

The next meeting of Ousden Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10th December 2024 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 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.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024.
4. Short presentation by John Whitefield about the continuation of Lidgate and Ousden Cricket Club.
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 1st December 2024 and confirmation of bank reconciliation.
 - e) Budget 2025/26, reserves balance and precept request.
 - f) Approval of regular payments for 2025/26.
 - g) To approve the Internal Control Statement for the year ended 31st March 2025.
 - h) To appoint a councillor to carry out internal control checks and complete the Internal Control Report.
 - i) To review the effectiveness of the internal audit.
 - j) Appointment of an internal auditor.
 - k) To review any contracts.
11. To discuss any planning issues.
12. To discuss any highways/Rights of Way issues/tree/transport issues.
13. To discuss any village issues.
14. To discuss the following correspondence:
 - a) Government consultation on whether remote meetings and proxy voting should be allowed.
<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-standards-and-conduct/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting/consultation/subpage.2024-10-22.4587630148/>
 - b) Email from West Suffolk Citizen's Advice updating Ousden Parish Council about the services they provide to support West Suffolk Residents and requesting a donation.
 - c) Email from West Suffolk Council about their winter toolkit and support that is available.
 - d) Letter from Headway Suffolk requesting a donation.
15. Any other business for noting or including on the agenda of the meeting on Tuesday 11th March 2025.
16. 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.