

The next meeting of Ousden Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 6p.m. in Ousden Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting. There will be a public session near the start of the meeting to give members of the public and opportunity to speak to councillors informally about items on the agenda. Members of the public may stay and observe the rest of the meeting but may not address the Council.

AGENDA

1. To accept apologies and reason for absence.
2. Declaration of interest by Councillors in items on the agenda and dispensation requests.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023.
4. Public session (15 minutes).
5. County Councillors Report.
6. District Councillor's report.
7. Police issues.
8. To receive an update on the list of actions agreed at the last meeting.
9. To discuss the following financial issues:
 - a) Approval of payments and signing of Schedule of Payments.
 - b) Approval of payments authorised between meetings.
 - c) To receive a statement of receipts and payments made since the last meeting.
 - d) Bank balances and confirmation of bank reconciliation as of 28th February 2023.
 - e) Councillor to complete the checklist of internal controls.
 - f) Update on the financial checks carried out by a councillor.
 - g) To review the income and expenditure for 2022/23 against the budget and discuss the level of reserves for general and earmarked expenditure.
 - h) To review the register of fixed assets and insurance values and check that the level of insurance cover is adequate.
 - i) To review the Council's risk assessment.
 - j) To check that the levels of liability insurance are adequate.
 - k) Review of confidential cashbook and deductions by a councillor.
 - l) To nominate a councillor to inspect the Council's property for damage or defects by 30th April 2023 and complete the inspection checklist.
10. To discuss any planning issues.
 - a) Email from West Suffolk Council giving details of the revised timetable for the Local Plan.
11. To discuss any highways/Rights of Way/tree/transport/pond issues.
 - a) Replacement sign for Lady's Green.
 - b) Enforcement of speeding, setting up Community Speedwatch and the possibility of meeting other parish councils about the future use of ANPR cameras.
 - c) Misuse of byways in the winter.
 - d) Email from a resident asking Ousden Parish Council to request parking restrictions on The Hill in Ousden.
12. Parish Council elections on 4th May 2023.
 - a) Email from West Suffolk Council about the pre-election period which begins on Wednesday 22nd March.
 - b) Information about voter ID for people voting in person.
 - c) Nomination forms.
13. To agree the procedure and possible items for the Annual Parish Meeting.
14. To discuss any village issues:
 - a) Deployment of the defibrillator and replacement pads.
15. To confirm the dates of meetings in 2023/24.
16. To discuss the following correspondence:
 - a) Email from the Greenest Community Network.
 - b) Email from a resident with a query about the former Methodist chapel in Ousden.
17. Any other business for noting or including on the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 6pm and the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.