

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16th of JULY, 2025 AT 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Karen Weir (KW), David Welsted (DW), Pete Bate (PB), and Timothy Birt (TB).

In attendance: The clerk and seven members of the public

1189. To receive any apologies

DC Helen Crane

1190. To accept any declaration(s) of interests

None

1191. To accept and sign the minutes of the Parish Council on June 5th, 2025 and March 19th 2025

PB proposed to accept the minutes, seconded by DW and agreed unanimously. Chair KW signed the minutes as accurate.

1192. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already included on the agenda)

TB to discuss with former Cllr. JW the website mentioned in the minutes from June.

1201. Highways and Village issues was brought forward to earlier to allow for a resident to bring an issue to the Parish Council. The resident brought forward an issue regarding a local field where it appears that unapproved construction is occurring. TB suggests that the resident put in an enforcement note to Breckland Planning to notify Breckland of this. Clerk to obtain information on this location and what the plans are going forward and circulate to the Councillors.

KW informed the Council and those present of the information Ovington has been given in regards to the Local Plan. While there are no sites called in Ovington, there are proposed and preferred sites right up against Ovington's boundaries. Nothing is set in stone, but the proposed sites are quite large and could greatly affect traffic through the village. KW and TB will be putting a notice in the Oracle to garner opinions from residents to take back to Breckland to help shape their plans.

1193. To review and approve the following documents:

- Freedom of Information Policy

TB brought up that there is a section that needs to be swapped from Ovington Website to the Parish Council website and that the contact details need to be changed. TB proposed to accept the policy once edited, seconded by PB and agreed unanimously.

1194. Correspondence

- The Clerk notified the Council that the lease has been finalised and we have received the invoice. PB proposed to pay the invoice, seconded by TB and approved unanimously.
- Reports have been received and circulated from CC Claire Bowes, DC Helen Crane and DC Pete Bate. They are attached to the minutes and on the website.
- We have received the invitation to bid for a Parish Partnership project for 26/27. The deadline to submit is December 1st, however we have been advised to submit nearer to September if we wish to do so. There was a short discussion over potential ideas.

1195. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning issues

REFERENCE: PL/2025/0756/FMIN
PROPOSAL: Proposed change of use of land to a traveller site including ancillary hardstanding with the change of use of existing building for an onsite manager dwelling.
APPLICANT: Ms Lisa Jane Jay
LOCATION: Otterwood Kennels Dereham Road, Saham Toney, Thetford, Norfolk, IP25 7SL

While this location is technically not in Ovington Parish Council, access, speed of the road, loss of biodiversity, and now proposed sites need to be considered. Visibility is not good, it's quite a narrow location and there is currently not a plan for sewage and waste. DW informed the PC of a document put forward by the applicant detailing a Transport Study Report that seems to be very uninformed. KW proposed to submit comments similar to comments submitted in the past regarding this location. Seconded by TB and agreed unanimously. TB to provide comments to the Clerk. There was a discussion over the history of this location.

1196. Payment of Accounts and precept update

Payments Received

- None

Payments made/to be made

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| • ICO | £47.00 |
| • HMRC Taxes | £ 8.76 |
| • Bank Service Charge (May/June) | £ 8.50 |
| • Clerk's expenses | £22.48 |

June's bank reconciliation and budget monitor were circulated prior to the meeting. PB proposed to approve the payments. Seconded by TB and approved unanimously.

1197. To discuss and decide if the Council wish to switch banks as Lloyds have begun charging a £4.25 monthly service charge.

After a discussion, KW proposes to stay with Lloyds, seconded by PB and approved unanimously.

1198. To discuss and decide if the Council wish to pursue obtaining two councillor signatories on the bank account.

After a discussion, TB proposed to have a single signatory, the Clerk, seconded by DW and agreed unanimously.

1199. To discuss and decide on donations the Council wish to make in the financial year 25/26

After a discussion, TB proposed to donate £50 for the maintenance of the quiet green space near the Church, seconded by KW and approved unanimously.

1200. Update on the 20 is Plenty campaign

There was a discussion over the general lack of public adherence to 20mph signs. DW updated the PC on plans to put a survey in the Oracle for residents to have their say on this campaign. There was a suggestion to collect signatures to take to Highways. These ideas will be discussed further and put on the next agenda for an update.

1201. Any Highways or Village Issues

Discussed earlier in the agenda

1202. Community Table update

No interest from residents to run the table. For now, Ovington Parish Council will table this proposal.

1203. Future Business

20 is plenty campaign

Performance review for Clerk

1204. Adjournment for public participation

A resident discussed the potential meeting date change from the 19th of November to the 12th of November. It was confirmed that the date for the November Parish Council meeting has been moved to November 12th, 2025 at 7:30pm

1205. Date of Next Meetings: 17th September, 12th November, 2025

The meeting ended at 20:20