

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 356th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 1st November 2022, at 7pm at Outwell Village Hall.

Chairman Mr. Fred Keer presided the meeting.

Attending:-

Councillor's Mr. John Wake, Mr. John Watts, Mrs Tara Rust, Ms Sarah Arden, Ms Donna Semmens, Mr Paul Brenchley, Mr. Matt Titmarsh and Mrs. Jill Gooch.

Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.

County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson

3 Members of Public.

1.1 Apologies accepted for absence: -

Councillors Mrs. Jane Sutton and Mr. Dale. Boyce.

Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts

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 a 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:

A member of public reported to the Council that at the top of Beaupre Avenue on the A1122 Wisbech Road, that the repairs done are breaking up again, when the traffic passes over it makes his residence shake. Clerk to report to Highways and copy in C C Chris Dawson.

1.4 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 were distributed before this meeting. On one amendment in section 2.2.1 the amount payable is £2,250.00 by NCC, not £2,500.00.

They were accepted on a proposal by Cllr Sarah Arden and seconded by Cllr Tara Rust.

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

1.5 **Council Procedures:** The complaint made to the External monitoring officer is now with Borough Council's solicitor. Awaiting outcome.

2.1 To report matters arising from the minutes from the Meeting held 4th October 2022

2.1.1. New Cemetery - Councillor Jane Sutton was absent from the meeting and there was no update.

2.1.2 Councillor Paul Brenchley reported that he has found a benefactor who will give £1,000.00 for tree to be planted in the tramway. Andrew Robb is to provide 130 trees which his company will plant along the borders of the tramway for £500.00. It has been suggested that silver birches be planted. Councillor Brenchley asked Council if he could go ahead with this? On proposal by Sarah Arden and seconded by John Watts- the Council unanimously agreed.

Councillor Brenchley proposed that the locks at each end of the Tramway be re- locked- this was seconded by Councillor Sarah Arden- the Council unanimously agreed.

Councillor Brenchley then proposed that the Council get's back lane cleared. It required people who live on the border of Back Lane are requested to cut back their vegetation and over hanging trees. This was seconded by Councillor John Wake- the Council unanimously agreed.

2.1.3 Councillor Paul Brenchley has cut the Recreation Ground- he asked the Council if they were willing to pay for the fuel he used for cutting the area. On a proposal by Councillor Tara Rust that he be paid £115.00 for the fuel, it was seconded by Councillor Sarah Arden, The Council unanimously agreed.

2.1.4 Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley reported that donations from local businesses were to pay for the Christmas Lights. Oakley Farms are to donate a Xmas tree to be located with permission on Mr.Stotts landing stage outside his shop. He has contacted NCC Highways to ensure he can put up poles on Isle Bridge. He has also contacted K & M Lighting- to get help to source electricity from the nearest streetlight. He, along with Councillor Sarah Arden will be installing the lights. It was agreed that they will be officially switch on at 5pm on Sunday 4th December 2022- Mrs. Iris Risebrow to be asked by Councillor Mr. Matt Titmarsh is she will do the honours. A board will be erected, kindly donated with all the business names that have donated to the lights.

2.1.5 Councillor Ms Sarah reported that the Christmas Tree would be better paced in the village as Councillor Paul Brenchley suggested.

2.1.6 Clerk has written to Ben Lee Chapman with concerns of his fence encroaching onto the Recreation Ground- no response as 27/10/22. Clerk to re-write and give the stipulation that he has till the end of the year to put his fence back to its original boarder.

2.1.7. Well Creek Trust- responded that the Banks will be kept cut and tidy once the wild flowers have died.

2.2. MATTERS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION AND/OR DECISIONS: -

2.2.1. Safer Crossings- request for a parish partnership bid has been submitted. The amount for the Council to pay will be £750.00 for the feasibility study along with £1500.00 from County Councillor Chris Dawson. If the bid is successful, then NCC will let Parish Council know when the feasibility studies will be carried out.

2.2.2 PARISH PARTNERSHIP – 2023/24.

Council has sent of a Bid for a new Trod running from the Telephone box on Isle Road to the sluice pathway, at a cost of £14,600. If the bid is successful, then a decision to be made where to get funding or to go ahead with it.

2.3. OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTIONS AND/OR DECISION.

2.2.3.1 Remembrance Sunday is November 13th 2022. A wreath has been bought for the Council to lay at memorial. Councillor Matthew Titmarsh offered to lay this. There is no remembrance service in Outwell, just a meet at the memorial at 2pm. A procession will meet at Beaupre School at 1.45pm and march to the memorial

3. FINANCE –

Payee	Goods	VAT	Payments for	Ref	Supplier/ Service
			November 2022 to be Authorised		
Total					
Debbie Newton	551.48	0.00	551.48		Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	299.25	0.00	299.25	Nov-01	Village cleaner 31.5 hrs @£9.50
Plusnet	26.42	0.00	26.42	Nov-02	BT Telephone/broadband November
K & M Lighting	105.15	21.03	126.18	Nov-03	Nov Streetlighting maintenance
BulleyDavy	54.00	10.80	64.80	Nov-04	Clerk Wages
Viking	111.35	22.27	133.62	Nov-05	Rubbish Sacks and inks
British Legion	20.00	5.00	25.00	Nov-06	Wreath for Remembrance Day
CGM	57.78	11.56	69.34	Nov-07	Boat basin 24/10 10/10
CGM	242.68	48.54	291.22	Nov-07	Cemetery 03/10 17/10
CGM	258.08	51.62	309.70	Nov-08	Infilled canal 10/10
P B Engineering	96.66	19.33	115.99	Nov-09	Diesel for cutting recreation
Drax Elec	229.58	44.35	273.93	DD	Electricity October
NLIDB	218.49	0.00	218.49	DD	Drainage fees
CPIDB	144.00	0.00	144.00	DD	Drainage fees
Middle level	1203.16	0.00	1203.16	DD	Drainage fees
Totals	3618.08	234.5	3852.58		

3.1 Decisions/action

3.1.1 September Accounts were formerly agreed.

3.1.2. November payments were agreed as above

3.2 For information

3.2.1 BulleyDavy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.

3.2.2 Income-£2,018.02 from NCC parish partnership for the Solar lights.

The Chairman at this time thanked both Councillors Jill Gooch and Jane Sutton for their kind donations towards the Solar light on the Trod in Lowside.

3.2.3. Variance report was explained by Chairman for September.

3.2.4 CIL payment receive £558.00

3.2.5 Allotment rents received £4,457.50.

4. REPORTS-

4.1 To receive monthly Police Updates sent via email.

4.1.1 All relevant emails sent to the Councillor's.

4.2. Neighbourhood Planning- it was discussed at his time that the meeting before the Council meeting, re-information about the Neighbourhood plan and how it can benefit the Parish was interesting. Chairman asked Councillor's to go away and think seriously as to whether the Parish would benefit from a plan or not, then next meeting a decision as to whether to go ahead or not will be decided.

4.3 To receive the report from the School Liaison Officer – Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported that the Head of the School, has concerns that if over development in the village occurs, then there will be no spaces available in the School.

4.4 To receive the report from the OLD Cemetery working party- Councillor John Wake reported that is being well maintained.

4.5 To receive the report from the Playingfield and Village Hall Committee – Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley reported that there was a successful Bonfire night held, record attendance and £2,800.00 profit was made for the upkeep of the Village Hall. There is a craft fayre scheduled for 20th November 2022. Unfortunately, there was an incident where fireworks from a private location near the Playingfield were aimed at the dispersing crowd. Fortunately, no one was hurt, the matter is with the police.

4.6 To receive the report from the Planning working party – report attached to the agenda. Enforcement acknowledgement has been received for the Willows- Well Creek Road. Council has requested an update on this before the next meeting. Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley queried why it is taking so long for the Application for Outwell Timber is taking so long. Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphries said he would investigate.

4.7 To receive the report from the Allotment Working Party- Allotment rents are being paid. There are two payments outstanding currently. It was discussed that the land in Langhorns Lane that Mr. Sieley is a tenant- has had pumpkin waste dumped on here. Council to write to Mr. Sieley to use the land as it is intended, not as a dumping ground.

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

4.8.1. Streetlights reported as and when.

4.8.2. Please report any highway issues to Councillor Jane Sutton.

4.8.3. County Councillor Chris Dawson is investigating why the Rangers are not turning up to clear the vegetation in the village.

4.9 To receive the Norfolk County Councillor's Report -Mr Chris Dawson has sent all updates via Email. He attended the beginning of the meeting to hear any issues that have arisen. He did inform the Council that Marshland St. James have now embarked on a Neighbourhood Plan and perhaps would be informative to Outwell Council. He has been on the case regarding Diversions in the area- Chairman explained the issue with Outwell when the A1122 was closed. Clerk had also contacted the police and NCC Highways to prevent HGV's going over the bridges in the village. He will also help get repairs done as soon as is possible in the Parish.

4.10 To receive Borough Councillor Mr Harry Humphrey reported that the main concern with the Borough Council is their budgets. There will be an increase on discount of Council Tax for specified people in April 2023/24.

4.11 Outwell Parish Council Web Site is updated monthly-

4.12 To consider agenda items for the next meeting 30.11.2022.

The Chairman informed the Council that he and the Clerk will prepare the 1st Draft of the Budget for the next meeting on the proviso that the Council will agree to a 10% rise with the Precept for 23/24.

4.13 Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 6th December 2022 at the Village Hall, Outwell at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....