

The next meeting of Ousden Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th March 2024 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 residents 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.
2. To accept apologies and reason for absence.
3. Declaration of interest by councillors in items on the agenda and dispensation requests.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024.
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) To receive a statement of receipts and payments made since the last meeting.
 - d) Bank balances and confirmation of bank reconciliation as of 29th February 2024.
 - e) Update on the financial checks carried out by a councillor.
 - f) To review the income and expenditure for 2023/24 against the budget and discuss the level of reserves for general and earmarked expenditure.
 - g) To review the register of fixed assets and insurance values and check that the level of insurance cover is adequate.
 - h) To review the Council's risk assessment.
 - i) To check that the levels of liability insurance are adequate.
 - j) Review of confidential cashbook and deductions by a councillor.
 - k) To nominate a councillor to inspect the Council's property for damage or defects by 30th April 2024 and complete the inspection checklist.
11. To discuss any planning issues.
 - a) West Suffolk Council Local Plan Submission Consultation.
 - b) Planning applications received between meetings.
12. To discuss any highways/Rights of Way/tree/transport issues.
13. To discuss the possibility of reducing the number of parish council meetings to four a year.
14. To discuss any village issues:
15. To confirm the dates of meetings in 2024/25
16. To discuss the procedure and possible items for the Annual Parish Meeting.
17. To discuss the following correspondence:
 - a) Email from West Suffolk Council about their consultation on street trading.
 - b) Email from West Suffolk Council about their Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy.
 - c) Email from Suffolk County Council on their Local Transport Plan consultation.
 - d) Email from Plug in Suffolk about the installation of EV charging points.
 - e) Email from Connecting Communities about the Community Transport Service they provide.
18. Any other business for noting or including on the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 6pm and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council after the Annual Parish Meeting.