

# **OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 321<sup>st</sup>), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019, at The Crown Lodge meeting room, commencing at 7pm. Chairman, Councillor Mr. Fred Keer presiding.

## **Attending :-**

Councillors Mrs Jill Gooch, Mr. John Hollands, Mr Paul Brenchley, Mr. John Watts, Mrs Tara Rust, Mrs Jane Sutton, Mr John Wake, Mr. John Watts, Ms Sarah Arden and Mr Matt Titmarsh  
Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts  
4 member's of public

## **Apologies for absence :-**

Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce, 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 :-**

A resident stood up requesting there be some way the Council could help to make drivers aware that children are on school holidays and are playing in Isle Bridge Road. Her concern is that more traffic comes down the road now and they travel at speed, unaware that children are playing. She does not want anything bad to occur down there. Councillor's Tara Rust and Paul Brenchley had already been concerned about this issue and have already organised a sign to be erected at the top of Isle Bridge Road, cautioning drivers to be aware that youngsters are playing.

The Village cleaner Mr. M D Ellington, brought up the matter again of the overgrown vegetation in Robbs Chase- you can no longer walk through. Clerk is trying to find land owners to get it cleared. NCC highways have been made aware too.

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

Councillor Mrs. Jane Sutton reported that the Speed Watch teams were in Three Holes between the hours of 17.00 -18.00, 18 people were caught speeding. The team try different areas at different times, sometimes on request, but she reminded Council they are all volunteers and they do this as and when they can. There are now enough members for two teams.

## **Minutes of the last Open Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019) :-**

These were circulated to all Councillors before the meeting.

The minutes were recorded as true reading on a proposal by Councillors Mr. John Hollands and seconded by Ms. Sarah Arden.

## **Council Procedures :-**

Chairman requested some proposals for change of meeting structure- copies of his suggestions were sent to all Councillors before meeting. There are four major and related issues that require more attention at this time. 1). New Cemetery, 2). Neighbourhood Plan, 3). Major planning applications and CIL payments, 4). Road safety in the village. It was decided to appoint co-ordinators and agreed that non council members can be part of the structure. Councillor Brenchley (1), Councillor Fred Keer (2), Councillor Jill Gooch (3), and Councillor Jane Sutton (4). Each co-ordinator has a team that meets between open meetings to discuss and then report to Clerk before the next meeting – these reports are added to the agenda so information is available before the meetings. The whole of the Council unanimously agreed with this proposal.

## **Matters Arising :**

a). NCC re- the stopping up order- Email received, saying that if Outwell Parish Council want to go ahead with Stopping- up order, then costs will go to them. Council first want to ensure that the Boundary fence between the footway and the area for stopping up is on the border before they continue with this. (Clerk to arrange a meeting with Andy Wallace to discuss). Council will not be paying any costs.

- b). Clerk had written two emails to the Insurance Company, asking for payment and also if Bus Shelter can be relocated else where. Also letter received from DAC BEACHCROFT-solicitors on behalf of the insurance company, requesting permission to try and recover some cost from the young lad that crashed into the Bus Shelter. This would not be forthcoming, so solicitors told not to go ahead. The insurance company apologised when rung that they hadn't seen the original emails- but would answer in due course.
- c). Sarah Gibb is still concerned about a safe crossing on the Downham Road/Wisbech Road- Clerk to talk with Andy Wallace at the same time as the above. (Report has been emailed to all those concerned).

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

- a). Councillor Paul Brenchley- proposal of safer crossings in the village- copies of his email were sent to MP Elizabeth Truss and County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey, this was discussed at length, with all the developments planned for the village it is thought that there should be some CIL money available or these be included in the planning. (meeting to be arranged with Andy Wallace).
- b). NALC – reminder that it's the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020- Chairman requested this be on the Agenda – it was proposed to get the school involved, and others in the local community. Councillor Tara Rust to approach the school in the new term, others should be involved too, ie Church, Chapel, Playingfield?
- c). At the last meeting Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley requested Christmas be put on the Agenda- he suggests that lights are erected on the Bridges and through the village. He is to contact Highways as to the feasibility and gain permission.
- d). Various papers and information are on the table.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan:-**

Councillor Mr Fred Keer reported that the next stage now is to fill in The Expression of Interest form for Neighbourhood plan grant application. There are three question that require thought. Chairman will send a precis of what is required via email for the Council to look at and make thoughts and comments before the next meeting. A list of applications made in 2016 for LDF will be attached too.

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

Nothing to report.

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

A cemetery meeting will soon take place regarding the proposed New Cemetery. Existing Cemetery is ok at this time.

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

Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley reported that he still having issues with Anglian Water with the last Bill.

#### **Allotments:-**

It was reported that another inspection was done and there is nothing to report.

#### **Planning:**

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

- 1). Enforcement Department have informed Council that the caravan in garden at 18 Isle Bridge Road is an overspill for family and not used as living quarters.
- 2). CIL and requests to be established on the new Development off Wisbech Road.
- 3). Two applications have been withdrawn- one application ammended- see planning report.
- 4). Enforcement are looking at the site known as Robin's Nest due to complaints made by Parish Council, when returning planning refusal.

#### **Finance:-**

- 1). June Account's were formerly agree. Agree to sign cheques and approve payments
- 2). Received invoice from BCKL&WN for the election- query the invoice before paying.
- 3). Variance Balances- June- copy to all Councillor's with the Agenda.
- 4). BulleyDavy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.
- 5). Income- £550.00 Allotment Rent, 2018 VAT Return £1994.00.

**Payments for August 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	Aug-01	Village cleaner - July 24 hrs
Plusnet	22.99	0.00	22.99	Aug-02	BT Telephone/broadband August
1and1	8.99	1.80	10.79	Aug-03	Web Site monthly subscription
CGM	258.08	51.62	309.70	Aug-04	Canal cut 17.06.19
CGM	258.08	51.62	309.70	Aug-04	CanalCut 24.07.19
CGM	250.00	50.00	300.00	Aug-05	Cemetery Maintenance 04/07/19 and 19/07/19
K & M Lighting	91.35	18.27	109.62	Aug-06	Streetlight 1.8.19-31.8.19
Humphrey	1400.00	280.00	1680.00	102422	Bus Shelter demolition
Bulleydavy	54.00	10.80	64.80	Aug-07	PAYE to end June 2019
Eon Energy	306.03	61.21	367.24	DD	Energy Charges
PWLB	55.48	0.00	55.48	DD	Allotment Loan

**Total**                      **3447.55    525.32    3972.87**

**Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-**

All enquiries from last month have been dealt with.

Donna is still on the case of Back Lane, The Chase and the Cottons.

The Rangers are due in the Parish in September- they have been requested to clean up the vegetation from the Church bridge to the Bus Shelter area, clear vegetation from around the Church wall and the Church Bridge, clear brambles in the Chase, also the verge alongside the trod in Lowside.

**Parish Partnership 2020:-**

A request to be made to County Councillor, Mr.Harry Humphrey for helping towards someway of slowing the vehicles down in the village.- eg SAM2.

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

Councillor Ms Sarah Arden reported that she is prepping the maps and they will be shown and discussed at the next meeting.

**Tramway and Backlane:-**

Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Jane Sutton had been contacted about a tree in Tramway that had fallen across and blocked it. Clerk went to look and found someone to move the tree and the person who reported it cut it up and removed trunk but left mess there with the branches. There is also concern that there are two more trees that are rotten and likely for fall. Clerk to contact borough council to see what can be done. It was said that these have a TPO order on them requested by the owner of Picea Lodge. (Clerk to look into this).

**County and Borough Councillor Reports:-**

County Councillor Mr. Harry was absent.

Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts reported that details on what CIL money can be paid towards is available.

**Outwell Parish Council Website-**

The website has been updated.

**A matter of concern was bought up at this time about youngster swimming in the Middle Level. Council to publish their concerns on Social media and in the Welle in Touch magazine.** Also the matter of people fishing in the Creek and not replacing fish, is a big concern. Perhaps notices be placed? Contact the Welle Creek Trust and the Middle Level.

**Agenda items for next meeting:-**

Any Items for the next agenda to be received by 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 please.

**Date of next meeting :-**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 8.55pm**

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... Chairman



