

## **OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

### **MINUTES**

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 6th December 2022, 19.30 the following members were present:

Mrs S Mather (Chair)

Ms A Shaw, Mr G Peck, Mr A Nash, Mr A Windross, Mr P Killingback

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council)

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr S Riley

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None

#### **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> October, having previously been circulated to all members, were APPROVED as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

The Clerk confirmed that she had tried to obtain a land registry document for the allotment area but was having difficulty locating the area. Paul Killingback will look into this.

The Clerk confirmed that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had agreed new pay scales for 2022-2023 to be implemented from 1 April 2022. This worked out to be £1 per hour pay rise.

#### **5. REPORTS**

No police report

No District Council report

No County Council report

No police Report

No members of the public attended.

Mr G Peck confirmed that there was to be a change in governance at County Council with the leader being directly elected by councillors this could happen as early as May 2024 for a term of 5 years. This could mean that the leader would be independent of ruling party. Norfolk Council part of council tax would be between 2.99 and 3.99%

#### **6. FINANCE**

##### **a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Cheque Number 100639 Poppy Wreath £23.98

Cheque Number 100640 Cancelled

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Cheque Number 100642 HMRC £12.00  
Cheque Number 100643 W Murphy Backdated salary £48.00

**Money in to account**

£133.00 from the Box Day event  
£30.00 Hire of tables  
£100.00 Hire of Marquee

**b) To approve the Budget 2023-2024**

The Budget was agreed at £3,500.00. It was agreed that more money should be moved into the savings account and to speak to Garden Guardian to see how often the playing field is cut and if this can be reduced. – The clerk will arrange this

**c) Marquee**

It was agreed to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting but there is a lack of manpower available for the current marquee to be put up. The clerk confirmed that Aylsham Town Council have marquees that can be hired out.

**7. PLANNING UPDATES**

**Wind Farm Updates**

**Equinor's Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project**

This project has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) via the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project process.

Oulton Parish Council (OPC) have now registered as an Interested Party, which will enable OPC to participate in the 6-month examination process.

All relevant representations (RR) are available to view on the Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure website:-

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sheringham-and-dudgeon-extension-projects/?ipcsection=relreps>

In due course the date for the Preliminary Meeting will be announced and Interested Parties will be invited to attend.

The developer's agents for **Docking Farm Solar** have submitted a relevant representation into PINS for SEP/DEP.

This is because the SEP/DEP cable route will go through the solar farm site.

The solar farm developers appear to be requesting that any Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) through the solar farm site should be buried at a depth of between 10m and 20m - which would be highly exceptional.

**Vattenfall** also submitted an RR, as the Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas cable route will be crossed by the SEP/DEP cable trench, very close to the humpback bridge on the Holt Road, therefore incurring substantial cumulative impacts for us all in Oulton.

**Orsted Hornsea Three**

The main contractors VolkerFitzpatrick who will be based at the Main Construction Compound, have started work in Oulton with the Highway Intervention Scheme for the southern end of 'The Street'. This involved a 4-week road closure and detour via Saxthorpe roundabout/ B1149.

Work was due to be completed on 25th November, however OPC were notified that the works had overrun and another week was added to the road closure. This has now overrun by a further week, but no confirmation was received by OPC from the contractors as to when the road will finally reopen.

Residents are voicing their concerns about the prolonged road closure and the need for lengthy detours, incurring extra time and fuel, over the many weeks of closure.

#### **8. Defibrillator**

The position for the second defibrillator is now not available. It was suggested that this could be placed on the Church Farm Barns – This will be on the next agenda to discuss more

#### **9. Trees**

The hedge has been removed and a working party along with National Trust will be planting trees on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### **10. TO NOTE ITEMS OF INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA**

Marquee

Defibrillator

#### **11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.12