

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 21st October 2025

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel Oulton on Wednesday 17th September 2025 the following members were present:

S Mather (chair)
P Killingback, K Reeves, A Shaw, G Peck

W Murphy (Clerk of the Council)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

None

2. To receive members' declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for Dispensation

None

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the Meeting held on 17th September 2025 having previously been circulated to all members were amended and then APPROVED as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. To receive information on matters arising not listed elsewhere on the agenda

There is a presentation from Riverwoods in association with the National Trust on 1st November 2025 at Aylsham Town Hall 6.15pm

5. To adjourn the meeting to receive

a. Reports from police, district and county councilors

None received

b. Members of the public

None

6. Finance:

- a. To approve any accounts for payment
Cheque 100713 £20.00 W Murphy for the Poppy Wreath
- b. To receive and agree the Budget 2026/2027
This was deferred to the next meeting
- c. To agree the Precept request 2026/2027
This was deferred to the next meeting

7. To receive information on Allotments and agree any decisions to be made

It was agreed to send the allotment holder an email asking for her to clear the allotment Within 60 days at which time it will be inspected. K Reeves will see if there are any grants for the improvement of the area.

8. To discuss residents concern of power outages in Hall Rd, Oulton

Oulton Parish Council supports residents with reporting to the network provider

9. To consider any planning matters

Planning applications received before 21st October 2025 and any updates

2025/2018 Change of use of buildings and yard for agricultural storage, vehicle/equipment hire, sales & servicing center to storage and distribution use (Class B8)

It was Agreed to Object to this application for the following reasons:

This is an Industrial Business which would be relocating to a rural area, and would set a precedent for further speculative industrial business development in a quiet rural area that is not appropriate.

The applicant stated that in its present urban location there have been complaints of noise from early morning vehicle movements. This does not justify moving the business to a rural location, relocating a noise issue to a quiet area.

Noise impacts from 6am vehicle movements onsite and from reversing alarms would be far more audible in a rural setting than in an urban area. There are near neighbours who would be impacted. One property would be impacted by All traffic as it is right next to the road.

The local roads are rural and narrow and would be unsuitable for HGVs and the volume of smaller vehicles expected to be utilised by the applicant in the wider road network.

The applicant has failed to understand that currently the southern end of 'The Street' is subject to mitigations as part of the offshore wind projects development consent orders (DCO) for Orsted & RWE, which consist of a temporary speed restriction of 30mph and temporary passing places.

These mitigations will be removed once the offshore wind projects finish construction.

There is also mitigation in place whereby HGVs and traffic associated with the offshore wind projects are not permitted to go through Oulton Street as part of their DCO's.

Once mitigations are removed the southern end of 'The Street' would revert back to issues of HGVs not being able to pass safely.

OPC wish to highlight an appeal document for a proposed AD (**20130860 see attachment**) which refers to the impacts of the southern end of The Street prior to the current mitigations. This would be the impact once passing places were removed, but with the addition of further HGV movements from this application

The applicants have failed to provide a routing plan, an onsite parking plan and how they propose to exit and enter the site via one access point.

To receive any Offshore wind updates

No new updates received

To receive any Solar Farm update

They were not able to attend the meeting but have arranged to meet parish councilors in November to update on construction timelines.

Bluestone Biogas have been invited to attend a parish council meeting to give an update of the project but have not responded.

10. To note items of information / future agenda

Budget

Precept

Allotments

Gov.uk email

10. To confirm day and dates for the next meetings

9th November 2025

Meeting closed 20.40

10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

**To exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies
(Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 during discussion of the following item**

A meeting with the new clerk is arranged for November