

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 302nd), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 5th September 2017, With the Chairman Councillor Mr J. Wake presiding.

Attending :-

Councillors Mr. Fred Keer, Mrs J. Gooch, Mr D. Boyce, Mr J. Hollands Mr A, Mould and Mr D. Murfitt.

2 member's of public

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.
Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts

Apologies for absence :-

Councillor's Mrs T. Rust, Mr John Watts and Mr P. Brenchley

Public Forum :-

Councillors' Declaration of Interest in tonight's Agenda Items (as per Standing orders):-

None.

Police reports :-

Council received the monthly Newsletter for this area.

Minutes of the last Meeting (1st August 2017) :-

These having been circulated before the meeting, were accepted - on a proposal by Councillor Mr. A. Mould and seconded by Councillor Mr J.Holland.

Matters Arising :

a). Councillor Mr Fred Keer informed the Council as to what was necessary for the Council to now go forward with The Neighbourhood Plan - report attached to minutes- He is going to devise a questionnaire for the Parish of which he has asked the Councillor's to have 10 copies each and these to be handed to people that will fill them in and hand back. He has also asked the Council to compile a precis about the village and its amenities before the next meeting. The Clerk is to submit an application for Outwell Parish Council with Borough Council. This item is now to become an agenda Item.

Correspondance :-

- a). Letter from Elizabeth Truss M P - this was copied to all Councillor's. Contact details given.
- b). Letter from Middle Level offices requesting a meeting with Council and the Chairman of the Welle Creek Trust concerning the General Condition of the Piled Moorings at the Boat Basin. Chairman and Councillor Mr. D. Boyce agreed to attend the meeting when arranged. Clerk to contact Mr Jonathan Fenn- Operations Engineer (date arranged).
- c). Various other documents are on the 'information table' for Councillors attention.

Working Party Reports

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust was not present- no report. Each weekly the School Newsletter is emailed to each Councillor and Clerk.

Cemetery

Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce reported that cemetery is tidy.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

There was no report given due to the absence of both Councillor's Mr. P. Brenchley and Mrs Tara Tust. Councillor Mrs Gill Gooch had visited the playingfield and was concerned about the lack of markings on the MUGA pitch- there was two goal posts at each end which signified that it was suitable for football only and no other games. She also requested that the Council should have a set of accounts. The Clerk reminded her that the Playingfield accounts are with the Charity Commission and that is where the accounts can be found. Clerk to get a copy of these accounts. Questions still arise as to whom owns the Playingfield. Councillor Keer had a report that had been compiled and it was noted that when plans for the village Hall were applied for in 2004- the Parish Council were the sole trustees.

Allotments:-

Nothing reported- still awaiting to hear from Mr. Robb is he would like the area where the garden allotments were.

Planning:- Report is attached :-

2 applications had gone to DCB and these were both passed. Application 17/01048/F was passed but must never be used for domestic use and the owners said they will rid the caravan. It was noted that the Post Office have not finished the rendering and painting of the extension before erecting signage. Clerk to inform the enforcement officer at Borough Council.

Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-

Highways have agreed to paint speed circles on the highway in Lowside. The rangers are coming the week commencing the 16th September- they have been asked to clear two areas of footway of overgrown vegetation. Councillor Mr. D. Boyce reported that when Baldwins drove was resurfaced the road down the centre was skimmed and the tarmac and vegetation ended up in a dykeside. This to be reported to the Highways.

Councillor Mrs Jill Gooch brought up the matter of the fence that is on the edge of the footway at the top of Isle Bridge Road. Also the fact that a fresh Bus shelter was to be installed in a new position and the old one taken away. Councillor Mr. P. Brenchley was not at the meeting to comment on this matter. Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts was asked to look into this matter- Borough Council own the piece of land along side the Crown Public House which the fence surrounds.

It was also reported that Japanese Knot weed is growing in the old disused scrap yard that Mr. Steven Green owns, off Wisbech Road. Clerk to report this to the enforcement office at Borough Council.

County and Borough Councillor Reports:-

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey reported that Norfolk Council has been virtually closed for the last month. They are looking at the budget for the next four years.

Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts reported that LDF are to start again. Self build proposals and sensitive landfill are both issues being discussed. The next meeting is to discuss small villages and hamlets- e.g Salters Lode being one. Lots of consultants to be got through before and results.

Finance

1. July accounts were formerly approved.
2. BulleyDavy- are acting on behalf of Parish Council to sort out the Clerk's PAYE- no contributions to be paid this month.
3. Councillor Mr. Fred Keer reported on the Budget- Council is still within budget- nothing to worry about at this time.

Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	<u>Payments for September 2017 Authorisation</u>		
			Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	225.00	0.00	225.00	102287	Village cleaner 30hrs x £7.50
CGM	516.16	103.24	619.40	102288	Infilled canal cutting 24.7.17
BT	46.49	0.00	46.49	102289	Clerk's expenses 21/8 - 20/9
Bloom & Wake	16.18	3.24	17.30	102290	Petrol for cemetery mowers
Debbie Newton*	8.99	1.80	10.79	102291	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	171.36	34.28	205.64	102292	Street light maintenance
Bulley Davey	54.00	10.80	64.80	102285	Maintenance of wage PAYE
PWLB	64.67	0.00	64.67	DD	Loan for Allotments
Eon Energy	217.62	43.52	261.14	DD	Energy Charges
	<u>1826.47</u>	<u>196.88</u>	<u>2021.23</u>		

Rural Exception Site for Affordable Housing-

Councillor Mrs. J. Gooch bought up the fact that Parish Council asked the Borough Council to ensure that Birdbeck Close and St. Andrew's road was topped before Hastoe Housing built the new part.

Public Rights of Way:-

Nothing reported.

Back Lane/The Tramway:-

Nothing reported.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

To be updated

Council Procedures :-

None

Other urgent matters :-

None.

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 3rd October at 7.00p.m. at St. Andrew's Church.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**