

**The next meeting of Ousden Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6p.m. in Ousden Village Hall.**

**Members of the public are welcome. There will be a public session near the start of the meeting to give members of the public an 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 resolve to exclude press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960: the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information
  - a) To discuss staffing matters. Appointment of a new clerk.
2. To accept apologies and reason for absence.
3. Declaration of interest by councillors in items on the agenda.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
5. Public session (15 minutes).
6. County Councillors Report.
7. District Councillor's report.
8. Police issues
9. To receive an update on the list of actions agreed at the last meeting.
10. To discuss the following financial issues:
  - a) Approval of payments and signing of Schedule of Payments.
  - b) Approval of payments authorised between meetings.
  - c) Approval of the record of receipts and payments made since the last meeting.
  - d) Bank balances as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and confirmation of bank reconciliation.
  - e) Budget 2023/24, reserves balance and precept request.
  - f) Email from Lloyds about higher interest savings options.
11. To discuss any planning issues.
12. To discuss any highways/Rights of Way issues/tree/transport issues.
  - a) Email from SCC Cllr Bobby Bennett about money for repairing or replacing damaged signs.
  - b) Email from Suffolk County Council about new funding for improvements to bus services.
  - c) Reporting flooding to properties.
  - d) Suffolk ANPR report.
  - e) Email from SALC asking if Ousden Parish Council has any questions to put to the new Highways contractor Milestone at their annual conference.
13. To review the following documents:
  - a) Risk assessment for VAS volunteers.
14. To discuss any village issues.
  - a) Update on the purchase of a recycled plastic circular bench.
  - b) Village hall update.
  - c) Thermal imaging camera.
15. To discuss the following correspondence:
  - a) Email from Slow Ways about their initiative to create a national network of walking routes connecting all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages.
  - b) Email from Zero Hour asking for Risby Parish Council's support for the Climate and Ecology Bill
  - c) Email from the Voluntary Network requesting a donation.
  - d) Email from West Suffolk Council about support services for people with long COVID.
  - e) Email from West Suffolk Council about their grass cutting and maintenance review.
  - f) Email from Wickhambrook Parish Council about their Neighbourhood Plan pre submission consultation.
16. Any other business for noting or including on the agenda of the meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.