

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 306th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 6th March 2018, With Councillor Mr F. Keer presiding. (This situation arose due to the fact that Chairman Councillor Mr. J. Wake had sent his apologies and the Vice Chairman Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce had handed in his resignation). Councillor Mr. Fred Keer was nominated to become vice Chairman, This was unanimously agreed.

Attending :-

Councillors Mr. John Wake, Mr Alan Mould, Mr. J. Hollands, Mrs J. Gooch, Mrs T. Rust, Mr. P. Cutting and Mr D. Murfitt.

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey
Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts

3 member's of public

Apologies for absence :-

Councillors Mr P. Brenchley and Mr John Watts.

Public Forum :-

Public had spoken at the Parish Assembly.

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

None.

Police reports :-

Council received the monthly Newsletter for this area.

Minutes of the last Meeting (6th February 2018) :-

These having been circulated before the meeting were accepted - on a proposal by Councillor Mr. A. Mould and seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Holland.

Matters Arising :

- a). Community Payback – Council felt this would be a good way to get jobs done in the community. Councillor Mrs Tara Rust is looking into this. The Village Hall is available for toilet use if necessary- Councillor Tara Rust is to also ask the Church if their toilets would be available too.
- b). Land owners of the piece of land at the top of Whetstone Way are Miles & Pegg. No one seems to know how to contact them.
- c). Village Gateways- costings were sent to all Councillor's- it was suggested at this time that budget will not stretch to pay for these.

Correspondance :-

- a). Council agreed that the Outwell Village Hall and Playingfield committee could use the Boat Basin on the day of the Raft Race Day.
- b). Information received from Bulley Davey- the minimum wage from 1.4.18 is to be £7.83. **The Village cleaner was asked to leave the room at this time.** The Council agreed to pay him £8.00 hour as from 1st April 2018.
- c). A letter received from Mrs Joan Lister- Fir trees and Brick rubble dumped in the dyke down Lowside- this matter has been dealt with.
- d). Councillor Mr Dale Boyce's formal resignation- Councillor Mr. Fred Keer agreed to write to him to request he continues his involvement with the Neighbourhood plan and thank him for his services. Borough Council to be informed.
- e). Various other documents are on the 'information table' for Councillors attention.

Neighbourhood Plan:-

Councillor Mr Fred Keer had nothing to report at this meeting- no progress this last month.

Working Party Reports

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported it was quiet at the moment and she is to arrange another meeting with the Headmistress.

Cemetery

Main discussion is the future of the maintenance and how to pay for it. Councillor Mr. John Watts has the mowers at his to look at and see if they are worth repairing and at what cost. Clerk to contact CGM as to their costings. Could this be listed as special expenses in the 2019/20 budget?

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mrs. Tara Rust informed the Council that there was nothing to report. There is to be an old fashion Jumble Sale to be held in April.

Allotments:-

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. David Murfitt that the allotment rates should go up to £125.00 per acre plus drainage cost from April 2019. This was seconded by Councillor Mr. P. Cutting. It was unanimously agreed. Clerk to send letter of rent increase with the tenants invoices. A member of public spoke to council at this time about supplements.

Planning:-

Report is attached :-

A local resident reported she had seen mains water being connected on the field on the Cottons. This to be reported to the Enforcement officer. Also the fencing to the moors in Lowside.

Finance:-

1. January accounts were formerly approved.
2. BulleyDavy- are acting on behalf of Parish Council to sort out the Clerk's PAYE- no contributions to be paid this month.
3. Councillor Mr. Fred Keer reported on the Budget. This was quite intense. Council are looking at ways to increase income or decrease spending. Councillor Mr. Fred Keer asked the Council to try and find £1,000.00 extra this next year.
- 4). NCC have been invoiced for £1,000.00 to help towards the cost of maintaining the infilled canal for 2017. It was suggested that Council asks for £1,500.00 towards costs per year.

Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	Payments for March 2018 Authorisation		
			Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	183.75	0.00	183.75	102329	Village cleaner -February
K & M Lighting	85.68	17.14	102.82	102330	light maintenance 1/3/18-31/3/18
BT	48.99	0.00	48.99	102331	Clerk's expenses 21/2/18-20/3/18
Debbie Newton*	8.99	1.80	10.79	102332	Web Site monthly subscription
BCKL&WN	273.24	54.65	327.89	102333	Annual dog waste bin emptying
Eon Energy	156.96	39.31	235.87	DD	Energy Charges
PWLB	64.67	0.00	64.67	DD	Allotment land loan
	<u>1328.28</u>	<u>112.90</u>	<u>1480.78</u>		

Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-

Many issues were raised- especially the Pot Hole opposite The Old Swan. Councillor Mr. Fred Keer to write to the Clerk the history of the post hole for her to send to NCC highways. Pot Holes at either end of Churchfield Road. Outside no 2 Beaupre Grouped homes there is a dip in the footway. Clerk to report these matters. The Council agreed that there was no need for a new Streetlight at Wellhirne.

County and Borough Councillor Reports:-

County Councillor Mr Harry Humphrey reported that the budget for NCC. There is a £94 million gap for the next three years. The biggest effect this will have is within the Social services.
Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts- re- iterated the planning situation. The Borough Council are reluctant to take on the Maintenance of the Cemetery- their costs would be high too.He did touch on the donation to Age Concern Lunch Club at this time-as Upwell Parish Councillor- he advised that this Council perhaps looked into different ways of helping them.

Rural Exception Site for Affordable Housing-

Nothing reported this meeting

Public Rights of Way:-

Nothing reported.

Back Lane/The Tramway:-

Nothing reported.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

To be updated.

Council Procedures :-

Data protection to be looked at. Councillor Mr. David Murfitt along with the Clerk to look into this.

Other urgent matters :-

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.00p.m. at **St. Andrew's Church.**

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... Chairman