

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 297th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 7th March 2017, with Vice- Chairman Councillor Mr D. Boyce presiding.

Attending :-

Councillors Mrs J. Gooch, Mr P. Cutting, Mrs T. Rust, Mr A. Mould and Mr J. Hollands,
3 members of public

Apologies for absence :-

Councillors Mr. J. Wake, Mr. J. Watts, Mr P. Brenchley, Mr. Fred Keer
Borough Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey and Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts.

Public Forum :-

The Village cleaner Mr. M. D. Ellington informed Council that he needs a new tyres for the barrow. (Clerk to contact Councillor Brenchley), Another resident asked if there was any authority that could help farmers that have trouble with fly tipping on their land? The Council responded that unfortunately no authority can act 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 Mr. Paul Brenchley was attending. PSCO Emily Carter emailed the latest Newsletter- copy sent to all Councillor's.

Minutes of the last Meeting (7th February 2017) :-

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

Matters Arising :

- a). Letter from NCC re- the land behind the Bus Shelter on Wisbech Road- copy to all Councillor's, nothing more at this time can be done- await again for the Stopping order request and then Parish Council will have to make their decision.
- b). There has been no advance on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Correspondance :-

- a). Email from Gill Trickett- re rubbish around the village an the possibility of a working part set up to clear it-she was invited to come speak to the Council- but didn't attend the meeting. Council to write back and ask if she would like to set up a working party. They will do as much as they can to help.
- b). Three emails received for numbering and Naming- The Hermitage- The Cottons, Development on Basin Road and Willow Lodge and Field View- Pius Drove.
- c). Council can now advertise for a new Councillor to be co-opted onto the Council- posters on the Notice Board, Welle In Touch, The Website and social media on the Outwell Page.
- d). Various other documents are on the 'information table' for Councillors attention.

Working Party Reports

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported that she had met Mr. Rhodes and he is pleased with the signage- but still wants the zig zags to be reduced. This will be done when the road is resurfaced. Signage is now up nr CostCutters, Lowside opposite Churchfield Road and at the top of Lowside nr Isle Bridge. Clerk to ask a PSCO officer to come and advise parents and guardians to park sensibly especially when picking up the children.

Cemetery

Councillor Mr. John Holland had nothing to report- but said that the Cemetery is Tidy.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported that there no problems at the moment concerning the Village Hall and Playingfield. Plans are being made for the Raft Race and Music Festival on May Bank Holiday weekend- 6 Bands have been booked. Snail Race Planned in April- this is always popular.

Allotments:-

The Working Party decided it was time to raise the land rents £10.00 per annum plus drainage from October. This was proposed by Councillor Mr P. Cutting and seconded by Councillor Mr. Alan Mould. The Council unanimously agreed. Clerk to send notification to all Tenants with their April rent invoices. This has not been raised since April 2015.

Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-

Pot Holes reported in Churchfield Road. Parking and bad footway in Church Drove Road. Pot hole at the top of Isle Bridge Road. To be reported to the Authorities. Highways to go and look at the state of Back Lane that runs parallel to the Tramway. An email received from Mr and Mrs Branch- re Green Drove- a copy of their mail has been sent to NCC, Martin Edmunds and County Councillor Mr Harry Humphrey. Response has been received and this road is known as BOAT (Byway open to all Traffic) and its upto the Residents to fill the potholes- Councillor Mr. John Holland to inform Mr and Mrs Branch. Enforcement still to be dealt with at 34 Churchfield Road. Welle Creek Trust have tried to gain access to the Boat Basin to move the picnic table located in the corner- but the occupier of the Woodlands opposite is declining to remove their car when requested. Parish Council to politely ask if he would oblige.

District and Borough Councillor Reports:-

Due to their absence there were no reports.

Finance

1. January accounts were formerly approved.
2. Income- Vat upto end of Febuary £718.41. Donation from playing field committee- £453.15.
3. BulleyDavy- are acting on behalf of Parish Council sorting the Clerk's PAYE- no contributions to be paid this month. Clerk has a working Pension with her other employer and therefore doesn't require one with Parish Council.
4. Councillor Mr Fred Keer – Submitted the January Budget. Also an upto date budget ready for next year 2017/18.

Payee	<u>Payments for March 2017 Authorisation</u>				
	Goods/ Services	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	162.00	0.00	162.00	102241	Village cleaner
K&M Lighting	85.68	17.14	102.82	102242	Streetlights
CGM	774.24	154.85	929.09	102243	Maintenance May, June October
BT	45.38	0.00	45.38	102244	Clerk's expenses
Bloom & Wake	150.00	30.00	180.00	102245	One of payment for lights
Eon Energy	180.19	36.04	216.23	DD	Energy Charges
	<u>1903.49</u>	<u>238.03</u>	<u>2141.52</u>		

Rural Exception Site for Affordable Housing-

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphries has contacted Michelle Melton NCC highways with some queries- she replied with figures and costs as requested. It is the Developers responsibility to ensure the costs are covered. At this time £1,000.00 has been paid towards the fees for supervision and administration. The cost is £15,657 for this development 10% of the Bond Sum required to support the Section 38 Adoption agreement. The £14,657.00 balance would normally be made immediately prior to signing the Section 38 Agreement & Bond Surety , which the Developer failed to do. A copy of this mail should be sent to Graham Seaton on behalf of Ocean view along with a request that perhaps if Oceanview pay for the works carried out on the road to be made to standard for Hastoe Housing then to fulfill their promise in topping it to Adoptable Standards.

Public Rights of Way:-

Nothing reported.

Back Lane/The Tramway:-

Nothing reported.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

It was agreed that the Clerk can add information from Freebridge to the Website when she receives it.

Site Allocations and Development Management-

No update.

Council Procedures :-

None.

Other urgent matters :-

None

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 4th April at 7.00p.m. at St. Andrew's Church.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... Chairman