

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 355th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 4th October 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, Mrs. Jane Sutton and Mrs. Jill Gooch.

Borough Councillors Mr. Chris Crofts and Mr. Harry Humphrey.

3 Members of Public.

1.1 Apologies accepted for absence: -

Councillors Mr Paul Brenchley, Mr. Matt Titmarsh and Mr. Dale. Boyce.

County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson

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 who had applied for the vacancy in the Council spoke to the Council why he was interested in the position.

1.4 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 were distributed before this meeting. 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:** Chairman reported he had spoken with Councillor Paul Brenchley about his complaint made to the external monitoring officer and there had been no response before the meeting.

2.1 To report matters arising from the minutes from the Meeting held 6th September 2022

2.1.1. New Cemetery Councillor Jane Sutton reported that she has had to fill in an online form and upload a word document to the Charity Commission- this is the only way Chrity Commission communicate now. Awaiting response.

2.1.2 Councillors Paul Brenchley and Dale Boyce were not present at the meeting to report any further updates on the tree planting in the tramway.

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

2.2.1. Safer Crossings- Councillor Sarah Arden reported that she is in contact with Linda McDermott and Kevin. It was proposed to put a bid in for the Parish Partnership to help towards the cost of the Feasibility Study The cost being £4,500.00. NCC to pay £2,500.00, £1,500.00 earmarked from County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson, leaves Council to pay £750.00 for the Feasibility Study, which if accepted will be carried out early next year.

2.2.2 PARISH PARTNERSHIP – 2023/24.

Councillor John Wake reported he had been to see Mr. David Brown with regards a donation towards the proposed Trod from the telephone box to the Sluice Bridge. He made no comment. Cost will be £14,500. A proposal that the Council made a bid for half this. 4 Councillor's voted in favour- 2 against- it was agreed to try for the bid and hope that the monies can be raised.

Cllr John Wake handed round a plan of the improvements on Wisbech Road, Oakley Developments must carry out as part of the Housing development.

Councillors Mrs. Tara Rust and Jill Gooch are applying for a CIL grant to help pay towards the resurfacing of the Village Hall Car Park.

2.3. OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS

At this time- one member of the public was asked to leave the room.

2.3.1 A secret Ballot was held with all members of the Council voting- there were four candidates who had applied for the new position in the Council on the retirement of Mr. John Holland. Chairman remarked that it was a tough decision with all applicants being strong contenders.

Clerk to write to the three applicants thanking them for their interest and encouraging them to put nominations for the Council next May when the next local elections are due. There will be vacancies at that time.

Donna Semmens to be notified and appropriate information sent as voted the successful applicant.

2.3.2 Council has been informed by the Electrical supplier that there is confusion at this time as to whether businesses will be protected by the energy price increases this winter.

2.3.3 Email from Welle Creek Trust that they propose to sow wildflower seeds on the riverbank to enhance it, Councillor Mrs. Jane Sutton asked if the Banks will still be cut? Clerk to contact Well Creek Trust.

2.3.4 NALC- have sent Council a share certificate showing that the Council owns an equal part of their co-op along with other member councils. Email sent to all Councillors.

2.3.5. A local resident has complained about the Recreation Ground being uncut especially near the border of her fence. It was agreed that the Recreation Field be tidied up. Councillor Paul Brenchley to asked if he would do this.

2.3.6 Christmas Lights- Councillor Sarah Arden requested if Christmas lights could be put on Isle Bridge- Chairman requested she sought more details and reported at the next meeting. Cllr Wake to ask Jamie Wake if there were any lights left over from previous years that could be used.

It was also suggested that a Christmas tree be erected too- perhaps on the Boat Basin.

3. FINANCE –

Payee	Goods	VAT	Payments for	Ref	Supplier/ Service
			October 2022 to be Authorised		
Total			Total		
Debbie Newton	551.48	0.00	551.48		Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	313.50	0.00	299.25	Oct-01	Village cleaner 33 hrs @£9.50
Plusnet	26.42	0.00	26.42	Oct-02	BT Telephone/broadband July
1and1	15.00	3.00	18.00	Oct-03	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	105.15	21.03	126.18	Oct-04	July Streetlighting maintenance
Postage	76.12	0.00	76.12	Oct-05	Years postage payments
Goldings	17.00	0.00	17.00	Oct-06	Flowers in memory Queen (137)
Executive retail	26.98	0.00	26.98	Oct-07	Condolence book (137)
CGM	258.08	51.52	309.70	Oct-08	Infilled canal 19/08
CGM	0.28	0.00	0.28	Oct-08	Underpayment for last month
Mr Nicholas	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	Oct-09	Allotment Rent
CGM	516.16	103.23	619.39	Oct-10	Canal Bank 26/09.12/09
CGM	179.12	35.83	214.95	Oct-11	Basin 12/09 26/09 Cem 19/09
Drax Electricity	222.19	42.93	265.12	DD	Electricity September
Total	3807.48	257.54	4050.87		

3.1 Decisions/action

3.1.1 To formerly approve August Accounts.

3.1.2. Agree to approve payments for October- copy of payments to be made are attached to this agenda

3.2 For information

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

3.2.2 Income- Donation of £500.00 from Top House Mortgage, £1,009.00 from Upwell PC for their Solar Lights, £2,018.02 from NCC parish partnership for the Solar lights.

3.2.3. Variance report for August.

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- Councillor Jill Gooch reported that Katie Evans would like to come and talk with the Council and give an insight to the Council as to what is required. Several suggestions for the meeting were proposed. The Clerk to contact Kate and see what the best sort of meeting would be.

4.3 To receive the report from the School Liaison Officer – Councillor Mrs. Tara Rust had nothing to report. Contact with Mrs. Munday will re- commence.

4.4 To receive the report from the OLD Cemetery working party- Cemetery still being maintained well.

4.5 To receive the report from the Playing field and Village Hall Committee – Councillor Mrs. Tara Rust reported that Bonfire Night this year is the 28thOctober to tie in with Halloween theme. Funding for new play equipment has been applied for.

4.6 To receive the report from the Planning working party – report attached to the agenda. Council made the decision to refuse Application 22/01657/OM for various reasons. Pressure on the infrastructure, No CIL money will be available, there are already plans for affordable housing site in the Parish, the land is agriculture and not in Planning area. Access also being an issue. Clerk to inform BCKL&WN planning department.

4.7 To receive the report from the Allotment Working Party- Allotment committee reported everything is ok. Allotment rent letters have been sent.

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.

Matters raised were, when are the Rangers next due- Email to County Councillor Chris Dawson as to why the Rangers have not carried out the work in the village of vegetation clearing. Churchfield road, hedge over growing on the pavement near the free bridge flats. Potholes near the Mini roundabout have been reported.

4.9 To receive the Norfolk County Councillor's Report -Mr Chris Dawson has sent all updates via email.

4.10 To receive Borough Councillor Mr Harry Humphries/ Mr Chris Crofts report.

4.11 Outwell Parish Council Web Site is updated monthly-

4.12 To consider agenda items for the next meeting 26.10.2022.

Remembrance Sunday to be discussed.

4.13 Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 1st November 2022 at the Village Hall, Outwell at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.345pm.

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