



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF  
OUSTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 IN OUSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00PM.**

**1. COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Chair Mrs D. Rowe, Mr. A Wake, Mrs. A Bell, Mrs. M Duncan and Mr. J Tate  
**County Councillors** – Mrs. A Batey and Mr. P Pringle  
**Other Attendees** – Lisa Blondrage - Parish Clerk and Resident - Mr. B. Howlett

**2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

CC Wood and OCA

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

Previous minutes agreed and accepted by the PC.

**5. REPRESENTATION OF RESIDENTS AND ALLOTMENT TENANTS**

Mr Howlett informed the PC that the manhole cover has now been repaired.

There was an issue with residents parking on the grass verge on the main road, this was thought to be due to residents being misinformed by DCC that the cars needed to be clear of the path area for resurfacing.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Batey presented the CC report.

CC Batey said she had been contacted by a resident on Byron Close concerned about a retrospective planning application for a gated fence on the end of the terrace at Byron Close. The resident in the end terrace has erected a fence with gates on land that was used by other residents to park their cars. The land previously had space for three cars that have now been displaced. LB said she had not been contacted by the resident by phone or email. Cllr Wake said the Facebook page had not been messaged. CC Batey will contact the resident.

CC Batey said the Roseberry School site will be used by Karbon Homes to build affordable homes. She informed the PC that the proposed entrance to the site will be through the Roseberry playing fields. CC Batey encouraged all residents to complete the DCC Leisure Consultation as it includes the Roseberry playing fields. She said the playing fields are a community asset that need to be protected for the community to use. The 11<sup>th</sup> January is the closing date. She added that DCC must retain the pitches and they must be rented out to local clubs. CC Batey said she knew of at least one club that was being displaced from the area. She encouraged the Parish Council to respond too.

OCA sent their apologies and OCA passed on their thanks to the PCs who volunteered at the hugely successful Christmas event. OCA also said that the Coffee morning was becoming for popular.

The County Councillors are also looking at additional grit bin locations.



**7. OUSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

OCA have put provisional dates in the diary for 2023 for 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

**8. AUTUMN AND WINTER EVENTS – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION RESULTS**

Cllr Rowe and Cllr Duncan walked round the village on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December to judge the resident's lights. The PCs viewed photographs taken by Cllr Rowe and Cllr Duncan the PC decided on the winner and runner up. Competition winners will be invited to Januarys PC meeting to meet the PC's and receive their prize. LB to purchase National Garden vouchers and One for All vouchers for the Garden and Christmas Lights Competition winners and runners up.

**9. CLERK'S REPORT**

LB said she had sent letters out to all allotment tenants with livestock explaining the Government Animal and Plant Agency Guidance as of the 7<sup>th</sup> November.

CC Pringle said a tenant had spoken to him querying the solid roof request. They said it wasn't DEFRA Guidance. LB said that the PC is the landlord and tenants must follow the solid roof request. The birds, their food and water must be kept undercover and away from wild birds and fresh water must be used not rain water. The PC also asked tenants to ensure that all enclosures have a solid roof to protect birds from wild bird droppings. There are rare breeds onsite, racing pigeons and birds kept as pets and they must be protected from Avian Flu. LB added that the PC's rule had been introduced to protect the birds onsite and if they have any queries, they can contact LB or a PC.

LB drafted and sent a letter to the resident regarding Leylandii trees.

Cllr Wake and Cllr Tate will send LB the information for the Allotment Rents (larger plots).

LB said she was struggling to source a skip company that would deliver to site. She said she needed to check the allotment expenditure to date before ordering a skip. The PC said the expenditure would be reviewed in March to see if there was enough money for a skip.

**10. FINANCIAL MATTERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**10.1 Monthly Accounts & December Invoices**

The expenditure for December was reviewed by the PC's

**10.2 Draft Precept 2023-24**

The PC agreed the 2023-24 precept would be £36000 plus a £22.00 LCTRS Grant.

**11. Items to Follow Up for Next Meeting**

The January Monthly meeting agenda will include:

- Precept 2023-24
- Results of 2022 Competitions

**The Monthly meeting will be held on THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 at 7.00pm. Business to discuss will be as per Agenda.**

**The Parish Council meeting closed at 20.24 hours.**

**APPENDIX ONE: CHEQUES SIGNED AT MEETING**

Chq nbr	Statement number	Paid to	Description
102087		L Blondrage	November pay 4 weeks
102088		L Blondrage	November HWA
102089		D Johnston	November pay 4 weeks
102090		HMRC	November pay 4 weeks
102091		SE Harrison & Sons	2 x Christmas trees

