

**Minutes: Ovington Parish Council meeting
21 July 2021, 19:30 at the Village Hall**

In attendance: Karen Weir (KW, chair), Pete Bate (PB), Jeremy Woods (JW), David Welstead (DW) and Timothy Birt (TB).

Also present: District Councillor Helen Crane. (DCC)

876. Apologies: Clerk, County Councillor Claire Bowes (CCB)

878. Declarations of interest: None

879. Accept and sign minutes

Proposed KW, unanimously agreed to be a true record.

880. Correspondence

- Resident request for 40mph around A1075 bends. Councillors confirmed they have had meetings with Norfolk Highways on multiple occasions making a similar suggestion. A review of the A1075 occurred last year and the 50mph section will extend from Watton all the way through to Shipdham, but there was no change to the speed limit at the bends.
- Councillors noted the Diocese of Norwich – Tree survey notification.
- NCC Rangers: Pot holes in Church Road (Water End Farm corner)

881. Planning

Applications

3PL/2021/1029/HOU – Ground and first floor garage extensions to create store room and ancillary annex. Wagtail House Dereham Road

Councillors had no issues with the building which has negligible visual impact. Councillors queried the term “ancillary annex”, which was felt to mean a subordinate part of the existing dwelling, but the plan indicated a completely self contained unit. If this became an informal rental space, for example via AirBnB, it may have an adverse impact on vehicles accessing the A1075.

Notifications

3PL/2021/0241/F: Chanticleer, Annex Dereham Road – change of use of annex building and land to separate dwelling. REFUSED by Breckland Council

882. Payment of Accounts and precept update

Payments Received

- None

Payments to be made

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| • Giant Cycles (Cycle to work scheme) | I7 | £2,299.00 |
| • Clerks Wages (Monthly) | s/o | £39.78 |
| • Norfolk Pension Fund | s/o | £15.20 |
| • H Frary reimbursements and wages shortfall | I8 | £68.27 |
| • Ovington PCC (Grass cutting) | I9 | £50.00 |

Councillors noted that the large ‘Cycle to work scheme’ payment is offset by a reduction in wages for the Clerk over the next 12-months as detailed in the precept position document circulated before the meeting.

Payments proposed TB, seconded JW

883. Any highways or village issues

- Surface of Trod
Our new Highways Engineer will be invited to visit to look at this and other village issues
- Memorial Tree in Crown Crescent
The plaque from the dead tree has been moved to the remaining good tree. It was agreed to replace the tree in the autumn, with suggestions invited for a species.
(Proposed: TB, seconded: PB, unanimously agreed)
- CCB reported that the logs should have been sorted now.
DW inspected the site just prior to the meeting and reported that only the logs on the south-side had been moved and they had merely been rolled into the ditch. DCC was present and offered to pass this on to CCB for further follow up.

884. Future Business

None specified

885. Open Forum

Report from CCB:

I haven't had a chance to check that the logs have been removed so I am hoping they have. I haven't got a lot to report other than to flag up the letter from the Rangers, which you will have received and the Parish Partnership Scheme, the details of which you should have also received. Please let me know if any issues arise that I can assist with.

Report from DCC:

The Council's new waste contract in partnership with North Norfolk and Kings Lynn Borough Council with new vehicles which use electric compactors, although it was not possible to have all electric vehicles this time. There is also a new competitive trade waste contract which caters for all sizes of business.

A Market Town Initiative is underway, starting with Dereham.

Breckland has started face-to-face Council meetings at Elizabeth House, prior to full unlocking Applewood Hall, Banham and Carnegie Rooms, Thetford were used to provide extra space.

The inspiring Communities grant funding window opened on 6 April

The Council has launched a £100k green grants fund to help deliver community projects which help the environment.

TB (as District Councillor):

In the ongoing battle to release sufficient information to allow informed discussion TB has made an appeal to the ICO over the use of 'commercial confidentiality' to restrict all information on certain subjects. Breckland Council legal officers have acknowledged this is a legitimate matter for consideration and that it would be good to have some guidance from the ICO.

886. Date of Next Meetings:

15 September and 17 November 2021 at 7:30pm at Ovington Village Hall