

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 373rd), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 6th August 2024, at 7pm at Upwell Public Hall, New Road, Upwell. Chairperson, Mr. Fred Keer presided over the meeting.

1.1 Attending: -

Councillor's Mr. Dale Boyce, Ms Donna Semmens, Mrs Jill Gooch, Mrs Tara Rust, Mrs Jane Sutton and Ms Andrea Alexander.

County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson

Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts.

Apologies accepted for absence: -

Councillors Mrs Georgina Greenwood, Ms Sarah Arden, Mr. John Watts and Mr. David Murfitt.

Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.

1.2. Councillors' Declaration of Interest in tonight's Agenda items.

Please indicate whether the interest is a personal one only or one which is also prejudicial. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. In the case of personal interest, the member may speak and vote on the matter. If a prejudicial interest is declared the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.

1.3. Public Forum:

The Village Cleaner Informed Council that fly- tipping is occurring in the village again.

The area at the bottom of Isle Bridge Road that Borough Council own is overgrown. Many residents use this as a cut through for the Chase for walking. BC Chris Crofts said he will investigate this matter and see what can be done.

1.4 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2024 were distributed before this meeting. They were accepted on a proposal by Cllr Donna Semmens and seconded by Cllr Dale Boyce.

These were duly signed as a true record by the Chairperson.

1.5 **Council procedures-** no new ones.

2 Councillor's Reports

2.1 NCC – Chris Dawson – various updates and information have been sent by Chris since the last meeting, He had no report for the meeting but asked the Council if they had any questions. He answered questions during the meeting as they arose. School parking is still contentious, and the outcome is that Police want Chris to ensure that the community itself has done all it can.

Feasability Study- The costs have come back for the safer crossings, believed to be required on the A1122 and the A1101 in the village center. The cheapest being £250,000.00 for zebra crossings. The council are unsure if that is for one or both. Clerk to write to NCC to clarify. Next task to raise this amount.

Trod- the original Trod design is no longer viable. Chris Dawson along with Highways are looking at a suitable design and affordable costings. Clerk to reclaim from NCC the £8,500 paid towards original Trod. Write CIL to cancel the application.

2.2 BC- Chris Crofts reported that there have been very few meetings this last month. The landing stages for the ferry in King's Lynn are being updated. Parking at the Q E Hospital is being a nightmare due to the new buildings being erected. The new Chief Executive will start her position in September.

He then left the meeting at 7.55pm.

3 To report matters arising from the minutes from the Meeting held 10th July 2024.

3.1 An Action plan has been produced with this agenda.

All updates on the August Action plan are attached to these minutes.

Notes added.

Community Garden- Lots of preparation work is being carried out. Anglian Water will clear their area of brambles. Negotiating with Anglian Water and Freebridge about sharing the costs to make the roadway safer. Mrs. Iris Risebrow gave two copies of the deeds to the Recreation Ground to Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce. He kept one and he gave the other to the Clerk of the Council. A gathering at the Recreation Ground with locals and many have shown an interest in volunteering to plant and maintain when the time comes.

4. FINANCE –

Payee	Goods	VAT	Payments for August 2024 to be Authorised		
			Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton	604.12	0.00	604.12	AUG01/24	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	383.24	0.00	383.24	AUG02/24	Village cleaner 33.5hrs @£11.44
Mr Ellington	10.65	0.00	10.65	AUG02/24	Garden Hoe
VODAPHONE	32.00	0.00	32.00	AUG03/24	Monthly Broadband
K & M Lighting	105.15	21.03	126.18	AUG04/24	AUG Streetlighting maintenance
Upwell Village	22.00	0.00	22.00	AUG05/24	Hire of Hall JULY meeting
SSE	500.57	25.03	525.60	AUG06/24	Electricity MAY
VIKING	125.11	25.02	150.13	AUG07/24	Inks and Stationary
McFEE	34.99	0.00	34.99	AUG08/24	Security for internet
NURTURE	31.20	6.24	37.44	AUG09/24	Boat Basin- JUNE cut
NURTURE	131.05	26.21	157.26	AUG09/24	Cuts for Cemetery JUNE
NURTURE	278.73	334.48	334.48	AUG10/24	Infilled Canal JUNE
NURTURE	49.05	9.81	58.86	AUG11/24	Sprayed weeds
D J W Boyce	33.34	0.00	33.34	AUG12/24	Diesel payment for cutting REC
DJW Boyce	36.72	0.00	36.72	AUG12/24	Flailing hedges in REC
NLIDB	224.73	0.00	224.73	AUG13/24	Drainage Rates
ML DB	1418.01	0.00	1418.01	AUG14/24	Drainage Rates
C&PIDB	171.00	0.00	171.00	AUG15/24	Drainage Rates
PWLB	55.48	0.00	55.48	DD	Loan for allotments
Totals	1980.08	103.53	4416.23		

Bold writing indicates paid last month

4.1 Decisions/action

4.1.1 June Accounts were formerly approved

4.1.2. August Payments were agreed and signed.

4.2 For information

4.2.1 Bulley Davy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.

4.2.2 Variance report for June.

4.2.3 Payments received in July- £570.00 advertisement subscriptions, £2,025.00 Allotment fees from Chris Robinson.

5. REPORTS-

5.1 To receive monthly Police Updates sent via email. All relevant emails sent to the Councillor's. It has been reported that Outwell is the worst area for catching speeders.

5.2 To receive the report from the School Liaison Officer – Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported that the school is on summer break. She did report that the school has now dropped from 210 pupils down to 160. This is alarming. Parents choosing to send their children to other local primary schools.

5.3 To receive the report from the OLD Cemetery working party- Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce reported that the dissenters had a meeting. They thanked Mr. Paul Brenchley for clearing weeds near the wall. They are grateful for the volunteer work carried out by Mr. and Mrs. Rayner in the cemetery. There is concern that people are interring ashes on graves. This is not being done officially at times. This is a matter of concern.

5.4 To receive the report from the Playing field and Village Hall Committee – Councilor Mrs. Tara Rust reported that the bookings are ticking along nicely.

5.5 To receive the report from the Planning working party – report attached to the minutes. Councillor Jill Gooch is attending a Parish Update session on 19th September 4pm – 6pm at the Assembly Room, Town Hall, King's Lynn.

5.6 To receive the report from the Village and Highways Working Party-

5.6.1. Streetlights reported as and when.

5.6.2 Any highway reports to Councilor Mrs. Jane Sutton-

5.7 To receive the report from the Allotment committee:

The allotments have been inspected and no issues arising. Contact Mr. Trevor Sieley to ensure he farms the land according to the tenant's agreement.

6. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL TO ACTION: -

Sheet attached to minutes.

1). New Cemetery?

2). Riverside Railings.

3). Trod

4). Community Garden.

5). Penn Sluice

6). Safer Crossings.

7 Outwell Parish Council Web Site is updated monthly- The new Magazine is now on the Website

8 To consider agenda items for the next meeting 28.08.2024.

9 Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm at Upwell Village Hall, New Road, Upwell.

Meeting Duly closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

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