

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 25th October 2022

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 25th October 2022, 19.30 the following members were present:

Mrs S Mather (Chair)

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

In Attendance

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 2nd August 2022, and 6th September 2022, 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 chair has produced a leaflet regarding the cost of living. This is to go on the website and dropped through people's letter boxes

A notice about Aviation flu has been put on the website

An oak post has been supplied for the covid plaque. Paul Killingback and Andy Nash will arrange for this to be erected in the churchyard

5. REPORTS

No police report

District -South Norfolk and Broadland District Council have now moved into the Horizon Building and Thorpe Lodge is now up for sale.

County - They are in the middle of doing their budget and have an extra £60 million deficit to look at – consultants have been brought into to look at this. It was confirmed that Cllr Riley has an extra £10k special grant to spend on highways.

No members of the public attended.

6. FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Cheque Number 100637 Country Style Recycling £21.00

Cheque Number 100638 W Murphy Expenses £29.27

b) Asset Register – The area for the allotments was added to the register as 77 acres (312 hectares) it was then adopted proposed by S Mather and seconded by A Windross and all in favour.

The clerk will find out if the allotment land has been registered with Land Registry.

c) The Clerk circulated the Budget for 2023/2024 – this will be agreed at the next council meeting

7. PLANNING UPDATES

Wind farm updates: -

Orsted Hornsea Three

Alison Shaw & Susan Mather attended meetings with Orsted on 14th September and 21st September in Oulton. These meetings were to discuss and update OPC on the plans for the Highway Intervention Scheme (HIS) for the southern end of 'The Street'. The planned dates for these works due to start on 27th October and end 26th November which will require the southern end of The Street to be closed to through traffic.

Unfortunately, there was an issue with the advance notices not appearing with in the 12 days of advance notice. Alison & Susan chased both Norfolk County Council and the contractors VolkerFitzpatrick about this issue, resulting in two of the notices appearing on 21st October. Both NCC & VolkerFitzpatrick did respond to our emails however all notices did not appear until a day before the road closure. OPC expressed concern that this falls short of that expected from the project and hoped going forward there would be greater continuity.

Equinor Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project (SEP/DEP)

Equinor had their application for SEP/DEP accepted for examination with the Planning Inspectorate Infrastructure on 3rd October. 2022

The registration process opened on **14th October**, enabling Interested parties to register and take part in the examination process, the deadline for registration is **14th November** at **23.59hr**.

OPC will be registering their interest and submitting a relevant representation on the cumulative impacts on Oulton of a further offshore wind farm coming onshore.

Planning updates:

Docking Farm Solar (BDC 20211249 / 20211288)

It was noted by councillors that there was activity on the now consented solar farm site on land at the southern end of The Street. Alison Shaw spoke with some of the workforce on the site who explained they were carrying out tests.

Susan Mather contacted BDC to find out whether any contact had been made with the developers

in connection with the signing off of conditions, BDC had not had contact. The agents (Savills) and developer (Stark Energy) were contacted to find out more details about construction dates. The agents have not responded. The Developer responded that they had now handed over to Metka who are the contractors. Metka have not yet responded to an email for further information. The concern is that there could be conflict with the Hornsea Three Highway Intervention Scheme or it will coincide with the start of the project 2023 and traffic going to the Main Construction Compound.

8. Defib

It was agreed that the second defib could be installed at The Old Forge on Itteringham Road – The Clerk will speak to Gavin Watson about getting this done.

9. Trees

This is going ahead on 13th November. The National trust will chip and remove the unwanted vegetation. 5 people from the village have volunteered but a few more people are required.

10. TO NOTE ITEMS OF INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Budget

Marquee

Chicken Farm

Old Parish Council Minutes are being kept in the cupboard at the Old Chapel

11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

6th December 2022

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.10