OULTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th May 2026

MINUTES

Present:

S Mather (chair) A Shaw
P Killingback A Nash
K Reeves

W Murphy (Clerk of the Council)

1. To elect the Chair of the Council for 2026/2027
   A Shaw Proposed that S Mather be elected to continue as Chair for a further year, seconded by P Killingback. S Mather agreed to stand and the vote amongst the members was unanimously carried.

2. To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office
   This was completed

3. To elect a Vice Chairman
   It was agreed that a Vice Chair was not required

4. To receive apologies for absence.
   G Peck

5. To receive members' declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation
   None

6. To confirm minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th March 2026
   Amendments were needed so would be signed at the next meeting.

7. To receive information on matters arising not listed elsewhere on the agenda
   The council agreed £100 to be re-imbursed to R Brown for Box Day expenses. A cheque will be issued once a receipt of expenditure had been received.

8. To adjourn the meeting to receive
   a. reports from police, district and county councillors
   No reports received
   b. Members of the public
   None

9. Finance:
   a. To approve any accounts for payment
   No payments were made
   b. General Power of Compency

As the clerk now has her CiLCA it was proposed by A Nash and 2nd by A Shaw with all in favour that the council can now have GPOC.

10. To consider any planning matters

2026/0282 proposed AD and infrastructure

OPC has submitted further responses to the AD, which include queries over the emission statement, the proposed HGV vehicles to be used and what the payloads are.

OPC have also submitted information on a planning application by Future Biogas for a satellite clamp in Lincolnshire, as well as information on a planning appeal for an AD by the same developer in Lincolnshire.

The planning appeal which is ongoing, is relevant to the Oulton AD, as it also needed an EIA. The planning inspectorate has requested further information under Reg 25 of the EIA, on the locations of satellite clamps and traffic numbers associated with the clamps as well as cumulative impacts.

2026/0314 Poultry Unit

There are currently holding objections to this planning application from NCC Highways as well as an objection from Equinor Sheringham and Dudgeon Ext Project, whose cable route goes through the proposed site.

2025/4000 retention of access – Withdrawn

2025/4001 awaiting decision, NCC Highways have objected

2025/2018 Hanger farm distribution and storage - awaiting a decision

Offshore Wind Farms - no updates.

Report from Bluefield Solar (airfield Solar farm)

Julie Rankin Project manager gave an update on the construction status of Phase 2 of the solar Farm.

Phase 1 of the site having to be switched off to connect both phases.

They are nearing completion of the construction work on the panels and will be shortly be energising the site, with 18th June 2026 given for the potential operational stage.

The electricity generated will go direct to the national grid, therefore there is no guarantee that the power generated in Oulton will go to local communities.

Zara Rourke - Bluefield Solar ecologist gave a short presentation on the solar farm's ecology.

There is mitigation in place to attract wildlife, bat & Bird boxes have been installed in woodland outside of the sites red line area with the landowner's permission, this is because the site was limited in verges and trees on site.

Wild flowers will take a while to establish as the land had been in agricultural use and would be nutrient rich; wildflowers need less fertile land to thrive.

Bluefield would like to connect with local schools in the area to be able to give talks on solar farms and ecology.

11. To note items of information / future agenda

A meeting was held with Martin Dixon and John Curtis from Highways and councillors from Oulton, Cawston and Itteringham Parish Council. As a result, Highways will look at various aspects of planning applications submitted and will issue a holding objection to the AD application as there is significant omission of traffic data.

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Allotments
Playground

12. To confirm day and dates for the next meetings
    23rd June 2026 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 20.35