

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 351st), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 7th June 2022, at 7pm at Outwell Village Hall.

Chairman, Councillor Mr. Fred Keer presiding.

Attending :-

Councillors Mr. J. Wake, Mr J Watts, Mr. Dale Boyce, Mr P. Brenchley, Mrs T. Rust, Mrs Jane Sutton, Mr. Matt Titmarsh, Ms. Sarah Arden and Mrs. Jill Gooch.

County Councillor Mr. Chris. Dawson.

Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts

1 Member of Public.

1.1 Apologies accepted for absence :-

Councillor Mr J Hollands.

Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.

It was at this time that Chairman spoke to the Council that he and the Clerk had received an email from Councillor Mr. John Hollands- concerned about his health issues and him continuing as a Councillor. Council believes that the pressure should be taken off him as being a Councillor and him concentrating on looking after himself. There will be a chance at the next election for him to re-stand if he wants too. Chairman to write to him.

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:**

No one spoke.

1.4 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 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 Chairman.

1.5 **Council Procedures:** Councillor Sarah Arden informed the Council that she was to have a face time meeting with the Borough Councillor monitoring officer on Wednesday 15th June 2022. To report at the next meeting.

2.1 To report matters arising from the minutes from the Meeting held 3rd May 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. Chairman queried whether the project will be viable due to various reasons- and he was challenged by Councillor Sutton, she is determined that she will endeavor to do whatever is possible to get a Cemetery on the Recreation Ground.

2.1.2 Web Site- Mr. Rob Shaw submitted a quote for the New Website and it was agreed after a proposal by Councillor Ms Sarah Arden and Seconded by Councillor Mrs Jane Sutton. The agreed payment was £288.00 to set the Website up and running and to pay Rob Shaw £20.00 per month/£200.00 per year for him to maintain the Website. Clerk will ensure that all information required for the Website is sent to him.

A letter received from James at Outwell Timber and Building supplies wanting to donate £250.00 towards the New Website upgrade as sole sponsor. This was gratefully received.

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

2.2.1 The 1 million Trees for Norfolk -this was mentioned earlier in the year- there is another chance for planting- copy of Chris Dawsons email sent to all Councillor's -he explained that he cannot donate any more of his budget to OPC but said it might be wiser to purchase trees from a local source if OPC wanting to go ahead with planting. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

2.2.A PARISH PARTNERSHIP-

2.2.A. 1. Safer Crossings- County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson informed the Council that the feasibility costings depend on the locations the OPC decide on. He had an agreement with Linda McDermott NCC Engineer that if the location is as suggested by NCC that the cost of both feasibility studies would be £6,000.00 of which he would put £3,500 towards the cost. If the crossings were to be where OPC decided, then the cost could be higher. Mrs Jane Sutton proposed the Council go ahead with the feasibility studies of the locations that OPC have chosen with the awareness of the costs in future, this was seconded by Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce- vote was taken 9 agreed, 1 abstained. Agreement was made to go ahead. Councillor's Mrs. Jane Sutton and Sarah Arden to inform Linda McDermott.

2.2. C OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS

2.2.1 County Councillor Mr Chris Dawson asked the Council if they had any other matters to raise with him. Councillor Mrs Jill Gooch raised the matter of the railings running from Isle Bridge upto Town Road in Upwell. He suggested that OPC utilizes with UPC about this. There is no budget for detective work. So nothing can happen until an accident or such like occurs. Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley commented on how untidy the village is looking with overgrown areas in the Churchyard, the verges, and the Roundabout at the entrance of the village. Unfortunately, there is lack of resources for cutting verges.

It appears that no one is responsible for the railings.
All matters to be reported to Highways and Borough Council.

County Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson left the meeting.

3. FINANCE –

Payments for JUNE 2022 to be Authorised

Payee	Goods	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton	551.48	0.00	551.48	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	313.50	0.00	313.50	Jun-01	Village cleaner 33 hrs @£9.50
Plusnet	26.42	0.00	26.42	Jun-02	BT Telephone/broadband May
1and1	15.00	3.00	18.00	Jun-03	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	105.15	21.03	126.18	Jun-04	June Streetlighting maintenance
CGM	57.78	11.56	69.34	Jun-05	Boat Basin 11/04 25/04
CGM	121.34	24.27	145.61	Jun-05	Cemetery 18/04
CGM	516.16	103.23	619.39	Jun-06	Infilled 11/04 25/04
Microsoft	49.99	10.00	59.99	Jun-07	Microsoft 365 Personal
Outwell Timber	14.38	2.87	17.25	Jun-08	Padlock for recreation ground
Total	1771.20	175.96	1947.16		

3.1 Decisions/action

- 3.1.1 April Accounts were formerly approved.
3.1.2. Payment for June 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. Variance report for April.
3.2.3 Allotment Rents received - £4460.00.

4. REPORTS-

4.1 –**To receive Police updates** – all relevant emails forwarded to Councillor's.

4.1.2. John Kenway from no. 8 Church Terrace approached Clerk with his concerns about antisocial behaviour in the Church yard and him constantly reporting it and no action taken. **Clerk to get in touch with the Police. Clerk to inform Church too**

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. Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphry informed the clerk that as Mayor of Kings Lynn, he presented commemorative coins to the pupils of Beaupre School. Jubilee mugs were presented too from the Playingfield and Village Hall committee.

4.4 To receive report from Old Cemetery Working Party – nothing other than it was tidy.

4.5 – To receive report from Playing field & Village Hall representative – Cllr Brenchley reported that bookings are high. A new heater is required at a cost of £4,700.00 + VAT. They have got grant funding for the extension. Permission was asked if the surface of the Muga pitch could be changed to Astro turf? The Council agreed but said it's in the ownership of the Playingfield Committee so is not really their decision. OUTFEST has been organised for June 26th 2022.

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 – payments have been received. Allotment inspection to be organised at next meeting.

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.

4.9 To receive the Norfolk County Councillor's Report – Chris Dawson has sent all updates via Email. 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 the issue of the railings is nothing to do with the Middle Level. The Commemorative Coins that were presented to all the children by the Mayor of King's Lynn are available to buy. There are people that do not want verges etc cut due to the wildlife. CIL grant money is available for each parish and he noted Outwell haven't claimed any- he then read a list of various Parishes that had, and their projects. He suggested that perhaps a claim for refurbishment of the Phone Box located on the Boat Basin would be good suggestion. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Mainsports – i.e in Hunstanton, Kings Lynn and Downham are offering children's swims for £1.00 a session.

4.11 Outwell Parish Council Web Site is updated monthly

4.12 To consider agenda items for the next meeting 29.6.22

4.13 Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 5th July 2022, at Outwell Village Hall, Wisbech Road, at 7pm.

4.14 With no other business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed as true record of the meeting:-

..... Chairman