

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Karen Weir (Chair), Tim Birt, R Rumsby and Jeremy Woods.

In attendance: The Clerk and DC Hewett.

Absent: J Armstrong

705. To receive any apologies. None

706. To accept any declaration(s) of interests. None

707. Minutes of the meeting held in January had been circulated before the meeting and were approved.

708. Matters Arising

- The clerk reported that work on the trod will commence next week and the top surface will be laid later in the year during the warmer weather.

709. Correspondence

- Breckland Council: Notification of public consultation on modifications to the Breckland Local Plan. Councillors noted that much of the protection for villages has been removed such as changing restrictions on development and using words such as 'reasonable'. There was serious concern that there is now the expectation of an 8 year housing supply which is very difficult to maintain due to land banking. TB informed the meeting that documents 123 and 124 are key and show the major and minor modifications. There was lengthy discussion and it was agreed that the Parish Council should instruct DC Hewett to recommend to BDC on behalf of the Parish Council that they abandon the Local Plan as it is not robust and adhere purely to National Planning and Policy Framework (NPPF). Proposed: KW, seconded: TB and unanimously agreed.
- Thank you letter from East Anglian Air Ambulance for donation. Retained by the Clerk
- Consideration of quote for tree work as per tree survey. It was agreed that the quote from Roger Norton should be accepted. Proposed: KW, seconded: RR.

710. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications

- Planning Applications:
 - 3PL/2019/0212/HOU: The Old Mill House, Carbrooke Road, Ovington - Single Storey Rear Extension. Councillors have no objection to the application however are concerned that the new build is close to the boundary and would like planning officers to take the view of neighbours into consideration when making their determination. Proposed: KW, seconded: TB.
- Planning notifications:
 - 3PL/2018/1168/LU: Brovey Lair, Carbrooke Road – Erection of an out-building. REFUSED by Breckland Council
 - JW expressed concerns that there appear to be planning applications for modifications for planning permission for Willow Tree Barn conversion to a dwelling despite the application being refused. Neither DC Hewett or the Clerk were aware of these application. **DC Hewett and the Clerk to investigate.**

711. Payment of accounts and precept update

Payments Received

- None

Payments to be made

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| • Clerks Wages | s/o | £198.90 |
| • Norfolk Pension Fund (March) | chq 864 | £72.31 |
| • HMRC | chq 865 | £149.25 |
| • Clerks reimbursements | chq 866 | £29.25 |

Proposed: KW, seconded: TB

712. Gravity Race Discussions

The date has been confirmed and the website is live. Advertising for the Village Hall contribution to the event will be made by the Village Hall with the Parish Council having responsibility for the race and advertising for competitors only.

713. Adjournment for Public Participation

DC Hewett reported that NCC was awarded £8m to assist more rural communities to access fibre broadband. It was agreed that if there is a way for the public to report any issues it will be included in the next edition of The Oracle.

BDC have received a grant to train officers in cyber security.

The BDC Budget and Council Tax has been finalised. The income from commercial ventures and investments allows a low council tax so Band D payments next year will only go up by £4.95 per annum and remain the lowest in the Country. DC Hewett added that 77% of the district live in band A-C properties, and their increase is less than £2.00 per annum.

714. Future Business:

JW reported a flytip to Breckland Council and there was a very quick response.

Councillors noted that the recent closure of the B1108 caused traffic to divert through the village.

This was not only dangerous, but also caused damage to the verges which needs to be repaired.

There is also a large pothole that needs repairing on Carbrooke Road on the left hand side as you go towards Carbrooke. **Clerk to report**

NCC Social Services have suggested developing a community emergency plan. DC Hewett to liaise with the BDC contact and provide information to allow the village to prepare a plan. **To be added to a future agenda for discussion.**

704. Date of Next Meetings: 9 May (AGM & APM), 4 July, 5 September and 7 November 2019

Meeting closed at 8.45pm