

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7th March 2023

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 7th March 2023, 19.30 the following members were present:

Mr P Killingback(Chair)

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

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council) Mr Matt Young – Grantscape

Sue Hall – Church Warden

Cllr Sue Catchpole

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs S Mather. It was agreed that Mr P Killingback would chair the meeting

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 24th January 2023, 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

None

5. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO RECEIVE

a) REPORTS FROM POLICE, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No police report

District Council report – Cllr Sue Catchpole confirmed that that they have not increased their budget so their part of the council tax charges will remain the same as last year. They will be moving to the Horizon building after the May elections. Thorpe Road offices will be sold after July. Concerns have been made that meetings at Broadland are being held as informal meetings with no minutes being taken.

No County Council report

b) QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received

c) ORSTED HORNSEA THREE COMMUNITY FUNDING – MANAGED BY GRANTScape

Matt Young – Chief Executive of Grantscape confirmed that there would be £700k worth of funding (although £200k would be earmarked in advance) each year for 10 years, to be distributed to successful projects from areas affected by Orsted's Hornsea Three windfarm development. There will be small grants £500-£5k and main grants £5001.00 - £75K for community projects. The fund will be open in June 2023 and any monies not used in any one year will be carried over to the next year. Local representatives including people from NNDC, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Natural England and Norfolk Community Foundation will be on the panel to make decisions. Sue Hall, representing Oulton Parish Church, discussed with Grantscape the eligibility and current status of the church's bid for a grant from this fund, for the provision of simple kitchen facilities and toilets in the church, to facilitate its use for wider community functions. Grantscape confirmed that this sort of project would be eligible. The Parish Council stated that, given the lack of a village hall in the parish, it felt that this significant upgrading to the facilities at the church building would be enormously valuable to the community at large, and they are giving their full support.

6. FINANCE

a) TO APPROVE PAYMENTS

Cheque Number 100646 Wendy Murphy – Clerks Wages £695.00

Cheque Number 100647 HMRC PAYE £173.80

b) Marquee

It was agreed to use Aylsham Town Council marquee, if a planned event (private or community) could not raise sufficient manpower to use the Oulton marquee. If the Aylsham resources were used, then The Parish Clerk confirmed that the charge would be £75.00 for the hire and installation.

7. PLANNING UPDATES

a) Church Farm, Heydon 20221964

Residents have met with the new owner and progress is being made with the stabilising of the bank.

b) Wind Farm Updates

1. Orsted Hornsea Three (H3)

Orsted and their main contractor, VolkerFitzpatrick, held two Public Information Days in the area, at Cawston and Itteringham on 3rd and 9th February. Alison Shaw attended Cawston and several Oulton residents attended Itteringham, consistently raising the issues of the lack of appropriate construction traffic signage, reversing alarms, lighting etc. On 24th Feb. Paul Killingback and Alison Shaw met with Nicky Paine (Orsted) and James Darwent, (VolkerFitzpatrick) for a wide-ranging and robust discussion of the issues arising so far from the establishment of the Main Construction Compound on Saltcarr Farms land. Full notes of this meeting are available on the PC's website. Volker say that construction of the cable trench will commence on April 3rd and so this parish must expect an imminent ramping up of the construction traffic.

Below is a list of VolkerFitzpatrick's subcontractors:

- CP Groundworks
 - Three Shires
 - William Morfoot
 - MLP
 - Keyline
 - Stema (aggregates)
 - Breedon (sand, concrete)
 - TruPlant (or Tru7)
 - Sunbelt
 - Volker Site Services (VSS)

If any residents see any traffic associated with these companies coming along the Blickling-Saxthorpe road, or coming through the residential end of Oulton Street then please contact Nicky Paine immediately on: Tel. +44 (0) 7592 040275 or nicky.paine@hornsea3.co.uk

2. Vattenfall's Vanguard/Boreas

On 6th March it was noted by a councillor that the Central Works Compound at the Hangar site on Heydon Road was suddenly being developed with

infrastructure arriving. Vattenfall will be contacted for an explanation as to why, contrary to previous agreements, the Parish Council was not informed of this development in advance.

3. Equinor's SEP/DEP

The Planning Inspectorate's (PINS) 6-month public examination of this project will soon be entering its third month. Residents can inform themselves of its progress on the PINS website:

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

8. DEFIBRILLATOR – TRAINING AND 2ND DEFIBRILLATOR

Wendy has spoken to British Telecom and they confirmed that the electric wires would still be available where the old telephone box was – she will contact UK Power Networks to see if these can be used for powering the second defibrillator.

Training has taken place at the church and a second date is planned.

9. TREES

Aftercare of the new hedges and trees planted at the playing field this winter will now pass to the group of volunteers and this item can now be removed from the agenda.

10. KING'S CORONATION

A tea party is being arranged by the church.

11. TO NOTE ITEMS OF INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

12. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9th May Annual Meeting of Oulton Parish Council 7pm

Annual Parish Meeting 8pm - All are welcome

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.30