

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 352nd), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 5th July 2022, at 7pm at Outwell Village Hall.

Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce presiding.

Attending:-

Councillor's Mr P. Brenchley, Mrs T. Rust, Mrs Jane Sutton, Ms Sarah Arden and Mrs. Jill Gooch.

County Councillor Mr. Chris. Dawson.

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

1 Member of Public.

1.1 Apologies accepted for absence:-

Councillors Mr. F. Keer, Mr. J. Wake and Mr. Matt Titmarsh.

The Council have accepted Councillor Mr. John Hollands resignation and clerk has written a letter of thanks for his service to the Parish. Clerk to contact Electoral Officer for appropriate forms.

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:

The Village Cleaner reported that there is overgrown vegetation on the Boat Basin. Clerk to contact adjacent property owner to see if he will get it cleared.

1.4 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 were distributed before this meeting. They were accepted on a proposal by Cllr Tara Rust and seconded by Cllr Sarah Arden.

These were duly signed by the Vice- Chairman.

1.5 **Council Procedures:** Councillor Sarah Arden reported to the Council that there is a form to fill in on-line on the Borough Council website concerning complaints about Councillor's. She suggests that the Chairman fills it in on behalf of the Council or every member of the Council can do so.

2.1 To report matters arising from the minutes from the Meeting held 7th June 2022

2.1.1. New Cemetery Working party- Councillor Jane Sutton informed Council she is trying to find out who originally owned the field and paid for it.

2.1.2 Web Site- Mr. Rob Shaw has worked hard on updating a new Web Site for the Council. The link was sent to Council before the meeting for them to have a look and put anything right that was wrong. It was agreed that a good job had been made and the Council accepted that it could go live and be announced after the meeting. Clerk to put announcement on social media.

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

2.2.1 The 1 million Trees for Norfolk -it has been decided that Councillor's Mr. P. Brenchley and Mr. D. Boyce would find out cost of trees and not go through the NCC scheme. The decision was made to plant them down the Tramway, but not obstructing access to land was agreed by the Council. The above Councillor's will carry out the preparation, planting and maintaining.

2.2.A PARISH PARTNERSHIP-

2.2.A. 1. Safer Crossings- County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson reported that Highway matters at this time are slow in responding due to staff shortages. He re- iterated that Linda McDermott is liaising with Councilor's Arden and Sutton about the position Council want the Crossings for the feasibility studies and the Cost.

At this time Councillor Chris Dawson spoke that he had received no feedback on the lorry that went in the dyke in Hall Road. The application for the Waste Incinerator is being submitted next month. NCC have opposed it in principle. The cutting of verges in the parishes have been contentious. Some want to keep them for the wildlife, the contractors have focused on accesses and junctions.

County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

2.2. OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS

2.2.3 PARISH PARTNERSHIP – 2023/24.

Email received from NCC re- Parish Partnership 2023/24. Councillor Sarah Arden proposed that a Trod be put in from the Phone Box on the Boat Basin up to the Sluice Bridge, this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Jane Sutton. A vote was taken- 6 for, 1 abstained.

Clerk to arrange meeting with Mr. Andy Wallace to see if viable and what the cost might be. Council has till 6th December 2022 to put in a bid.

2.2.4. Notification of a new property address formerly Briarwood to Kirkham House, Basin Road- for information only.

2.2.5. At the last meeting Borough Councillor Chris Crofts mentioned that there was CIL grant money to apply for between 1st July and 1st of August for projects in the Village. Council had no suggestions to put forward, but it was suggested that the Village Hall and Playing field committee put forward a claim for the repair of the Car- Park. This was unanimously agreed.

2.2.6. Email received from Mrs. Alison Smith, Robbs Chase, putting in another claim for plants destroyed in her garden by horses that had escaped from recreation ground- originally a sum of £75.00 was agreed, but more plants have been destroyed before the horses were removed. Copy of email sent to all Councillor's before the meeting. There were no receipts or invoices for the cost of the replaced plants. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce that the Council stuck to the £75.00 as agreed previously, this was seconded by Councillor Jane Sutton, unanimous decision was made on this proposal.

3. FINANCE –

Debbie Newton	551.48	0.00	551.48	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	313.50	0.00	313.50	Jul-01	Village cleaner 33 hrs @£9.50
Plusnet	26.42	0.00	26.42	Jul-02	BT Telephone/broadband June
1and1	15.00	3.00	18.00	Jul-03	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	105.15	21.03	126.18	Jul-04	July Streetlighting maintenance
CGM	57.78	11.56	69.34	Jul-05	Boat Basin 09/05 23/05
CGM	121.34	24.27	145.61	Jul-05	Cemetery 02/05
CGM	516.16	103.23	619.39	Jul-06	Infilled 09/05 23/05
Emma Bates	132.11	0.00	132.11	Jul-06	Internal Audit 2021/22
Viking	106.28	21.26	127.54	Jul-07	Inks and stationary
ACS Design	488.00	21.60	509.60	Jul-08	New Web Design and maintenance
CGM	57.78	11.56	69.34	Jul-09	Boat Basin 20/06 06/06
CGM	242.68	48.54	291.22	Jul-09	Cemetery 13/06 and 27/06
CGM	516.16	103.23	619.39	Jul-10	Infilled 06/06 and 24/06
PWLB	732.01	0.00	732.01	DD	Playing field loan
Haven	229.58	44.35	273.93	DD	May electricity charges
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3.1 Decisions/action

- 3.1.1 May Accounts were formerly approved.
- 3.1.2. Payment for July were formerly approved.

3.2 For information

- 3.2.1 Bulley Davy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.
- 3.2.2. Accounts have been sent to P J Littlejohn- they have been published on the Website.
- 3.2.3 Internal Audit report was good. VAT is to be reclaimed.

4. REPORTS-

- 4.1 –**To receive Police updates** – all relevant emails forwarded to Councillor's.
- 4.2 – **To receive report on Neighbourhood Planning** – Cllr Gooch had no updates
- 4.3 – **To receive report from School Liaison Officer** – Cllr Rust had nothing to report.
- 4.4 **To receive report from Old Cemetery Working Party** – Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce reported that the Cemetery is manicured now. An email received by resident thanking the Council for dealing with the issue of the grass not being cut properly. Mr Dale Boyce reported that the dissenters had a meeting on 3rd July 2022 and are looking into creating more space for the internment of ashes.
- 4.5 – **To receive report from Playing field & Village Hall representative** – Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce thanked the Village Hall and Playing field committee on behalf of all the Council for putting on a great event in the Village- Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the committee for all their work before and after the event. Cllr Brenchley reported a grant had helped to fund the event so that the profit from the takings will be high, in the region of £3.000.00 was made after expenses were paid. Finances are good, the committee- 12members- work hard and make the Hall and playing field self-sufficient.
- 4.6. **To receive report from Planning working Party**–report attached to the minutes. Councillor Mrs. Jane Sutton declared an interest.
- 4.7 **Report from Allotment Working Party** – Allotment inspection was arranged for Tuesday 12th July, meeting at the Village Hall at 7pm.
- 4.8 **To receive the report from the Village and Highways Working Party-**
 - 4.8.1. Streetlights reported as and when.
 - 4.8.2 Several Highway Matters reported. All matters to be reported to Highways and Borough Council.
 - 4.8.3. Councillor Paul Brenchley reported that several 'lay-bys' have been made in the infilled canal. They are big pot- holes and look unsightly. Would NCC do something about them or would NCC give permission for local businesses to fill these areas in and look respectable? Clerk to write to NCC Highways.
- 4.9 **To receive the Norfolk County Councillor's Report – Chris Dawson** has sent all updates via E mail. He attended the meeting for the issues he is involved with in the Parish of Outwell and then left the meeting as indicated above.
- 4.10 **To receive Borough Councillor's Reports** – Mr Chris Crofts informed the Council that There is a new community hub to be located at the library in King's Lynn. Several Neighbourhood schemes have been passed. David Brown developments will have to install a Bus shelter near the Sluice Bridge as part of his development. Since March, there have been 14 notices given to those that have been caught Fly- Tipping. The Cost is £200.00 if paid within a month. If taken to court then the costs are far higher with the Court Costs to be paid too. Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey reported that Borough Council have voted against the proposed Waste incinerator in Wisbech, in Principal when the application is made next month.
- 4.11 **To consider agenda items for the next meeting 27.7.22**
- 4.12 **Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 2nd August 2022, at Outwell Village Hall, Wisbech Road, at 7pm.**
- 4.13 **With no other business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.**

Signed as true record of the meeting: -

..... Chairman