

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 295th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 6th December 2016, with Chairman Councillor Mr J Wake presiding.

Attending :-

Councillor's Mr D. Boyce, Mrs J. Gooch, Mr P. Cutting, Mrs T. Rust, Mr A. Mould, Mr J. Hollands, and Mr P. Brenchley.
Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts.
1 member of public

Apologies for absence :-

Councillor's Mr John Watts, Fred Keer and District/ Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.

The meeting started at 6.30. 5 Councillors at this time- 1 walked in during the presentation. Chairman welcomed Mr. Alex Fradley from Borough Council to talk to the Parish Council about the Neighbourhood Plans. He gave a presentation – copy with the minutes for the Councillor's to digest and make the decision as to whether to go ahead. He then left the meeting before proper proceedings started.

Public Forum :-

No one spoke at this time.

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

None

Police reports :-

Police mobile will be in village from 3pm for approximately 3hrs on Wednesday 7th December. There has been a spate of robberies in the Village in the last month or so.

Minutes of the last Meeting (1st November 2016) :-

These having been circulated before the meeting, they were then accepted - on a proposal by Councillor Mr J. Holland and seconded by Councillor Mr. D. Boyce.

Matters Arising :

- a). It was reported that Upwell Parish Council have sent a survey to their Parish and they are now working on the results of this towards their Neighbourhood Plan.
- b). Stopping up order has now been postponed- Clerk reported that due to fact that the Parish Council didn't want all the area marked to be stopped up- the Norfolk Council had to stop proceedings. Clerk was informed that the house owner 15/17 Wisbech Road does in fact own all this land now. Clerk to write to NCC for proof of this. Parish Council then agreed that they should wait to hear back from NCC.

Correspondance :-

- a). B. C. New Address notification- Field View Cottage, 69A Church Drove.
- b) The 2017 Meeting shedule was agreed- to be put in the Welle In Touch and notice board and website.
- c). Letter from Mrs J. Lester- the path in Church Drove is a disgrace- Parish Council to request that the rangers deal with this on their visit to the parish in 2017 and trees overhanging from Churchyard- this matter is already being dealt with by the BC and Church PCC. Letter to Mrs Lester to inform her this.
- d). Various other documents are on the 'information table' for Councillors attention.

Parish Partnerships 2016/17-

It was unanimously agreed that the Sam2 signs or Vas signs requested was an unnecessary expense when at this time the budget cannot cater for them. Highways have said they will hope to put speed markings on Lowside to help slow the traffic down. This item to be taken off the agenda.

Working Party Reports

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust had nothing to report apart from the Xmas Fayre- Beaupre School Newsletters are emailed to each Councillor every week.

Cemetery

Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce reported that the Dissenters had met and there are four non reserved spaces left in the Cemetery. There are plenty of spaces for interring Ashes. Mr & Mrs Rayner are wanting to continue to maintain the Cemetery as long as they can.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mr Paul Brenchley reported that the Bonfire night raised about £2,500.00. The bookings are good and there is a New Years Eve event planned. Mr David Brown has offered a parcel of land at a peppercorn rent rate to add to the Playingfield facilities. There will be trees planted around at Playingfield Committee expense and Mr D. Edgson has offered to drill this. Its about 2 acres. It was discussed at this time that The Recreation Ground could possibly make some sort of income.

Planning-

Appendix is attached :-

Planning training attended by Councillor's Mr Fred Keer and Mr John Watts- also Mrs Jill Gooch attended with Upwell Parish Council. Due to the fact both Councillor's Keer and Watts were absent from meeting, Mrs Jill Gooch reported that planning details change frequently. A Latural planning list to stipulate whether an application should be approved or not was sent by Borough Council a copy of which was sent to all Councillor's for their guidance.

Allotments:-

Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce asked the Council if it is time to knock the garden allotments on the head due to the location. They are not viable. No one is using them at this time. It was suggested that Mr. A. Robb to take on the land but retain the Car Park Area. Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce to see Mr Robb. Clerk to inform the two people whom are interested that there are no longer garden allotments in the Parish.

Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-

The New Trod has already been damaged by Farm Vehicles- to be reported to NCC. The Rangers are coming to the Village – various jobs for them- Clear Path in Church Drove as reported earlier, clear drains, strim the riverbank around the concrete fencing in rectory road.

District and Borough Councillor Reports:-

None.

Finance :-

1. Payments received from Barclays -interest £1.25
- 2 October accounts were formerly approved.
3. BulleyDavy- are acting on behalf of Parish Council to sort out the Clerk's PAYE- no contributions to be paid this month
4. Clerk and Councillor Boyce spoke about the budget- devised by Councillor Mr. Fred Keer with information from the Clerk. It was proposed to up the precept by 10% from last years and accept the government grant/special expenses. This will make Precept £13,300.00. plus Tax Support Grant £669.00. Total being £13,969.00. Copy of Budget in Accounts folder.

Finance cont:-

Payee	<u>Payments for December 2016 Authorisation</u>				
	Goods/ Services	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk
Mr Ellington	208.80	0.00	208.80	102226	Village cleaner
K&M Lighting	171.36	34.28	205.64	102227	Streetlights
BT	45.34	0.00	45.34	102228	Clerk's expenses
Bloom & Wake	13.85	2.77	16.62	102229	Fuel for cemetery maintenance
Viking	45.46	9.09	54.55	102230	Printing inks
Eon Energy	193.06	38.61	231.67	DD	November energy charges
	<u>1183.87</u>	<u>84.75</u>	<u>1268.62</u>		

Rural Exception Site for Affordable Housing-

No further information regarding responsibility of the Road Topping has been received. Clerk informed the meeting that on social media, residents were concerned about three lights that were not working. NCC will not repair until the road has been adopted. Chairman said he will see if he can get these repaired and the company cover the costs.

Public Rights of Way:-

Nothing reported.

Back Lane/The Tramway:-

Nothing reported.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

Clerk to update the Website.

Site Allocations and Development Management-

No update.

Council Procedures :-

None.

Other urgent matters :-

Chairman at this time informed the Council of the resignation of Councillor Paul Smith. Clerk to write letter of thanks to him and inform Borough Council of this resignation.

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 7th February at 7.00p.m. at **St. Andrew's Church.**

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**