

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING – 14 MAY 2019**MINUTES**

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 14 May 2019, the following members were present:

Mr P Killingback (chairman)
Mrs S Mather, Mr A Nash, Ms A Shaw

In Attendance

Mr D Harrison (District and County Councillor), Mr S Riley (District Councillor)
and Mr L Mills (Clerk of the Council)

019/001 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2019 - 2020

It was unanimously **AGREED** to appoint Mr Killingback as Chairman for the coming year

019/002 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Mr Killingback signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the Chairman of the Council.

019/003 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Clerk confirmed he had received the following Declarations of Acceptance of Office: Mr P Killingback, Mrs S Mather, Mr A Nash, Ms A Shaw.

It was **AGREED** to set the next meeting (25 June 2019) as date for receipt of outstanding Declarations

019/004 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr G Peck, Mr A Windross, PC P Magee

019/005 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

019/006 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 April 2019, having previously been circulated to all members, were considered and **CONFIRMED** as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair

019/007 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None

019/008 FINANCE

- (i) INSURANCE: a three year Long Term Agreement for insurance provided by Zurich Municipal was **APPROVED** to commence 1st June 2019
- (ii) The following payments totalling £458.13 were **APPROVED** and the cheques signed by two authorised signatories.
Norfolk Assoc Local Councils, annual subscription, £92.81
Administration, £365.32

019/009 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2019-2020

It was **AGREED** the Parish Council will meet on the following dates:

2019:

25 JUNE

06 AUGUST

17 SEPTEMBER

29 OCTOBER

03 DECEMBER

2020:

21 JANUARY

03 MARCH

05 MAY (Annual Meeting)*

019/010 PLANNING

- (i) 20190735, The Old Chapel, The Street, Oulton
The Council agreed to **SUPPORT** this application with the following comments:

Southern elevation at rear would be better with a brick facade to fit in better with existing.

IF the roof needs replacing and if PV panels are to be installed the council hopes these will require a further application.

Council is also concerned that once again two applications were submitted but the Parish Council was only informed of one. It was by pure chance that the second application (20190701) was picked up by one of the councillors. Council is concerned that they are not being kept fully informed of applications and would like an assurance that they will be in future.

019/010 PLANNING (continued)

(ii) WINDFARMS

[a] Orsted. OPC have attended the whole of the examination process with attendances at hearings and written responses which are available to see on the parish council's website. The examination for Hornsea Three has now closed; The Examination authority has three months to make their recommendations, it will then go to the Secretary of state who will also have three months to make a decision as to whether the Development consent Order is granted. The final outcome will be announced in October 2019.

[b] Vattenfall. Alison Shaw & Susan Mather attended the issue specific hearing in Norwich on 24th April, OPC along with BDC raised issues relating to the noise assessment and air quality and as a result the applicants have been asked by the ExA. To produce some updated information this they have now done and OPC is reviewing the documents before responding at deadline 8. In the evening of 24th April OPC attended the Open Floor hearing in Dereham, this is the public's opportunity to put forward their views, and the event was very well attended. Alison Shaw spoke on behalf of OPC and Susan Mather spoke on behalf of Professor Tony Barnett (Corpusty & Saxthorpe PC) who was unable to attend and whose views are endorsed by OPC. All of OPC's responses for Vattenfall are also available to view on the website.

[c] It was **AGREED** to send a reply to a proposal for a Statement of Common Ground, as follows:

Statement of Common Ground, Oulton Parish Council can only agree on the following statement..

It is agreed by both parties that the strategy to install ducts for both projects and the decision to commit to HVDC will reduce impacts to residents.

Regrettably there has been an increase in concerns over recent weeks, which have not reassured OPC and, as with Orsted Hornsea Three, we cannot see how the cumulative traffic from both projects will not be hugely impactful on the residents of The Old Railway Gatehouse and the wider community for a protracted period.

Although Vattenfall have been forthcoming in answering our inquiries, and OPC very much appreciates the time spent and good humour afforded us during these discussions; nevertheless the unique complication of two very similar projects potentially crossing Norfolk at the same time, and both impacting Oulton village and surrounding area has been challenging and will remain so as there are areas of outstanding issues which OPC cannot foresee being resolved.

019/010 PLANNING (continued)

OPC will be submitting a response at deadline 8 which will form comments regarding the most recent Noise and Vibration assessment, Air quality assessment and observations regarding the decision not to use trenchless crossing on B1149.

- *The trenching of the B1149 and road widening to create a single lane access, which will complicate the traffic flow of existing and HOW3 AIL to the Main Compound*
- *Noise assessment mitigation for 'The Old Railway Gatehouse' will only resolve Vibration but engine noise will still be audible on the approach, stopping and on leaving the regraded section of road.*
- *Air Quality: OPC still fail to understand how existing and cumulative traffic NO2/Particulate matter will not be impactful over several years to the 'The Old Railway Gatehouse' and the wider community along shared access routes. Oulton Parish Council have determined that signing any form of SOCG does not add anything meaningful to the planning process, and could, in future be misinterpreted as it having reached an acceptance of the project, should it proceed.*

[d] George Freeman MP has invited representatives of the Council to join him in meeting with Claire Perry MP, Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to discuss an Offshore Ring Main project. It was **AGREED** that the Chair and Ms Shaw should attend. It was **AGREED** that travel expenses would be paid.

019/011 DOMAIN NAME FOR WEBSITE

It was **AGREED** to sign up for the name oultonparishcouncil.co.uk

019/012 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA

None

019/013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25 June 2019

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 19.56