

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 334th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 3rd November, via Zoom, starting at 7pm. Chairman, Councillor Mr. Fred Keer presiding.

Attending :-

Councillors Mr John Wake, Mrs Jane Sutton, Mr John Watts, Mr Matt Titmarsh, Mr. John Hollands, Mr Paul Brenchley, Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts, Ms. Sarah Arden, Mr Dale Boyce and Mrs Tara Rust.

Apologies for absence :-

Councillor Mrs J. Gooch and County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.

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

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.

Public Forum- Each elector has a two minute slot in which to talk :-

No public present.

To receive monthly Police Updates/Speedwatch:-

Local Crime Rates were emailed to all Councillor's.

Councillor Mrs Jane Sutton reported that Speedwatch has started again and have 2 new members- there was an incident where a member of public rang the police to say there were 12 members at the speedwatch whereas they were following government guidelines of only 6 members.

Minutes of the Meeting (Tuesday 6th October 2020) :-

These were circulated to all Councillors before the meeting.

The minutes were recorded as true recording on a proposal by Councillor Mrs. Jane Sutton and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Tara Rust.

Council Procedures :-

Laying of the Wreath- There is to be no service of remembrance to be held. There will be no official laying of wreaths this year. Councillor Mr John Holland agreed to lay the wreath at the memorial at 2pm on Sunday 8th November accompanied by Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce.

Matters Arising :-

a). Street lights for the Oakley Development off Wisbech Road. It appears there will be no lighting in the new development- copy of email was sent to all councillors.

Correspondance;

- a). Notice has been given for the Stopping up order from 9th October- a legal requirement. This is to notify the general public that there is a Stopping order applied for, by the resident at number 15/17 Wisbech Road. This is where the old tow path ran alongside the premises to the rear of 15- 27 Wisbech Road to the Sluice Bridge.
- b). All information otherwise has been sent to all Councillor's.

Neighbourhood Plan:-

No discussion at this meeting.

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs.Tara Rust reported that the new system of staggered times pupil enter school and leave school is very successful and parents and staff feel quite safe in the current conditions. Parking is becoming quite an issue again so she is hoping to get a meeting with the Headmistress.

Cemetery

Councillor John Holland reported that overgrown ivy on the gatepost is preventing the gates to open and shut properly. Clerk to check CGM contract and see what work requires carrying out..

Proposed New Cemetery :-

Councillor Brenchley asked the views of the Councillor's on the New proposed Cemetery. Councillor Mr. J. Watts didn't agree with the proposed position in Langhorns Lane. Councillor Brenchley explained that land will have to be sold to finance the proposal. Councillor J. Watts queried whether a loan could be taken out? Councillor Wake would like to be able to extend the original cemetery. The land next door to the cemetery is not available for this use. Councillor Watts also suggested there might be land owners wanting to sell their land. In principal the Council have agreed that land needs to be sold to finance the potential new cemetery. The Chaiman and Councillor Brenchley to meet before the next meeting to discuss the possible finances.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mr P. Brenchley reported that the Hall is shut again due to new restrictions apart from there being a first aid course using the facilities.

Allotments:

Rents are still being discussed. Chairman to discuss with Councillor's D. Boyce and M. Titmarsh the areas of land and potential rent increase for October 2021.

Planning:- Report is attached:

Clerk informed the Council that their input for the development in Hall road of 39 houses instead of 25 was no longer required. The Borough Council have refused this.

Finance:-

- 1). September Accounts were formerly agreed. Agreed to sign cheques and approve payments -
 - 2). Variance Updates for September - copy sent to all Councillors.
 - 3). BulleyDavy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.
 - 4). Income this month- Allotments- £7240.00, petty cash has been banked £3.19.
 - 5) Budget for 2021/22 was discussed and explained. This to be agreed at the next meeting.
- Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce thanked the Chairman and Clerk for ensuring that finances are in a good position at this time.

Payments for November 2020 to be Authorised

| Payee | Goods | VAT | Total | Ref | Supplier/ Service |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Debbie Newton | 541.00 | 0.00 | 541.00 | DD | Clerk Wages |
| Mr Ellington | 287.76 | 0.00 | 287.76 | Nov-01 | 33 hrs @ 8.72 |
| Plusnet | 24.99 | 0.00 | 24.99 | Nov-02 | BT Telephone/broadband October |
| 1and1 | 15.00 | 3.00 | 18.00 | Nov-03 | Web Site monthly subscription |
| K & M Lighting | 91.35 | 18.27 | 109.62 | Nov-04 | Streetlight 1.10.20-31.10.20 |
| CGM | 145.00 | 29.00 | 174.00 | Nov-05 | Cemetery Maintenance |
| BulleyDavey | 54.00 | 10.80 | 64.80 | Nov-06 | PAYE up to end Sept |
| British Legion | 20.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | Nov-07 | Poppy Wreath |
| BCKL&WN | 1536.59 | 0.00 | 1536.59 | Nov-08 | 2019 Election Costs |
| Haven | 222.56 | 43.02 | 265.58 | DD | Electricity Supply-OCTOBER |
| Total | 2938.25 | 104.09 | 3042.34 | | |

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

- 1). Councillor Mrs. Jane Sutton reported that with perseverance that Highways came and met with Mr. Lawrence and agreed that the road in front of his house needs repair
- 2). Baldwins Drove and Robyns nest still a contentious issue – Councillor Mrs. Jane sutton to persevere.
- 4). Rangers requested to clear the vegetation in the village centre in December.
- 5). Village Cleaner- to be asked to clear the leaves off the pavement in front of the terrace houses in Church Terrace- they are slippery and dangerous.
- 6). TROD continuing discussion.
- 7). Drain outside Post office and in Basin road to be reported.

Parish Partnership 2021:-

Upwell Parish Council emailed Outwell Council that they are willing to pay their share of the lights. Several members of Council are against the lights. Clerk will liase with Councillor Mrs Jill Gooch and Peter Cattell from Clearview Intelligence on the cost of the lights. Highways have agreed that these are feasible.

Rights of Way in the Parish :-

Councillor Ms Sarah Arden- is going to check all public highways before reporting any issues.

Tramway and Backlane:-

Clerk to get in touch with both CGM to get a quote to carry out the work to clear the area adjacent to picea lodge and Richard Fisher to ask why there was a TPO order put on this area when its clear the trees were not in great health. Meeting with both was arranged for 18th November.

County and Borough Councillor Reports:-

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey was absent.
Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts reported that a budget is being put aside for the rough sleepers in the Borough during the winter months. Food recycling is being looked at again. Speeding and Staked horses in local communities are being reported more. He re-iterated that the footway in front of Church Terrace is owned by the residents of the houses.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

The website has been updated.

Agenda items for next meeting:-

- a). The Trod.
- b). Rent increase.
- c). Budget for 2021/22

Any other Items for the next agenda to be received by **25.11.2020**.

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.00p.m. Via Zoom- a link will be sent directly to those that are required to attend.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 8.25 pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**