

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8th August 2023

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel Oulton on Tuesday 8th August 2023 the following members were present:

Mrs S Mather (chair)

Mr P Killingback, Ms A Shaw, Mr A Nash, Mr Greg Peck,

In Attendance

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council), Ian Sims (Chair of Ingworth Parish Council)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mr A Windross

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

None

3. To confirm minutes of the Parish Council held on 27th June 2023

The clerk confirmed that there was an amendment needed to the payments made this will be amended and brought to the next meeting for signing.

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

It was noted that there is an issue with the locking of the noticeboard. Mr P Killingback will check to see if this needs to be re-aligned.

The Chair has received a complaint re the loss of the verges due to large farm vehicles coming down the road. The parish council noted this but is aware that this is a highways issue. It was also noted that highways are only cutting the verge junctions.

A new telegraph pole has been erected near the playground. This is to enable fibre broadband to the Orsted compound. There is a possibility that faster fibre broadband could be available for the parishioners. This will be looked into at a future meeting.

Ms A Shaw had attended a Blickling Community Stakeholder meeting and found this to be very informative. Adam Curtis is replacing Stuart Banks as the Countryside Manager. He is also Oulton Parish Councils contact for Blickling and he should be attending the next meeting. Deer management was discussed and there is no legal responsibility to fence them in. Game keepers are not allowed to manage Muntjac deer on Blickling land.

5. To adjourn the meeting to receive

- a. reports from police, district and county councillors

None received

- b. questions from the public

Ian Sims introduced himself. He is currently attending all local parish council meetings in the area to introduce himself and find out if there are similar issues arising with other parishes so that these can be communicated and worked on together.

6. Finance

- a. To approve payments,

Cheque 100654 Cancelled

Cheque 100655 Country style recycling £21.00

Cheque 100656 Zurich Insurance £350.78 (The previous cheque had been lost in the post).

£20.00 cash donation was received for the hire of Cups and Saucers. The Clerk will take the cash and do a BACS payment from her personal account for this. All in agreement.

- b. To discuss land value Fallow/Building

The clerk had spoken to a land agent at Savills and they confirmed that the commercial rent for this area would normally be £100 per month and the value of the land for arable purposes would be approx. £10k per acre. The amenity value for the purpose of horses or leisure is as much as the person is willing to pay for it.

7. To consider planning matters

- a. Planning applications received before 27th June 2023 and any updates

None received

- b. To receive Wind farm updates.

Orsted

Orsted have sent out further traffic notices for the continuing road works to rectify the passing places, at the southern end of The Street. The last two notices were however sent out on the same day as the work was to be carried out.

There were also survey works carried out to the Humpback bridge on B1149 which goes over The Marriotts Way.

Orsted seems no longer to have a Community Liaison Officer (CLO); OPC was told in an email that she is not working currently and it is unclear what that means.

Residents with concerns about construction works should meanwhile continue to contact the contractor's CLO, Lilly Dowe, at: lilly.dowe@volkerfitzpatrick.co.uk

Vattenfall's Norfolk Vanguard/Boreas (Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone)

It was announced in the media and then via email at the beginning of August that Norfolk Boreas has been postponed, due to the unforeseen rising cost of the project caused by interest rate rises, as well as supply chain problems. Norfolk Vanguard is still proceeding with Oulton will not see construction start until next year.

Vattenfall also announced that they now intend to have a Main Compound which will be located off the A140 north of Aylsham.

Vattenfall's public information days which was rescheduled will be held at Aylsham Town Hall on **14th September 2023** from 10 am – 5.30 pm.

Equinor's Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions Project

The public examination for SEP/DEP concluded on 17th July. OPC have participated throughout with written responses and attendance at relevant Hearings. The Examining Authority now has three months until 17/10/23 to make their recommendations to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). The Secretary of State will then have a further three months to make a decision as to whether to grant Equinor's SEP/DEP its Development Consent Order.

8. To receive update on second defibrillator installation

This is now all in place. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Chris Baker who has arranged and to find out from him who to thank for supplying the post and electricity - The clerk will arrange this.

9.. To discuss the Allotment site.

Allotment Invoices will be sent out by the clerk and a report will be done for next meeting.

10. To note items of information / future agenda

Update on Deer Management

Allotments.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 12th September 2023

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.16