

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 303rd), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 7th November 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, and Mr J. Hollands.

Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts

3 member's of public

Apologies for absence :-

Councillors Mr P. Cutting and Mr D. Murfitt.
County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.

Public Forum :-

Mrs Johnson wanted updating on whether planning application had been submitted for land at the bottom of Whetstone Way. Also any progress on the Dog Bin and Grit Bin. Council are still considering the cost of both the bins and there was no application.

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. J. Holland and seconded by Councillor Mr D.Boyce.

Matters Arising :

- a). Welle Creek Trust have written to Parish Council- re moorings at Boat Basin- Councillor Mr. John Hollands reported that he went back to the Welle Creek Trust meeting with the information raised from the meeting with Mr. John Fenn- Middle Level Commission- and that the Parish Council are not responsible for the moorings themselves. At this time no major repairs are required. Council would help to replace the running board if required
- b). No businesses have come forward to cut the Boat Basin next year –Councillor Mr. John Hollands has volunteered to cut the last couple of cuts of the year.
This to be re- advertised.

Correspondance :-

- a). Borough Council- Numbering and Naming- new property Meadow View – the Cottons.
- b). NCC- Stopping up order- it has been requested that The Parish Council gets in touch with Mr Northwood – 15 Wisbech Road and talk with him about the nature of the Stopping Order- Chairman agreed to talk with him.
- c). Upwell Parish Council wrote to the Council requesting that they pay half of the cost for 6 hi viz jackets for the Speedwatch Team- the cost being £152.16 + VAT which be £76.08 each. It was suggested that the team could wear their own wam clothing and hi viz vest's over the top. Chairman said that his company would be willing to supply these.
- d). Various other documents are on the 'information table' for Councillors attention.

Neighbourhood Plan:-

Councillor Mr. Fred Keer spoke to the Council regarding the questionnaire – it was agreed to hand out the one compiled as a prototype. Each Councillor will take 10 copies to hand out to various people in the village and get these returned before the next meeting. Council approved of J H Services printing the copies at a cost of £175.00 for 2500.00 copies. 250 copies to be printed at this time.

He also gave out a list for each Councillor to get as much information on the Businesses and other Stake holders in the Parish of Outwell. This to be submitted for the next meeting.

This project is going to be time consuming and Council must keep an eye on the budget for this.

Working Party Reports

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported that another meeting with the Headmistress has been cancelled.

Cemetery

The Council have received a letter from Mr David Rayner informing them of his and Jenny's retirement from maintaining the Cemetery. A decision now has to be made for the future of the maintenance. Council would like to raise this matter with the Cemetery Dissenters at their next meeting. Councillor Mr. Dale Boyce to find out when their next meeting is.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mrs. Tara Rust informed the Council that the Firework Display was a success- no figures as yet. She was asked when the AGM was to be?- she will inform the Council. She also informed the Council of the New Years Eve dance- 2 bands this year. The Chairman spoke about the summary that had been collated regarding the ownership and Charity status of the Village Hall and Playing Field. Councillor Mr. Fred Keer re- iterated this. The Playingfield Committee are the management trustees. The Parish Council are the Custodian Trustees. The Parish Council have no rights to demand the accounts. They can request them and its upto the P F committee whether they hand them over. The Playingfield belongs to the Parish Council- this was collated from all the information supplied. A summary with these minutes. It was decided that a nominative from the Parish Council should be on the Village Hall and Playingfield Committee.

Allotments:-

Nothing reported.

Planning:- Report is attached :-

Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts informed the Council that a notice has been posted on the gateway of a piece of land in the Cottons whereby 9 plots have been fenced- Caravans have been placed and roadways developed- this has been done without Borough Council's permission- it's a 29 day notice.

Picket fences that have been erected at the moorings on Low Side are to be reported to the Enforcement officer.

Village Committee and Highway matters including Streetlights :-

All issues raised to be reported to the various authorities.

County and Borough Councillor Reports:-

Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts- re- iterated the terms of the illegal site in The Cottons.

Finance

1. September 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- Council is still within budget- nothing to worry about at this time.
4. Due to the fact payment for the Neighbourhood plan that hasn't been budgeted for, a decision to raise the Precept by 10% again this next finance year is necessary. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

Payee	Goods/ Services	VAT	Payments for November 2017 Authorisation		
			Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton*	506.00	0.00	506.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	180.00	0.00	180.00	102300	Village cleaner -October
CGM	258.08	51.62	309.70	102301	Infilled canal cutting 13.10.17
BT	46.49	0.00	46.49	102302	Clerk's expenses 10 - 20/11
British Legion	20.00	0.00	20.00	102303	Poppy Wreath Section 127
Debbie Newton*	8.99	1.80	10.79	102304	Web Site monthly subscription
Mr Rayner	345.00	0.00	345.00	102305	3 months cemetery maintenance
K & M lighting	171.36	34.28	205.64	102306	2 months light maintenance
BulleyDavey	54.00	10.80	64.80	102307	Quarter ending Sept. PAYE
Eon Energy	217.62	43.52	261.14	DD	Energy Charges
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Rural Exception Site for Affordable Housing-

The emails responding to Council's letter sent concerning the Road will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Rights of Way:-

Nothing reported.

Back Lane/The Tramway:-

The illegal Scrap Yard is in NCC hands now.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

To be updated

Council Procedures :-

None

Other urgent matters :-

Councillor Mr. Alan Mould volunteered to lay the Wreath at the Remembrance Service on the 12th November. The Annual Get together is planned for 12th December at the Crown Lodge, 7.30pm- Chairman to book it. £15.00 a head. Clerk to invite Upwell Parish Council.

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 5th December at 7.00p.m. at St. Andrew's Church.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**