

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Karen Weir (Chair) (KW), Pete Bate (PB), Tim Birt (TB) David Welsted (DW) and Jeremy Woods (JW).

In attendance: The Clerk and CC Bowes.

762. To receive any apologies. DC Crane

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

764. Minutes of the meetings held in September were **approved**.

765. Matters Arising

- None

766. Correspondence

- Email from allotment association regarding the state of the entranceway to the allotment site. There was discussion and it was agreed that TB should research options and arrange for quotes to be brought to a future meeting. **TB to action.**
- Notification from R Rumsby that he has completed the annual tree survey. He reported that the trees appear in good health however there are some stumps that require grinding. It was agreed that the clerk should obtain quotes for removing the three small stumps. **Clerk to action**

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

- Planning Applications:
 - 3PL/2019/1356/HOU: The Old Mill House, Carbrooke Road – Detached garage with storage above. There was discussion and it was agreed that the Council should raise concerns about the overall height in relation to the property boundary. Proposed: TB, seconded: KW.
- Planning Applications received with no comments submitted:
 - None.
- Planning notifications:
 - None.

768. Payment of accounts and precept update

<u>Payments Received</u>		
• Donation		£75.00
<u>Payments to be made</u>		
• Clerks Wages (November)	s/o	£162.32
• Clerks Wages (December)	s/o	£162.32
• Norfolk Pension Fund (November)	chq 007	£60.12
• Norfolk Pension Fund (December)	chq 008	£60.12
• HMRC	chq 009	£121.60
• Clerks reimbursements	chq 010	£23.25
• Designer Metal (Suffolk) Ltd	chq 011	£180.00
• Anglia Training Associates (website hosting)	chq 012	£33.59
• Diocese of Norwich (rent of Glebe land)	chq 013	£625.00
• Ovington Village Hall rent for hall hire	chq 014	to be paid outside the meeting
• Alan Willer	chq 015	£95.00

There was discussion and it was agreed that the following donations be made:

- Citizens Advice Bureau chq 016 £100
- Wayland Partnership will receive a donation of £100 once their banking arrangements are clarified.

Proposed: KW, Seconded: TB

769. To consider an amendment to Financial Regulations to allow the Clerk to view the Parish Council bank accounts via Internet Banking.

The Clerk previously circulated a draft change to Financial Regulations and her contract which were agreed. Proposed: TB seconded: PB. **Clerk to arrange for publication of revised document**
It was agreed that all Councillors should be signatories on the account. The Clerk to arrange for PB and DW to be added to the account. Proposed: KW, seconded: TB **Clerk to action.**

770. To begin the process of agreeing the budget and precept for 2020/21.

The Clerk circulated draft figures for the budget and explained the financial impact. There was discussion around the expenditure and an increase of 2% per band D property was agreed giving a precept request of £4,757.00 Proposed: TB, seconded: PB. **Clerk to submit paperwork**

771. Community Emergency Plan Update

The clerk reported that there have been ten responses to date. There was discussion and it was agreed that no action should be taken until there are more responses.

772. Adjournment for Public Participation

CC Bowles reported that the NCC budget consultation is open and available on their website. A consultation from the Fire and Rescue services is also open, and there are initiatives for supporting children and their parents / carers. NCC Child Safeguarding has been praised by Ofsted and there are significant improvements since the last inspection in 2017.

DC Birt reported that the Local Plan has returned from the Planning Inspector and is likely to be accepted by Breckland Council later in this month. He asked if the Parish have views on the extensive modifications that have been made which remove the limits on developments, change some quantitative words to less defined words as well as the support of self builds across the district. He explained that the advantage of the plan being accepted is the confirmation of the five year land supply which is likely to delay large scale developments for a year, however a disadvantage is the removal of significant limitations within 'HOU05' which will allow smaller development and individual self builds in unserviced villages with limited controls. He asked for comments about whether he should vote for or against accepting the plan. There was discussion and it was agreed that the Parish Council would support TB voting in the best interest of the village in whatever way he feels best.

773. Future Business:

None

774. Date of Next Meetings: 15 January, 18 March, 20 May (AGM and including Annual Parish Meeting), 15 July, 16 September and 18 November. All at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.35pm