

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.40 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Heidi Frary (Clerk), CC Bowes and two members of the public.

498. **To receive any apologies.** Cllr Jeremy Woods
499. **To accept any declaration(s) of interests.** None
500. **Minutes** of the meetings held in July had been circulated before the meeting and were **approved**.
501. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already included on the agenda)**
- Piping of Ditches – The Clerk has contacted Breckland Planning and been informed that there would not need to be planning permission to pipe a ditch, but there should be Environment Agency consent as the pipes would need to be of the correct diameter. **Clerk to contact Environment Agency and ask if there is a way to check the diameter and condition of piped ditches.**
 - The drains have been jetted
 - KW has arranged for a quote for the hedge trimming and will report to a future meeting. **KW to action.**
502. **Correspondence**
- NCC – Parish Partnership update. It was agreed not to apply this year. CC Bowes to chase Highways for an update on a timescale for the bus hardstanding. **CC Bowes to action.**
 - A1075 speed limit reductions. The clerk previously circulated the response from Breckland Council to the complaint. It was agreed that she should arrange for a meeting as suggested. **Clerk to action**
 - CPRE – request to sign a pledge against increased development. It was agreed to sign. Proposed: TB, seconded: RR. **Clerk to action**
503. **To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications**
- 3PL/2016/1002/HOU: 23 The Street – rear single storey extension. No views or comments. Proposed: JA, seconded: KW.
504. **To consider the purchase of a lawnmower for the use of the village.**
Agenda item cancelled
505. **Tree Warden Update**
RR has inspected the trees on parish land and they all appear in good health.
506. **Parish Footpath Update**
The Clerk circulated the definitive map outside the meeting. TB reported that he has asked for information about historic footpaths in the parish by advertising in The Oracle with no response. He will advertise in Wayland News and report to the next meeting. **TB to action and Clerk to add to next agenda**
507. **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 | chq 749 | £19.01 |
| • J Woods – reimbursement for allotment maintenance | chq 750 | £93.38 |
| • J Armstrong – travel reimbursement | chq 751 | £6.30 |
- Proposed: KW, seconded: RR

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return had been received with no comments by the external auditor. It has been displayed on the website by JW in accordance with legislation.

508. Adjournment for Public Participation

- CC Bowes read highlights from her previously circulated report.
- J Woods has replaced two thirds of the necessary fence posts and will replace the others in due course. Thanks for both his and TB's hard work.
- There have been complaints about dogs continually barking from 1 Crown Crescent. **Clerk to report to Breckland Dog Warden**
- Thanks were recorded for the clearing of rubbish in Crown Crescent
- There is a large pot hole along the Saham Road. **KW to report and copy to CC Bowes**

509. Future Business

Precept deliberations

510. Date of Next Meetings: 3 November 2016

Meeting closed at 8.23pm