

	<p>Approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o TM/17/00767/FL – Honeywood Place, Church Road – single storey rear and side extensions o TM/17/00972 - St Pirans House, Teston Road - Single storey, ground floor extension to rear elevation and new side garage in place of existing <p>Refusals and Enforcements: There was nothing to report.</p> <p>Any other Planning Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o TM/17/00993/FL – Landfall, Teston Road - Construction of brick and wrought iron wall/fence along road frontage. NO OBJECTIONS o TM/17/01420/FL – The Dairy, Teston Road – This will appear on the next Agenda <p>VOSAs: There was nothing to report.</p>	
4.	<p>EXTERNAL REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Councillor: There was no report. • Borough Councillor: There is not much to report due to purdah from the recent elections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Environmental Enhancement Works are continuing o Finance is still a problem o The Ofsted report for Kent’s children’s services was basically very good but some matters need attention, which is important o It is not known what effect the recent troubles in Calais will have on Kent <p>Cllr Balfour was asked about the blasting at Blaise Farm. He has spoken to Jim Wooldridge at KCC. There may be a question of perception. People perceive something is damaging when actually it isn’t. It is also a question of what is legal and appropriate being something greater than what people want. People are very sensitive to air disturbance, and because we are, we assume that what is happening will be physically damaging to houses and buildings, but science says it isn’t.</p> <p>Cllr Frankling said that the issue with most residents hasn’t been the air blast but the vibrations. These are upsetting. It was noted that the recent blasts have been relatively gentle, particularly compare with the larger blasts in recent weeks. More monitoring equipment has been installed in properties in the village. Gallagher are trying different blasts sizes.</p> <p>There are concerns that the blasts are actually damaging property. If that is the case then the law will force Gallagher to stop.</p> <p>The Parish Council are maintaining a log with villagers to form a response. However, the Parish Council are just one voice and villagers must respond individually as well.</p> <p>This parish has lived next door to quarrying for generations. Cllr Frankling noted that despite years of blasting, only of late have we had complaints about vibrations to this extent. Cllr Balfour acknowledged that Gallagher are extremely responsive and responsible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police: It was noted that 7 pallet loads of granite setts – 10 tonnes – worth about £1,800 were stolen on Sunday night. The PCSO has been in the village, keeping a presence. 	

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5.	<p>ANY MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ARE NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA: There were no matters raised.</p>	
6.	<p>MONTHLY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Parish Councillor Resignation TMBC have confirmed that an election is not needed following the resignation of Martyn Begbey. We can co-opt another councillor. An invitation to residents to put their name forward will be distributed. It is important that volunteers want to be actively involved.</p> <p>Blaise Farm – trial 25kg MIC blasts It was agreed that Gallagher have been very responsive in actively setting up monitoring equipment. They are conducting 6 trials of the 25kg blast. The Parish Council will remain clear in their objection to the increase. But this objection is one voice, it is not the village voice. Anyone caused a nuisance by the blasts must object to it. Gallager are very concerned and don't want to upset the village but nonetheless it is their business. The concern is that when they move across the track it will come closer to village. If there are potential structural problems now it could get worse when they move across.</p> <p>Media Policy It was AGREED to formally adopt the Media Policy. A Facebook page in the name of Offham Parish Council will be set up, to be administered by the Clerk. It will be for Parish Council posts only and will be blocked for public comment.</p> <p>Recycling Station at Offham Primary School Cllr Frankling has received an email about a possible waste recycling station at the school. He will update councillors when he has spoken to the Head, but in principle the Parish Council will object to anything that increases the traffic on Church Road.</p> <p>Cosgrave Field Cllr Frankling has visited the field and agreed that there are 4 Cypress Trees that need removing. There is no immediate danger but they need to be dealt with. Cllr Williams will get a quote to remove all 4 trees, the work to be undertaken after the jazz event. Tickets are selling well for the event, and Adrian will cut the grass before 25th June.</p> <p>There has been response to the Parish Council's recent letter about gated access onto Cosgrave Field, further to the discussion at the last meeting.</p> <p>KALC Cllrs have seen the letter from the new Tonbridge & Malling Chair of KALC, Patrick Thomas. Cllr Frankling will make contact with him.</p> <p>Broadband Information about the new broadband cabinet from KCC have been circulated to Cllrs. Spadework have agreed that they are happy to have the cabinet on their property. However, as a charity they have to get formal approval from the Charity Commissioners to enter into a wayleave agreement with BT Openreach. BT have done this in the past and this process could take several months and cost in excess of £10,000. Such costs would make the project unaffordable, and may not be completed before the BT contract expires. The only alternative is to locate the cabinet at a point which is 300m further away Spadework. This will be about 900m closer than the current cabinet.</p> 	<p>DF</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>DF</p> <p>WW</p> <p>DF</p>

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	<p>KCC have spoken to Openreach and they say this is the only option Councillors did not believe there was anything further they could do as this is being dealt with by BT Openreach and KCC.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>ONGOING PROJECTS/REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Enhancement Scheme Work is progressing well. Stephen Betts was thanked for being extremely helpful. It was also agreed to provide a thank you gift for him. Without his assistance, there would have been a number of problems. Councillors agreed that the contractors have been very polite and helpful to the village. The intention is to buy another case of drink for them at the end of the project. Cllrs reported common questions and comments made by residents, such as when will work finish, what will happen to the concrete strip next to the granite setts and "what a waste of taxpayers money". It was agreed that an email can be sent to the village with details about the progress of the project and explaining that it is being funded by s106 money from Liberty at Kings Hill and is not funded by the taxpayer. Terry Drury of KCC Highways has confirmed the Parish Council can purchase the gates for the village green and invoice KCC. These formed part of the original drawings for the scheme. County Councillor Hohler provided £6,000 of funding for Speed Indicator Device. This has not been purchased yet. The Clerk is waiting to hear from East Malling and Larkfield and West Malling Parish Councils about their SIDs. The funding must be accounted for within 6 months of payment. One of the sites for the SID is on private property at the top of Church Road. The resident needs to be approached so that there can be a request for approval to site the post in that location. • Parish Council Projects The duckweed treatment to the pond has not worked but a repeat treatment needs to be used. There are lots of ducks and ducklings this year. The Well will be refurbished this year. Some books were taken out of the book box and burnt. Cllr Williams checks the book box regularly. • Parish Land and Property and Trees: Repairs, maintenance and any other matters Cllr Williams reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She is carrying out the regular playground checks and there is nothing to report ○ She is buying paint for the swings ○ There was a discussion about the hedge in Pepingstraw Close. Cllr Williams has propped it back and hopes the top will grow into itself. If the "fallen" section is removed there will be a hole enabling children to climb through into the road. It was agreed to give the hedge time to see if it grows back into place. • Village Hall The last event made £919 profit. Cllr Williams has notified the committee about the unanimous decision at the APM to precept for the Village Hall, and they understand that the payment will not be made until the next financial year. • Village Trust Nothing to report. 	<p>DF + Clerk</p> <p>DF</p>

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8.	<p>PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blaise Farm (12.09.17) Nothing further to report. • Offham Landfill Site The next liaison meeting has not been planned yet. • JPCTCG It was AGREED to renew membership. The next meeting is 27 September. • Pond Nothing further to report. • Speedwatch The SID and County Councillor grant funding have already been discussed. • Village Calendar 2018 and 2019 Cllr Williams has sold 44 of the 2018 calendars already and is in the process of collecting the sponsor money. She is giving the sponsors a free calendar. Cllrs were asked to help sell calendars this year. The theme for 2019 is "Historical Offham" – asking residents to unearth old pictures that they have of the village. 	All
9.	<p>MONTHLY CHECK LIST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways: A resident has asked the Parish Council to support his request that the temporary speed restriction on Seven Mile Lane, in place during roadworks, is maintained permanently. Cllr AGREED their support. Unfortunately, the position is usually that unless there are fatalities that such action is not taken, but the Parish Council supports in principle his request. It was suggested that due to the location, the resident also contact Platt Parish Council. A resident has raised again the problems with motorbike use from Fre-Mel Farm which was discussed last year. Trial Bike Club meetings are also believed to be held on the land. Cllrs appreciated that the noise must be a nuisance, but are unable to take any direct action. The resident should contact TMBC Environmental Health, TMBC Planning and the Environment Agency. • Any other matters: There were no other matters. 	Clerk
10.	<p>Up and Coming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offham Society – Jazz Event 25th June 2017 Cllrs Oliver and Slate will carry out a risk assessment of Cosgrave Field before the event. 	BO+PS
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS ARISING: There were no further matters to discuss.</p>	
12.	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2017 Internal Audit Report Cllrs have read the Internal Report and note its comments. There was no action required. 	

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13.	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING There were no items.																																		
14.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.																																		

The Meeting concluded at 8.40pm
 Date of next meeting **Tuesday 4th July 2017** at 7.30pm

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