

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 304th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 2nd December 2017, With the Chairman Councillor Mr J. Wake presiding.

Attending :-

Councillors Mr. Fred Keer, Mr Alan Mould, Mrs J. Gooch, Mrs T. Rust, Mr John Watts, Mr D. Boyce, Mr P. Cutting and Mr D. Murfitt.

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

2 member's of public

Apologies for absence :-

Councillor Mr. J. Hollands

Public Forum :-

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 (3rd October 2017) :-

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

The Meeting started at 6.30pm in order Neighbour Hood planning and Finance could be discussed before Councillor's Mr. F. Keer and Mr. D. Boyce could attend the Cemetery Dissenters meeting scheduled at 7.30pm at the same location.

Neighbourhood Plan:-

Questionnaires were handed back to Councillor Keer for him to analyse the prototype copies that were handed out. Seems quite successful. He will respond to Felix Beck query on how far Parishes are with their journey. Costings are to be made and application for funding. Addresses required for local farmers and businesses in order they can be contacted.

Finance:-

1. October 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- its going to be tight by the end of the financial year although will still be enough in the pot- possibly about £5,000.00.
- 4). Income – Allotment - Mr. Cliftons payment of £1177.50.
- 5). NCC have been invoiced for £1,000.00 to help towards the cost of maintaining the infilled canal.
- 6). Notification of Externall Auditor- Finance working party received.
- 7). Precept was raised by 10% at the last meeting- this was agreed again due to the fact no other money can be raised at this time. It's expenditure cuts that will have to be looked at. More money from NCC for maintaining the Infilled canal? John Watts to look at the mowers used to cut the cemetery. Possibility of selling assets?

Payee	<u>Payments for December 2017 Authorisation</u>				
	Goods/ Services	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	225.00	0.00	225.00	102308	Village cleaner -October
CGM	258.08	51.62	309.70	102309	Infilled canal cutting 15.10.17
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BT	46.49	0.00	46.49	102310	Clerk's expenses 10 - 20/12
J H Services	20.00	0.00	20.00	102311	cutting of boat basin
J H Services	17.50	0.00	17.50	102311	printing250 copies questionnaire
Debbie Newton*	8.99	1.80	10.79	102312	Web Site monthly subscription
Eon Energy	210.60	42.12	252.72	DD	Energy Charges
	<u>1550.74</u>	<u>147.16</u>	<u>1697.90</u>		

Councillors Mr. F. Keer and Mr. Dale Boyce then left the meeting.

Matters Arising :

- Mr. Ashley Inwood has shown some interest in cutting the boat basin in 2018- to get in contact with him when he returns from his travels.
- Annual get together- 10 people interested from Outwell.
- A meeting is to be scheduled with Mr. Northwood- re- Stopping up order.

Correspondance :-

- Borough Council- Numbering and Naming- new property no 75A Church Drove
- 2018 Meeting dates were approved.
- Renewal to SLCC - £115.00- wa approved.
- Mr John Fenn- MLC- has written to Council to inform them that dredging of the Well Creek will commence in the New Year.
- Various other documents are on the 'information table' for Councillors attention.

Working Party Reports

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported she has met with the Headmistress Mrs Munday. The biggest worry is the parking at the school. Walking groups are being considered and putting cones out to prevent parents parking on the zig zags near the school gate. A letter had been received from a mother worried about the parking due to the fact her little girl nearly got knocked off her bike. The ofsted report wasn't as good as hoped but Mrs. Munday is making changes already to ensure the next inspection is good.

Cemetery

Councillors Mr. F. Keer and Mr. Dale Boyce attending the AGM at this time to discuss if there are funds available with the Cemetery Dissenters Charity to help with the maintenance of the Cemetery.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mrs. Tara Rust informed the Council that the AGM was scheduled for 6th December, 7.30pm at the Crown Pub. Councillor's Mr. Dale Boyce and Mr. Alan Mould agreed to attend.

Allotments:-

Nothing reported.

Planning:- Report is attached :-

Enforcement update had been received concerning Upto Date Cottage- Low side.

Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-

All issues raised to be reported to the various authorities.

The Rangers due visit is 11.12.17- The Trod is to be looked at. Road Closure- Langhorns Lane- for electrical work to be carried out. Mr Smith copied Parish Council in with an email concerning HGV's using Basin Road.

Copy of letter received from Mr and Mrs Button- Basin Road- concerns with traffic in the village. Look at cost of litter bins for the village near the Church. Contact Mr. Russell about the land at the top of Whetstone Way. See if a grit bin can be stood on it.

Councillor Mr. Alan Mould reported that in the last month a resident's shed had been burnt down. There was flytipping reported at the bottom of Churchfield Road/ Lowside Junction- he will check it out. Attempted break in at no2 The Tramway. Speedwatch have possible got 6 more volunteers and have requested Hi Viz coats again. Chairman Mr. John Wake to check how much their business can get them for and try and make a saving.

County and Borough Councillor Reports:-

Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts- updated the Council about the situation with the illegal site in the Cottons. He reported that the Forward Planning Committee are possibly going to take objections away from Local Councils. Good strong planning issues should be applied when approving applications.

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey reported that main concern is the Budget, savings to be made to identify change of non change of non- domestic rates. There is a budget meeting scheduled in February – gaps to be filled.

Rural Exception Site for Affordable Housing-

The emails responding to Council's letter sent concerning the Road where read out that the residents want the road to me made adoptable. Parish Council asked advice from the County Councillor and he suggested the residents got together and hired a solicitor to fight their case.

Public Rights of Way:-

Nothing reported.

Back Lane/The Tramway:-

It was reported that Garden waste from a resident has been dumped over their fence onto the Back Lane. Councillor Mr. David Murfitt to investigate.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

To be updated

Council Procedures :-

None

Other urgent matters :-

None

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.00p.m. at **St. Andrew's Church.**

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**