

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 296th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 7th February 2017, with Chairman Councillor Mr J Wake presiding.

Attending :-

Councillor's Mr D. Boyce, Mrs J. Gooch, Mr P. Cutting, Mrs T. Rust (7.20pm), Mr A. Mould, Mr J. Hollands, Mr P. Brenchley, Mr John Watts and Mr. Fred Keer.
Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey and Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts.
2 member's of public

Apologies for absence :-

None

Public Forum :-

The Village cleaner Mr. M. D. Ellington informed Council that there had been fly tipping again in Back Lane off Pius Drove- unfortunately this cannot be touched by authorities due to the fact its on private land.

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

None

Police reports :-

Local Policing meeting at Downham Market March 7th at 7pm. Councillor Jill Gooch had offered to attend. But Councillor Mr. P. Brenchley will attend.
PCO Emily Carter emailed introducing herself. She intends to send a monthly update of crime figures and receive information as to what is happening in the area. She is our new contact if there are any issues.

Minutes of the last Meeting (6th December 2016) :-

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

Matters Arising :

- a). Still awaiting to hear from NCC for evidence that the owner of 15-17 Wisbech Road owns the piece of land at the rear of the Bus Shelter.
- b). Is The Parish Council ready to embark on forming a committee or encouraging parishioners to start the Neighbourhood plan? Concerns that until the flood maps are updated for the Parish then the council are reluctant to do so. After information received from Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts on the benefits are having a Neighbourhood Plan a working party was then set up. This consisted of Councillor's Mssrs Dale Boyce, John Watts, John Holland and Mrs Jill Gooch. These are to get the ball rolling and report at each meeting. There is help and there are already plans to do research on i.e Brancaster and Clenchwarton. Upwell Parish Council are doing theirs and they have employed a consultee. Councillor Mrs J. Gooch suggested to share with Outwell.

Correspondance :-

- a). Anglian Water- notification that from April 1st 2017- non household customers will be able to choose a supplier for their water- It was agreed to stay with Anglian Water.
- b). UK Power- letter on how Parish Council's can help vulnerable people when there is a power cut- leaflets and posters have been distributed to the vulnerable.
- c). NCC- cutting back and down of various dead trees on the infilled Canal- this work is already being carried out.
- d). Various other documents are on the 'information table' for Councillors attention.

Working Party Reports

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust had nothing to report. School breaks up for half term next week. She is to meet with Mr Owen Rhodes next term to get an update on matters of concern. Still awaiting signage for the one way system. There was some vandalism in the playground but the community helped to clean it up and sort it.

Cemetery

Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce had nothing to report- although the Dissenters had a meeting and there are no spare funds for helping towards costs for the maintenance. This was discussed at length in the budget.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mr Paul Brenchley reported that the New Years Eve event was a success. There has been some vandalism at the front of the building- Hall committee to cover the costs. They have ordered 140 new chairs. Some of the better old ones will be kept but the others will be offered to local organisations free of charge. The MUGA is now completed apart from the floor markings- decision to be made what pitches and courts are required. The Committee have applied for a grant to help towards the cost of nets.

Planning-

Appendix is attached :-

Allotments:-

It was decided that the working party must get together before the next meeting to discuss the raising of the Land Rents. This is one way of helping to raise the budget this year. A decision to be brought to the next meeting. Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce to talk with Mr. Andrew Robb about him taking the piece of land that was the Garden Allotments and paying a little extra.

Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-

The Pot hole has re- appeared on Wisbech Road near Church Bridge. Water drains in front of 33 Downham Road are blocked again as are the two at the top of Baldwins Drove at the junction with Well Creek Road. Council would like to arrange to meet with an engineer to look round the village at the state of all Highways in the village. Clerk to write to Highways and copy to Borough Councillor Mr Harry Humphrey.

District and Borough Councillor Reports:-

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey reported that at the moment the budget is being discussed. Social service costs are rising and over the next two years they can raise it for these needs by 4%. NCC have decided to raise it 3% this time and then only 1% for the following year. This raises the precept a full 1.9%. Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts reported about the CIL report. He also has been informed and will report that two enforcements in Churchfield road need dealing with. A dog grooming business is being run at number 4 and a Car Washing business at 34 Churchfield Road. As far as he was aware he thought that the piece of land behind the bus shelter on Wisbech Road was owned by NCC. Not the house owner in 15/17 Wisbech Road.

Finance :-

1. Debits- (i) EON Energy £207.31- January and February (ii) D. Newton – Clerk’s Salary £506.00-January and February.
2. November and December accounts to be 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. Working Pension- copy of letter to all the Councillor’s.
4. Councillor Mr Fred Keer – Submitted the November and December budget. Also an upto date budget ready for next year 2017/18. He spoke that its imperative that we raise more revenue hopefully with rent increases and again with the Clerk will be a bit more accuate with the figures for the next years accounts. As a Council we should balance accounts and budget. Councillor Mrs Jill Gooch proposed we should follow Councillor Fred Keer’s advice. This was seconded by Councillor Mr. John Holland.

Payee	<u>Payments for February 2017 Authorisation</u>				
	Goods/ Services	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk January
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk February
Mr Ellington	162.00	0.00	162.00	102231	Village cleaner January
Mr Ellington	169.20	0.00	169.20	102237	Village cleaner February
K&M Lighting	171.36	34.28	205.64	102232	Streetlights Oct 16 Jan 17
K&M Lighting	85.68	17.14	102.82	102238	Streetlights
Norton Security	24.99	5.00	29.99	102233	Expenses
Mr D Rayner	208.80	0.00	208.80	102235	Cemetery maintenance
BT	50.44	0.00	50.44	102234	Clerk’s expenses January
BT	44.24	0.00	44.24	102239	Clerk’s expenses February
BulleyDavy	54.00	10.80	64.80	102236	Wages + PAYE
Eon Energy	199.49	39.90	239.39	DD	December energy Charges
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Upwell Parish Council	44.90	0.00	44.90	102240	Grit for Upwell Surgery Car Park
	<u>2426.59</u>	<u>147.02</u>	<u>2573.61</u>		

Rural Exception Site for Affordable Housing-

The lights were repaired by Bloom and Wakes- Chairman asked if the Council could cover the costs of materials which amounted to £150.00. This was agreed.

Public Rights of Way:-

Nothing reported.

Back Lane/The Tramway:-

Nothing reported.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

It was agreed that the Clerk can add details about the Outwell Charities to the WebSite.

Site Allocations and Development Management-

No update.

Council Procedures :-

None.

Other urgent matters :-

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 7th March after Parish Assembly at 7.00p.m. at **St. Andrew’s Church**.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**

