:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Playground, Youth & Open Spaces Working Party:** The notes of the meetings of 19<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 having been previously circulated, the Vice-Chairman invited questions from those present. None were forthcoming.

#### **G-18-072 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a. **Essex County Council:** Having arrived at 8.35pm, Cllr. Goggin informed the Council of the following:
  - i) That he had attended a meeting of the Essex Coastal Forum, at which the main topic had been the development of Bradwell Nuclear Power Station. Cllr. Goggin continued that the Chinese were keen to fund the development, which would be four times larger than the former power station and would create some 6,000 new jobs.
  - ii) That he had attended a lobbying session at the House of Commons to discuss improvements to the A120.

- b. **Essex Police:** Having been previously circulated, the Council reviewed the Crime statistics for May 2018.
- i) Cllr. Kelly informed the Council of offences within Point Clear by location and where practicable the status of the investigation.
  - ii) Cllr. Cooper informed the Council of offences within St Osyth by location and where practicable the status of the investigation.
- c. **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Planters & Litter Bins:** Cllr. Ward informed the Council that a number of expanding hoses had been purchased, which would make the watering of the planters on The Bury much easier.
- e. **Tree Warden:** Cllr. French informed the Council that the branches of two trees along Point Clear Road which were overhanging the entrances to two properties, and were making it difficult for the residents to access their property. He continued that the Clerk had reported the matter to Essex Highways, on whose land the trees were located.
- f. **TDALC:** Cllr. Talbot reported that the Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC) had met on the evening of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, and that Joy Darby, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC), who had been present on her annual visit, had been the guest speaker. He continued that Joy Darby had addressed members about the Grants from the Local Services Fund, a revenue grant scheme administered by EALC on behalf of the County Council. Joy Darby had also spoken about the recent legal updates and an item concerning the Local Government Act 1894, which established Parish Council elected by the local people as against the previous Parish Church wardens and the Vestry. She referred to a Parish Council making grants to Parish Churches, stating that it was actually prohibited by the above Act, but many Councils made similar grants for grass cutting, hedge trimming etc, which was actually illegal; a matter on which the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) were attempting to ascertain if the legislation could be updated.

Questions had been raised about the impotent nature of Parish Councils role in planning, and how in Tendring, the comments of Town and Parish Councils counted for nothing.

Members were subsequently reminded that Cath Bicknell, Head of the Districts Councils Planning Department would be the guest at the September meeting.

Cllr. Talbot continued that the Executive meeting of the Essex Association had taken place earlier that day at Great Dunmow. A great many of the items on which Joy Darby had reported at the Tendring meeting were on the EALC agenda, as was an agenda item headed "Councillor Allowances (Motion) at the 2015 AGM".

It reported that St Osyth Parish Council was asking for EALC to chase up their motion to get an answer through whatever channels were available, a matter which Joy Darby had requested be prioritized by NALC.

- g. **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr. Talbot reported that the District Councils Cabinet had their "Away Day" on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, where ideas could be discussed and private thoughts voiced by Cabinet Members and Officers, away from Town Hall surroundings. Unfortunately Cllr. Talbot would miss this years "Away Day" due to a family wedding in Sussex).

Cllr. Talbot continued that it was quite usual that Council business slackened off considerably during the holiday months, but the agenda for the last Full Council Meeting in the Princes Theatre had been the slimmest he had seen since joining the Council in 1999. Including the index and intentional blank pages, there were only 31 pages in total.

Cllr. Talbot informed Councillors that there was considerable concern about the future of town centers across the country, particularly due to the success of 'on-line' shopping, which is very convenient and incurred no car parking charges for the shopper. The list was worrying; Homebase, Mothercare, Debenhams, House of Fraser, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons, Marks & Spencer, Toys R US; all of these well-known names were either closing stores, making staff redundant by reduced manning levels or offering themselves for a takeover partner – all signs of financial problems. Tendring District Council, for its part, was meeting with store owners to see if it could offer any services for mutual benefit. It was early days for these sort of meetings, but Cllr. Talbot would report on any interesting proposals which 'may' emerge.

The Council was steadily moving forward with its programme to change some features of how it worked in bringing it as much as possible into the digital age. This had great economic benefits, but had to be done with caution, having special regard to the elderly population TDC were programming an EDMS (electronic document management system) for all departments, so as to have the ability to transfer information between them instantaneously. Although Cllr. Talbot had only mentioned two initiatives, there were many more planned, including alterations to buildings, the disposal of redundant premises and the procurement of new premises where necessary. There was so much more and it was good to see Tendring looking for ways to improve its services, whilst at the same time providing services at a reduced cost.

Cllr. White informed the Council that as part of St John's Road was coming into the Parish boundary, it would for election purposes, be known as St Osyth (Earls Hall). The Clerk informed the Council that he had received correspondence from the District Council, which would be an agenda item at the August meeting.

- h. **Website:** Cllr. Lockwood reported that he continued to make improvements to the website, and that the Finance Committee had agreed a maintenance budget, to allow for Naglotech to make any changes further alterations / additions as necessary.
- i. **Community Speed Watch:** Cllr. Kemp informed the Council that two teams had been out on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, and that two further teams had already been out since Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Cllr. Kemp continued that due to a reduction in group members, teams would now be operating in teams of three.

- i) At the request of the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Cooper gave a breakdown of the statistics:

Between 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018, there were 126 occurrences of drivers speeding in the village, with an average speed of 38.6 mph.

1. Clacton Road:  
39 recordings with an average speed of 36.8 mph

2. Mill Street:  
47 recordings with an average speed of 40.1 mph

**Total for St Osyth: 86 recordings (average speed of 38.4 mph)**

3. Point Clear Road:  
40 recordings with an average speed of 38.8 mph

**Total for Point Clear: 40 recordings (average speed of 38.8 mph)**

The highest recorded speed was 54 mph.

2 Vehicles were observed travelling in excess of 50 mph and 36 vehicles were observed travelling in excess of 40 mph.

#### **G-18-073 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED TRUSTESHIPS REPRESENTATIVES:**

- a. **St Osyth Almshouse Charity:** Nothing to report.
- b. **St Osyth Playing Field Charity:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Point Clear Community Association:** Cllr. Blockley informed the Council that the resident of Dumont Avenue whose hedge was obstructing the pavement had been served with an Action Notice by Essex Highways on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, giving them until 31<sup>st</sup> July to comply. After this date Essex Highways would arrange for the hedge to be cut and seek restitution from the resident.

- d. **Village Hall Management Committee:** Cllr. Kemp informed the Council that the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee was scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, during which he would again raise the matter of the temperature of the Parish Office. He continued that the Committee were minded to continue with the security visits during the hours of darkness, so as to prevent a repeat of antisocial behaviour and drug dealing in the vicinity of the Village Hall car park.
- e. **St Osyth Priory & Parish Trust:** Nothing to report.

**G-18-074 FINANCE:**

- a. Approval of payments for June 2018, as per the circulated lists were agreed by the Council.
- b. The following balances were noted and agreed:
 

Current a/c	£ 105,842.66
Deposit	£ 49,805.37
Special Project	£ 3,018.10
- c. The draft Minutes of the Finance meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 having been previously circulated, the Vice-Chairman invited comments from the Council. None were forthcoming.

**G-18-075 APPROVAL OF STANDING ORDERS:**

The Clerk informed the Council of the changes to Standing Orders, which had been implemented by the National Association of Local Councils in April 2018, necessitated by changes to legislation. He continued that the Model Standing Orders, which the Finance Committee were recommending be adopted by the Council, contained the necessary changes, in addition to some minor alterations.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Peverell, that Standing Orders, as reviewed by Finance Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be adopted by the Parish Council. All agreed.

Cllr. Kemp wished it recorded that the Council thank the Clerk for his work in preparing the Standing Orders.

**G-18-076 CEMETERY COMMITTEE:**

- a. The draft Minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 having been previously circulated, the Chairman invited comments from the Council. None were forthcoming.
- b. The Council reviewed the recommendations of both the Cemetery and Finance Committees with regard to amendments to the fees for Permission for an Additional Inscription. After discussion it was agreed the proposed fee of £25.00, to offset the cost of administration, as recommended by the Cemetery Committee be approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the fee payable for Permission for an Additional Inscription on a Memorial (Burial & Ash) be reduced to £25.00, as recommended by the Cemetery Committee at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018, under reference **C-18-017**. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Ward. All agreed.

**G-18-077 PARKING ENFORCEMENT MEASURES:**

The Clerk informed the Council that since 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) from the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) had patrolled St Osyth for a total time of 15 hours and 23 minutes.

A total of 22 Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) had been issued at the following locations:

- a. Clacton Road x 5
- b. Church Square x 2
- c. Mill Street x 2
- d. Spring Road x 13

**G-18-078 ANNUAL PARISH APPRAISAL:**

The notes of the Annual Parish Appraisal having been previously circulated, the Vice-Chairman invited comments from the Council. None were forthcoming.

**G-18-079 CITIZENS IN POLICING:**

The Clerk reminded the Council of the meeting with Jenny Brouard, Citizens in Policing Manager, Local Policing Support Unit, which was scheduled for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**G-18-080 ASSISTANCE TO SAVE OUR ST OSYTH (S.O.S):**

At the request of the Vice-Chairman, the Clerk informed the Council of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018, between the Chairman, Cllr. White and Clive Gowers, Vice-Chairman of Save Our St Osyth (S.O.S). The Clerk stated that having discussed a number of points raised by Councillors at the previous meeting in June, he [the Clerk] could report the following:

- a. That any donations / contributions would be split between those members of SOS for who the collection was being made, on a percentage basis.
- b. That should the amount raised via 'crowd funding' exceed the required amount of £47,000.00, surplus funds would be donated to charity.

Several Councillors requested that the Clerk obtain written confirmation that the Executive Committee agreed with the content of the proposed letter from the Parish Council to residents on behalf of S.O.S, in addition to how any money raised would be distributed. All agreed.

**G-18-081 FURTHER MATTERS:**

- a. Cllr. French informed the Council of an incident earlier that day whereby a vehicle had collided with the exterior wall of Dukes Bistro.
- b. Cllr. French informed the Council, and subsequently showed a photograph of a speed hump 'panel' which could be fixed to road surfaces.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

<b>Summary of 'Action Required' from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>		
G-18-071 g	TDC Polling Review	Clk to include on August agenda
G-18-079	Assistance to Save Our St Osyth	Clk to write to SOS Chairman

Signature: *[Signed on Original]*  
JM Kemp  
Vice-Chairman