

OUTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting (the 336th), of the Council, commenced on Tuesday 2nd February 2021, via Zoom, starting 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.
Borough Councillor Mr. Chris Crofts.
County Councillor Mr Chris Dawson (non verbal).

Apologies for absence :-

Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley and County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey.

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

Please indicate whether the interest is a personal one only or one which is also prejudicial. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. In the case of a personal interest the member may speak and vote on the matter. If a prejudicial interest is declared the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.

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

Councillor Mr. Chris Dawson introduced himself and the reason he was attending the meeting. It was that he proposes to stand in the next elections and replace Mr. Harry Humphrey, who is retiring in May.

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 3rd November 2020) :-

These were circulated to all Councillors before the meeting.

The minutes were accepted as true record of the meeting on a proposal by Councillor Mrs J. Sutton and seconded by Councillor Mrs T. Rust.

The extra ordinary meeting held 18th December 2020- the minutes were sent to all Councillors before this meeting- they were accepted as a true record of the meeting on a proposal by Councillor Mr. J. Watts and seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Wake.

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 :-

No matters arising other than on the Agenda.

Correspondance;

- a). Councillor Jane Sutton would like to raise the issue of potential flooding affecting insurances in Well Creek Road. She was given permission by the Council to contact the appropriate authorisations to gain more information.
- b). Councillor Matt Titmarsh raised the issue of Fly Tipping at Morton's Bridge- Clerk contacted the Middle Level Commissions, Environmental Department in Borough Council. They were already aware of this being carried out... He informed the Council that a barrier has since been erected to prevent access to all.
- c). 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 has been closed. The Under 5's had remained open, but is now closed due to Covid cases.

Cemetery

Councillor John Holland reported that a tomb was sinking at the top end of the cemetery. Clerk to report to the Cemetery dissenters and Borough Council for public safety reason's.

Proposed New Cemetery :-

The Chairman wants a clear picture of proposals before this matter can be discussed further.

Playingfield/Recreation Ground :-

There were no updates.

Allotments:

Mr David Cowling has given notice on land in Goodman's crossing from 4th October 2021. At this meeting it was decided not to advertise this as yet. There is one piece 2 ½ acres and then another piece 7acres.

Planning:- Report is attached:

Do we have a local project that needs funding? CIL money can be applied for. Chairman asked the Council to think what can be done with CIL money for the Village. Council members to email the Clerk with their suggestions. Two members of Council suggested saving it for the Safer Crossing project.

Bhoseok Nam from NFC Homes Limited has asked the Parish Council if they would like a virtual meeting with themselves and Muir Housing Association to discuss the Outline planning for land off Isle Road that was applied for in 2018. The Council agreed that the planning working party, Chairman, Clerk and anyone else whom would like to be present would like a meeting. Clerk to arrange with Bhoseok the date and time.

Finance:-

- 1). November and December Accounts were formerly agreed. Agreed to approve payments
- 2). Variance Update for November and December – were explained by the Chairman, the financial position is now looking secure.
- 3). BulleyDavy are the accountants that ensure the Clerk's salary is accounted for.
- 4). Invoices sent to NCC for Infilled Canal and Outwell Village Hall and playingfield for shortfall on interest.

Payments for January 2021 to be Authorised

Payee	Goods	VAT	Total	Ref	Supplier/ Service
Debbie Newton	541.00	0.00	541.00	DD	Clerk Wages
Mr Ellington	274.68	0.00	274.68	Jan-01	31 1/2 hrs @ 8.72
Plusnet	24.99	0.00	24.99	Jan-02	BT Telephone/broadband December
1and1	15.00	3.00	18.00	Jan-03	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	91.35	18.27	109.62	Jan-04	Streetlight 01.01.21-31.01.21
BulleyDavey	54.00	10.80	64.80	Jan-05	PAYE upto 31.12.2020
CGM	105.00	21.00	126.00	Jan-06	Cemetery maintenance
Haven	229.83	44.43	274.26	DD	Electricity Supply-DECEMBER
PWLB	732.01	0.00	732.01	DD	Loan for village Hall
Total	2067.86	97.50	2165.36		

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	Feb-01	30 hrs @8.72
Plusnet	24.99	0.00	24.99	Feb-02	BT Telephone/broadband December
1and1	15.00	3.00	18.00	Feb-03	Web Site monthly subscription
K & M Lighting	91.35	18.27	109.62	Feb-04	Streetlight 01.02.21-29.02.21
Haven	229.83	44.43	274.26	DD	Electricity Supply-JANUARY
PWLB	55.48	0.00	55.48	DD	Loan for allotment land
Total	1219.25	65.70	1284.95		

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

Most issues raised last month have been dealt with.

Councillor Jill Gooch bought up the issue with the concrete railings running from Isle Bridge to Church Bridge in Upwell. There are several areas of damage and dis-repair. Clerk and Chairman to find out ownership before anything can be done. It was noted that the railings were repaired opposite Tweeds in Town Street Upwell after a car had gone through them into the river.

There was no insurance claim- Highways repaired them for health and safety reasons only- they do not want to be responsible for them.

Councillor Mr. Dale reported that signs on Chalk road that works are being carried out- remain there a year after work was carried out. He also reported that the road has massive pot holes again. Clerk reported to highways 3.2.21.

Councillor Mr. John Watts reported two large Pot holes in Langhorns Lane. Clerk reported to Highways 7.2.21.

Parish Partnership 2021:-

Awaiting to hear from NCC if the bid is successful.

Rights of Way in the Parish :-

Councillor Ms Sarah Arden reported that report is now completed.

Tramway and Backlane:-

Clerk informed Council that there was the possibility that the land could be sold. She is to contact Councillor Mr. Paul Brenchley for a written request that this land be put up for sale. (Email written 8.2.21).

County and Borough Councillor Reports:-

County Councillor Mr. Harry Humphrey was absent from the meeting although he did try to join. Borough Councillor Mr Chris Crofts reported he is on the Middle Level Committee and he will try and find out information on flooding and the railings. He also re-iterated the position of the cemetery will depend on the flood risk of the area. At this time due to the amount of rainfall the water table is quite high and burials are difficult due to the fact water is seeping into the dug out graves.

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 **24.02.2021**.

Date of next meeting :-

Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7pm after the Parish Assembly 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 8.17 pm

Signed as true record of the meeting :-

..... **Chairman**