

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 337th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, via Zoom, starting after the Annual Parish Assembly at 7pm. Chairman, Councillor Mr. Fred Keer presiding.

Attending :-

Councillors Mr John Wake, Mrs Jane Sutton, Mr John Watts, Mr Matt Titmarsh, Mr. John Hollands, Ms. Sarah Arden, Mr Dale Boyce, Mrs J. Gooch and Mrs Tara Rust.
County Councillor Mr Harry Humphrey, Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts

Apologies for absence :-

Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley.

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

None

Public Forum- Each elector has a two minute slot in which to talk :-

No public attending.

To receive monthly Police Updates/Speedwatch:-

Local crime rates were emailed to all Councillors.
Councillor Mrs Jane Sutton reported that she posts all the Police Connect notifications on social media.

Minutes of the Meeting (Tuesday 2nd February 2021) :-

These were circulated to all Councillors before the meeting.
The minutes were accepted as true record of the meeting on a proposal by Councillor Ms. S. Arden and seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Hollands.

Council Procedures :-

The Council are to continue Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future. NALC are trying to extend the time for zoom meetings beyond 7th May 2021.

Matters Arising :-

- a). Flooding on Welle Creek: Councillor Jane Sutton is still waiting for the relevant information from the Middle Level Commission. BC Chris Crofts informed the Council that the Environmental Agency are responsible for setting the flood zones. Councillor Mr. John Hollands is on the Well Creek Trust and he will find out what he can from them. Councillor Dale Boyce asked that this be kept on the agenda until the matter is resolved. Council agreed that Councillor Jane Sutton could contact any relevant authorities on this matter.
- b). Railings on Rectory Rd and Town St: Clerk informed the Council she had only found a report from NCC Highways that the railings are not their responsibility - they were put in by Isle Council, which is now Cambridgeshire County Council. They were not adopted by Norfolk County Council. Middle Level have still not replied to Council. Borough Councillor Chris Crofts suggested that Upwell and Outwell Parish Council work together to resolve the railing issue through both villages.
- c). Sinking tomb reported at February meeting. Council was advised that maintenance of a memorial is the responsibility of the family of the deceased. Councillor Mr. John Hollands offered to see if he can find out who they are. The Cemetery Dissenters are not responsible for the maintenance.

Correspondance;

- a). KL&BC- notification of 2 new addresses- Copy of email sent to all Councillor's.
- b). All other relevant information has been sent to Councillor's.

Neighbourhood Plan:-

No discussion at this meeting.

Beaupre School- Council Representative

Councillor Mrs.Tara Rust reported that the school is to re-open on 8th March 2021. All regulations put in place.

Cemetery

Councillor John Holland had nothing to report.

Proposed New Cemetery :-

The Chairman sent a memo to all Council members summarising what information that is already on the table. There was much discussion about location, how many burials have taken place lately in the village and the way forward. He said that this project cannot go ahead until we know that permission will be granted due to the fact that Outwell has various flood zones. Council agreed that he was to get in touch with Borough Council planner Hannah Wood-Handy before any further action can be taken. His summary is attached to the minutes.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

Councillor Mrs Tara Rust reported that the Hall is currently being redecorated ready for the opening. Bookings are coming in now for 2022. No date for re-opening has been made yet.

Allotments:

Mr Patrick Clabon had asked to be considered as a tenant for the land at Goodman's Crossing when Mr. David Cowling retires in October. The Council are still undecided as to what they will be doing with the land as yet. The acreage was queried. Clerk to check the latest update of the acreage.

Planning:- Report is attached:

- 1). Meeting with Developers and Muir Housing association on Monday 1st March 3pm. Chairman reported to the Council the outcome of this meeting. It appears the new plans to be submitted for the site off Isle Rd.will be for all 50 of the dwellings proposed to be affordable housing. The Council were not particularly happy about this proposal. Until the application for this proposal comes through, the Council cannot act on it.
- 2). Council have agreed to keep CIL money to put towards safer crossings for the village.

Finance:-

- 1).
 - i).The January Accounts were formerly Approved..
 - ii). March payments were agreed as below- copy of payments to be made are attached to this agenda.,
- 2). Variance Update for January - copy sent to all Councillors.
- 3). BulleyDavy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.
- 4). Invoice resent to NCC for Infilled Canal.
- 5) Payment received from Outwell Village Hall and Playingfield committee- £615.82

Payments for March 2021 to be Authorised

Payee	Goods	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton	541.00	0.00	541.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	261.60	0.00	261.60	Mar-01	30 hrs @8.72
Plusnet	27.27	0.00	27.27	Mar-02	BT Telephone/broadband February
1and1	15.00	3.00	18.00	Mar-03	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	91.35	18.27	109.62	Mar-04	Streetlight 01.03.21-31.03.21
Viking	51.98	10.40	62.38	Mar-05	2 Print cartridges
CGM	70.00	14.00	84.00	Mar-06	Pollard trees- cemetery
Haven	202.56	40.50	242.71	DD	Electricity Supply-FEBRUARY
PWLB	64.67	0	£64.67	DD	Loan for allotment land
WAVE	11.72	0	11.72	DD	Water rates at Cemetery
Total	1337.15	86.17	1422.97		

To receive the report from the Village and Highways Working Party-

Keeping the Village tidy- Councillor Sarah Arden informed the Council that a new social media group has been formed called Welle Tidy. It is a group of volunteers that are clearing rubbish from verges and dykes in both Outwell and Upwell. She is a member of this group and has helped provide pickers and rubbish bags to the volunteers. The Clerk informed the Council that bags ordered for the cleaner have also been given to Councillor Arden to distribute and the council skip bin located at the rear of the Crown public house car park can be used by the volunteers. Councillor Arden has been asked if stickers could be obtained with the Welle Tidy logo for people to stick on their bins if they are willing to let volunteers put the picked up rubbish in them. Councillor Sarah Arden proposed that 250 stickers should be ordered and paid for by OPC. This was seconded by Councillor Dale Boyce. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Arden should get a price from the supplier and submit it to the Chairman for approval.

Councillor Mrs Jane Sutton has notified the Council that at 58 Church Drove the path is constantly blocked with vehicles and the yard is full of scrap. Clerk has reported it to enforcement officer and is awaiting a response. The police have also been informed and asked to look at this issue. The matter of refusing the application to continue a childminding business at 56 Church Drove was then bought up. The Clerk advised that it was too late to refuse this application. Councillor Mr. John Hollands offered to get in touch with OFSTED to request that they check that all facilities are suitable for a childminding business. The application claimed that there is plenty of off road parking space for vehicles of parents/guardians. It was agreed by the Council that this is not the case. The off road parking is full of residents vehicles and therefore the clients of the childminding business park on the road.

Parish Partnership 2021:-

Still awaiting to hear from NCC if the bid for Solar lights on the trod in Lowside is successful

Rights of Way in the Parish :-

Councillor Ms Sarah Arden reported that report is now completed - this to be taken off the agenda now..

Tramway and Backlane:-

This matter was not discussed at this time and is to continue on the agenda for next month

County and Borough Councillor Reports:-

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey's report is attached to the minutes. It was the end of year report for NCC. Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts reported that the Borough Councillors and staff will be returning to their desks after helping volunteer with the Norfolk jobs system. Local firefighters have also been volunteering. NCC are looking at a flood strategy with Lord Bennet in the Chair.

Outwell Parish Council Website-

The website has been updated.

Agenda items for next meeting:-

Any other Items for the next agenda to be received by **31.03.2021**.

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7pm Via Zoom- a link will be sent directly to those that are required to attend.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was declared closed at 9.08 pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**