

# **OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 323<sup>rd</sup>), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, at The Crown Lodge meeting room, commencing at 7pm. Chairman, Councillor Mr. Fred Keer presiding.

## **Attending :-**

Councillors Mrs Jill Gooch, Mr. John Watts, Mr Dale Boyce, Mr John Wake, Mr. John Watts, Ms Sarah Arden, Mr John Holland. Mr Paul Brenchley and Mrs Tara Rust.

3 members of public

## **Apologies for absence :-**

Councillor Mr Matt Titmarsh, Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts 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 :-**

One member of Public reported that garden vegetation had been dumped on the Tramway and Backlane- this matter to be looked into.

## **To receive monthly Police Updates/Speedwatch:-**

Local Crime Rates were emailed to all Councillor's, Speedwatch report read out to Council by the Clerk. Councillor Jane Sutton reported that due to comments made on social media several volunteers have left therefore the speedwatch team now requires new volunteers- This to be reported in the Welle in touch to drum up support.

## **Minutes of the last Open Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> October 2019) :-**

These were circulated to all Councillors before the meeting.

The minutes were recorded as true reading after an ammendment, Councillor Ms. Jane Sutton had sent her apologies for the last meeting, on a proposal by Councillors Mr J. Holland and seconded by Mr. D. Boyce.

## **Council Procedures :-**

None

## **Matters Arising :-**

a). NCC re- the stopping up order- No Update.

b). Response from Grahame Bygrave re Safer Crossings-his response had been circulated to all Councillor's before the meeting. Council were not happy with the response. Councillor Mrs. Jane Sutton, was curious why no money was asked for, by the Borough Council, when the applications for the three large developments were submitted? She believes that safety in the village and helping the infrastructure is a big priority. The Council agreed. Council to contact Elizabeth Truss for her support, (email sent 11.11.19 after the Council's approval) and the Chairman to write a response to Mr. Bygraves with the Council's consent ( letter sent 24.11.19). Councillor Ms Sarah Arden informed the Council that at a meeting she had been to, she had been informed that Mr Richard Smith is the top man in NCC Highways- Council to contact him if Mr Bygraves doesn't give the support required. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. John Wake that Council waits before a feasibility report is made, this was seconded by Mr John Watt's- unanimously carried.

This then led onto discussion of the Parish Partnership with NCC Highways ( agenda item 13). It was proposed on the agreement that County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey gives £1,500.00 toward the cost of a Sam2 sign in the village, by Councillor Dale Boyce and seconded by Councillor Jill Gooch, that the Council make a bid for a Sam2 sign to hopefully help with the speeding issue in the village. Councillor Mrs Jane Sutton informed the Council the Speedwatch team will be responsible for the location and downloading of the Sam2.

c). VE DAY celebrations- Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley informed the Council that several ideas have been discussed by the Outwell Village Hall and Playingfield committee, something for the youngsters and something for the older generation i.e a 40's style Tea Party/Dance. Councillor Mrs. Jill Gooch then informed the Council that Upwell Parish Council have also discussed several ideas for Upwell, Three holes and Lakesend. Councillor Mr. John Hollands thought the G & S Society would be willing to do a concert. It was agreed that a meeting be held at the Outwell Village Hall at the end of November to discuss the ideas and hope there are no clashes. Clerk to arrange a meeting date with Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley ( 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm) various committees to be informed.

### **Matters raised by Councillor's for this Agenda**

- a). Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2pm at Memorial, then afterwards at St. Andrew's Church. Councillor Mrs. Jill Gooch is to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.
- b). The Christmas get together with Upwell Parish Council has been organised for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Crown Lodge, Downham Road, 7pm for 7.30pm- £12.00 per head. Clerk to invite Upwell Parish Council ( email sent to UPC 8.11.19)
- c). Various papers and information are on the table.

### **Neighbourhood Plan:-**

In order to fill in 'The Expression of Interest' form for Neighbourhood plan grant application, There are three questions that the Council have been discussing for month's. Chairman Fred Keer gave an update on the planning that is already passed for the village which amounts to three developments building a total of 120 new builds, therefore the answers to the questions would be negative. After much discussion it was proposed by Councillor John Wake that the council should agree with the Chairman, on the condition that matters could change, this was seconded by Councillor Mr Paul Brenchley, a vote was taken, 8 in favour and 2 abstained, the motion was passed.

### **Beaupre School- Council Representative**

Councillor Mrs. Tara Rust reported that the School will be doing a poetry competition to celebrate the VE commemoration. The School head is very concerned about the amount of new builds proposed for the village- she hopes there is funds available to expand the school if required, also she is concerned that there are no safe crossings over the two busy main roads to the village centre- she will be sending emails to the council with her concerns.

### **Cemetery/New Proposed cemetery :-**

Nothing reported.

### **Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-**

Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley reported the Bonfire Night was very much down on numbers- he believes due to the fact the BCof KL&WN plan their free fireworks display the same date- so a plan to change dates is being discussed- he reported that approximately £1,000.00 profit was made, which is a great effort.

### **Allotments:-**

Tenant Andy Robb wrote to the Council, with concerns that the road known as Baldwins drove-that can be accessed from Chalk Road has been made private by the owner of Robins Nest, he has been told that by the owners- he required clarification. The road is a public highway. Clerk to get in touch with NCC Highways to request that signs are put at each end of Baldwins drove to indicate it's a public highway (email sent 11.11.19). Clerk to inform Andy Robb of the outcome (rang him on 12.11.19 to inform him the action being taken), he also wanted to know if the owners of Robins nest had permission to build on the piece of land- this had gone to appeal and been refused on 4.11.19.

### **Planning:- Report is attached :-**

Council was informed that the Robins Nest application had been refused.

### **Finance:-**

- 1). September's Account's were formerly agreed. Payments for October were agreed.
- 2). Variance Balances- September- copy to all Councillor's with the Agenda. Chairman Mr Fred Keer informed the Council that variances are quite large due to the fact CGM haven't sent their invoices. He had concerns about the Streetlight budget- higher than predicted, he and the clerk to look into this.
- 3). Allotment rents received and Banked- £5100.00 so far.
- 4) BulleyDavy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.
- 5). It was noted here, that the precept is to be discussed at the next meeting- the likelihood it will be raised 10% again next year.

**Payments for November 2019 to be Authorised**

Payee	Goods	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	236.55	0.00	236.55	Nov-01	Village cleaner - Oct 28.5 hrs
Plusnet	22.99	0.00	22.99	Nov-02	BT Telephone/broadband October
1and1	8.99	1.80	10.79	Nov-03	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	91.35	18.27	109.62	Nov-04	Streetlight 1.11.19-30.11.19
D J Newton	71.59	0.00	71.59	Nov-05	Postage for 2018/19
CGM	258.08	51.62	309.70	Nov-06	Canal cut 23.10.19
CGM	105.00	21.00	126.00	Nov-07	Cemetery cut 21.8.19
Bulley Davy	54.00	10.80	64.80	Nov-08	PAYE business records
Crown Lodge	33.34	6.66	40.00	Nov-09	Sept and November meeting
Eon Energy	296.16	59.23	355.39	DD	Energy Charges
Wave	13.48	0.00	13.48	DD	Water rates for cemetery
<b>Total</b>	<b>1697.53</b>	<b>169.38</b>	<b>1866.91</b>		

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

All enquiries from last month have been dealt with.

Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley informed the Council the Bus shelter. to be erected next to the Crown Public House will be in situ before the year end. The Village sign is still in progress. Several highway matters were raised. Clerk to report to NCC Highways (emailed 11.11.19). Chairman Mr. Fred Keer, reminded Councillor's that if they have anything to report- to get the exact location to make the clerk's job easier- Councillor Ms Sarah Arden informed the Council that there is an app you can install on your phone and report issues and flag the exact location.

**Parish Partnership 2020:-**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting- Clerk to send application off.

**Rights of Way in the Parish :-**

Councillor Ms Sarah Arden- presented large maps to all Councillor's and clerk ( copy with the minutes) of the Parish, with all the Highways, footpaths and Byways marked on there.

**Tramway and Backlane:-**

Reported above in Public Forum.

**County and Borough Councillor Reports:-**

There were no reports.

**Outwell Parish Council Website-**

The website has been updated.

**Agenda items for next meeting:-**

Any other Items for the next agenda to be received by **27.11.19**.

**Date of next meeting :-**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7.00p.m. at **The Crown Lodge Meeting Room, Downham Road.**

**There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm**

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**



