

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Janet Armstrong, Tim Birt, Rod Rumsby, Karen Weir (Chair) and Jeremy Woods

In attendance: Heidi Frary (Clerk) and one member of the public.

- 457. To receive any apologies.** CC Bowles and DC Rogers. It was noted that Cllr Carter has not attended recently. KW to contact him and ask him to attend the next meeting. **KW to action**
- 458. To accept any declaration(s) of interests.** None
- 459. Minutes** of the meetings held in January had been circulated before the meeting and were **approved.**
- 460. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already included on the agenda)**
- JW reported that the website is being updated by students from Methwold School to include a public forum. KW offered to create Facebook and Twitter pages. **KW to action.**
- 461. Correspondence**
- NCC – Proposed 50 mph speed limit for A1075. The Clerk read the response and Councillors queried the accident statistics as there is local knowledge of accidents on this stretch of road, for example there was a death three years ago on the A1075 just north of Kings Row. They queried the objections to the extending of the 50mph zone and from whom they came? Finally, the Council felt that a refusal to extend the limit as it was setting a precedent is an excuse and feel the officer should make a properly formulated response. **Clerk to respond**
 - NALC – request for councils to sign a petition to allow Parish Councils to appeal planning applications. Clerk to sign on behalf of the Council and email link to Councillors for an individual response. Proposed: TB, seconded: KW **Clerk to action**
- 462. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications**
- None
- 463. Payment of Accounts and precept update**
The Clerk distributed a precept update and the following payments were approved
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| • Clerks Wages | s/o | £109.45 |
| • Clerks reimbursements inc road closure fee | chq 739 | £93.26 |
- Proposed: TB, seconded: KW
- Consideration of renewal of NALC subscription. TB and the Clerk expressed their concerns that the service being provided was not value for money. TB has asked if we could just belong to the National association but it was not possible. There was discussion and it was agreed that we should remain members for the time being but the councillors noted their disappointment for the value of the local group. **To consider again before paying next years subscription**
- 464. Gravity Race update**
TB reported that there has only been one entrant to date. He will advertise more widely and KW will add to social media. If there are not enough applicants by the middle of April the event may need to be cancelled. **TB and KW to action**
- 465. Consideration of purchasing a new Dog Bin**
It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a green replacement dog bins with post fixings. **Clerk to action** Proposed: RR, seconded: JA
- 466. Agreement of Community Engagement Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Grant Awarding Policy, Complaints Policy, Media Relations Policy and Training Policy.**
These had been circulated before the meeting and were agreed. Proposed: KW, seconded: JW

467 Adjourment for Public Participation

- CC Bowles sent a written report which is attached to the signed minutes.
- A few fence posts alongside the Allotment need replacing. KW and TB to investigate and arrange for repair. Proposed: RR, Seconded: JA

468. Future Business

The Queens Birthday beacon will be lit where it is currently sited. The Village Hall may consider hosting a social event to tie with the lighting.

469. Date of Next Meetings: 12 May, 7 July, 1 September and 3 November 2016

Meeting closed at 8.18pm