

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 23rd July 2024

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel Oulton on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 the following members were present:

Mrs S Mather (chair)

Mr P Killigback, Mr A Windross. Ms A Shaw, Mr A Nash

In Attendance

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council)
Adam Curtis – National Trust
PC Lucas Ward

1. To receive apologies for absence.

None received

2. To receive members' declarations of interest in agenda items and requests for dispensation and the new Chair to sign the Declaration of office

None Received

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

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th June 2024 having previously been circulated to all members, were APPROVED as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

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

Resident from Railway Cottage had complained about the speed of traffic outside her house. PC Ward will monitor this. Andy Nash confirmed that the pedestrian gate has been ordered and it was agreed for the five-bar gate to be ordered.

5. To adjourn the meeting to receive

a. reports from police, district and county councillors

PC Lucas Ward – over the last 90 days there have been no crimes recorded for Oulton. There have been 20 calls to the police which included abnormal loads, car in hedge and fallen trees. PC Ward confirmed that the police will only attend a car accident if there is injury or damage. He confirmed that the bend of Blickling Road will become more dangerous with more HGV vehicles on the road and for residents to report any problems to Highways via their online reporting page. He confirmed he will see if he can get a report

from the last 10 years to see what reports of car accidents on this bend have been recorded.

Adam Curtis – He confirmed that they were expecting between 6-7,000 people to attend Classic Ibiza event. There will be several exits in place to make sure that the traffic leaves the area quickly. He confirmed that the Aylsham Show would have less people attending and cars would be leaving the vicinity throughout the day. He was expecting Blickling to become very busy during the school holidays and they would be reviewing all gates and padlocks. The fishing season is going well and they are looking at sourcing funding to provide another ranger for the next 2 years. He confirmed that there has been a management audit completed for environmental systems and no issues have been identified. They will be looking at housekeeping of shed space over the coming months.

6. Finance

a. To approve payments

Cheque No. 100689 Play Safety £91.60

b. To approve the New Financial Regulations

This was deferred until the next meeting

7. To consider planning matters

a. Planning applications received before 23rd July 2024 & updates

None received

b. To receive Wind Farm Updates

RWE (formerly Vattenfall) Heydon Rd, Oulton is now closed to traffic with an alternative route in place. This is for access to the construction compound (MA8) for Norfolk Vanguard.

Alison Shaw went to see how the work is progressing and spoke with a supervisor on site. Alison reported that the mobilisation area looks smaller in scale than expected. The Hangar storage area will still be used for some cables and other equipment but on a lesser scale now that their main construction compound has been built on the A140 near Aylsham.

Locally there is an increase in traffic diversions/closures in operation, combination of two offshore wind farm construction.

Traffic lights are now in operation along B1149 just past junction with The Street with B1149 and the humpback bridge. This is to create an access for RWE HDD and the cable route access under B1149.

RWE were contacted re request for details on Blickling rd HGV/traffic numbers and whether there was any mitigation proposed, but despite a chase up email still no further communication.

RWE have postponed a traffic road closure for Oulton Street Cawston/Chapel Rd until January/February 2025

Orsted have been contacted and made aware of the Parish Council meeting dates as requested, OPC have not been made aware of a date for attendance. It has been hard to confirm whether the compound lights have been reduced as the summer nights are still light. OPC will keep an eye on the lighting as the nights get darker.

**8. To receive an update on the Parish Council meeting with Richard Preston – Highways at Blickling road and make any decisions needed
23rd June 2024**

Richard Pearson had agreed new traffic safety measures including new chevron signs to be installed replacing the smaller one and adding a new one on the bend. The junction road markings will be repainted. The Council thanked Paul Killingback for cleaning the village signs.

9. To note items of information / future agenda

Highways Update
Allotment Gate
Financial Regulations
Offshore Wind Update

**10. To confirm the date of the next meeting
3rd September 2024**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.05