

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING – 29 OCTOBER 2019**DRAFT MINUTES**

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 29 October 2019, the following members were present:

Mr P Killingback (chair)
Mrs S Mather, Mr A Nash, Mr G Peck, Ms A Shaw, Mr A Windross.

In Attendance

Ms H Jermy, Ms M Jordan, Ms H Spriggs (all National Trust)
Mr L Mills (Clerk of the Council)

019/055 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

019/056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

019/057 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 September 2019, having previously been circulated to all members, were considered and with the following alteration to 019/050:

*It was AGREED to join the Norfolk Pension Fund Local Government Scheme.
to be replaced with*

*After a brief discussion it was **AGREED** the clerk should bring information on the Local Government Pension Scheme to the next meeting where it would be discussed further.*

The amended minutes were then **APPROVED** as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair.

019/058 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The chairman reminded members that there is still a vacancy on the council and asked that they should try to find someone willing to volunteer.

019/059 NATIONAL TRUST

Ms Jermy introduced herself as the new General Manager of Blickling Estate and explained how she would like to develop a closer working relationship with surrounding organisations. To this end she is introducing a quarterly meeting starting in January to

019/059 NATIONAL TRUST (continued)

which all local interested organisations will be invited. At present she envisages one representative from each organisation.

Ms Jordan, from the Textile Conservation Studio, explained the need to replace the existing boilers and the NT want to use a renewable energy solution, in line with their national policy. To this end they will be applying for planning permission to install ground source heat pumps alongside a solar panel array.

Ms Spriggs, project manager, gave more technical and practical details. They would hope to start in Spring 2020 and be completed by the end of summer. This is subject to planning and obtaining proper tenders for work. There would be approx. three weeks of drilling with some piling.

019/060 FINANCE

- (i) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following payments totalling £175.69 were **APPROVED** and the cheques signed by two authorised signatories.
Indigo Waste Services, recycling, £9.00
Norse Eastern, grounds maintenance, £166.69
- (ii) BANK RECONCILIATION dated 30th September 2019 was **ADOPTED**
- (iii) BUDGET 2020/2021: first draft was discussed with a few changes asked for. A revised draft will be circulated by the Clerk.

019/061 PLANNING

- (i) APPLICATIONS: none
- (ii) WINDFARMS

Mrs Mather updated the meeting:

[a] Vattenfall: Norfolk Boreas: The Planning Inspectorate has announced the start of the Examination time table; this is available to view on OPC website. <https://www.hugofox.com/community/oulton-parish-council-15017/windfarms/> OPC has registered as an interested party and will be attending Issue Specific Hearings in the week beginning 11th November.

[b] Equinor: Sheringham & Dudgeon Extension Projects: OPC have been notified of another offshore windfarm project which will require onshore construction and cable installation. The current map shows that one possible route for the cable corridor will pass directly through the western part of the parish of Oulton, but this all depends on the final cable route chosen by the developers, Equinor. Members of OPC attended a consultation meeting at Aylsham Town Hall on Monday 28th October and will be responding to the Scoping Report which was sent to the Planning Inspectorate by the developer and forms part of the pre-application process. Further public consultations will take place next year. (Scoping report available to see on OPC website: especially see the maps at the end.)

[c] Orsted: Hornsea Three: The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has postponed the decision on whether to grant Hornsea Three their DCO (Development Consent Order) until March 31st 2020.

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[d] Vattenfall: Norfolk Vanguard: Currently the decision on whether a DCO is granted by Secretary of State for BEIS is due on 10th December 2019.

Mr Peck confirmed he had received a letter from Andrea Ledsom's department.

- (iii) FLOODING: Mr Windross said that NCC Highways had attended a site meeting with one of the affected residents. He notes that some white lines have been painted on the road and is hopeful that this is a sign that some action will be taken.

019/062 CLERK'S REPORT

An email from Broadland District Council has been received regarding Rough Sleepers in the area. Any councilor wishing to get further involved in either the annual count or helping in other ways is invited to contact BDC.

019/063 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA

Windfarms, Budget for future agenda

019/064 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd December 2019

019/065 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION OF STRANGERS) ACT 1960

It was proposed and unanimously **AGREED**, that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable that the Press and Public should be excluded.

019/066 STAFFING MATTERS

- (i) It was **AGREED** to move the Clerk to SCP 24 with effect from 1st November 2019.

The Clerk left the meeting at this point to allow free discussion of the following:

- (ii) It was **AGREED** that the chair shall make further enquiries regarding pension arrangements for the Clerk.

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