

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5th December 2023

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel Oulton on Tuesday 24th October 2023 the following members were present:

Mrs S Mather (chair)

Ms A Shaw, Mr A Nash, Mr Greg Peck, Mr A Windross

In Attendance

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council),

Sue Catchpole - BDC

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mr P Killingback

2. To receive members' declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation.

None

3. To confirm minutes of the Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th October 2023 having previously been circulated to all members, were APPROVED as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. To receive information on matters arising not listed elsewhere on the agenda

The clerk has received an email from National Trust inviting one Parish Councillor and their family to their event Wild Winter After Dark 2023 free of charge. She will forward this email to all Councillors.

5. To adjourn the meeting to receive

a. Police report – No report received

Norfolk County – Steve Riley was not present so Greg Peck confirmed that the Government has given 100% backing to the Western Link however, there will be an 18 month delay due to a judicial review. The County Deal was voted for at a full council meeting and an elected leader to be appointed in May 2025 elections. There will be two new housing developments in Acle and Hopton which will be 50% affordable housing. 27 New gritters have been purchased this year and newsletters will be delivered to all parishioners in the county detailing a winter campaign that Norfolk County Council are promoting.

Broadland District Council – There will be an organisation set up re Nutrient Neutrality which will enable developers to pay a fee so this can be offset. Waveney will be the first area to do this. There will be a mobile help hub to help people in Market towns and surrounding parishes. Broadland are building a portfolio consisting of council owned property. They will be looking at purchasing more housing to help with the homeless crisis. She also reminded councillors about the Business Awards that are taking place 15th December 2023.

b. Questions from the public – None received

6. Finance

a. To approve payments,
Cheque 100663 Poppy Wreath £23.98, Cheque 100664 C Baker (Defib Store) £729.60, Cheque 100665 Country Style £9.00 and Cheque 100666 Garden Guardian £1002.00.

b. Update on Swing seat and chains – Andy Nash has received prices for this for £235.00. Sue Catchpole confirmed that she will be able to give the council the money to purchase this from her Members Fund. When the money is received Andy will purchase this. The Chairman thanked Sue for her offer.

c. Bank Account – It was agreed to change the Bank account to Unity Trust. The forms were signed and the Clerk will proceed with this.

7. To consider planning matters

a. Planning applications received before 5th December 2023 and any updates

None received

b. To receive Wind farm updates. –

Orsted Hornsea Three/Main Construction Lighting

Orsted having attended the Parish Council meeting on 24th October 2023 requested to see the minutes. These were sent for Orsted to see and comment on, Orsted did not contact OPC ahead of the PC meeting on 5th December, so OPC assume they did not have any additional comments, and agreed with the summary.

OPC contacted BDC/S Norfolk District Councils Head of Planning to ask if they were aware of the proposed lighting plan from Orsted/Volkerfitzpatrick, the reply was that they were aware of Orsted's intention to provide a new lighting plan for the main compound but have not had sight of the plan or been made aware of when they might submit details.

Equinor

OPC received a request from Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to comment on the applicants, Equinor SEP/DEP proposed Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) night time works in the Rule 17 Letter submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The applicants having named only three locations specifically in the Outline Code of Construction Practice (OCoCP) as part of SEP/DEP DCO. OPC will respond and have until 20th December to do so.

Alison Shaw is attending a meeting with National Grid on 15th December 2023 at County Hall to discuss offshore main frame.

8. Summary of Stakeholder Meeting

Work to the Dam has finished and National trust are capping the number of people that will be attending their Christmas light event. They are looking at purchasing mobility vehicles.

9. To discuss Deer Management and any updates

There are no updates but this will be a standing item on the agenda as discussions are ongoing

10. To note items of information / future agenda

Update on Deer Management
Bank Account
Swing.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 23rd January 2024

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.07