OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27th June 2023 MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel Oulton on Tuesday 27th June May 2023 the following members were present:

Mrs S Mather (chair)

Mr P Killingback, Ms A Shaw, Mr A Nash, Mr Greg Peck, Mr A Windross

In Attendance

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council), Cllr S Riley and Cllr S Catchpole

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 Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th May 2023.

After two spelling corrections these were then confirmed as a true record and signed.

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

Nothing noted

- 5. To adjourn the meeting to receive
- a. reports from police, district and county councillors

No report from Police

Sue Catchpole confirmed that £1,000 is allocated to each South Norfolk and Broadland Councillor member, Therefore, there is £3k for the Aylsham ward. There is also a new community fund been allocated for projects betweek £1k and £15K. Steve Riley confirmed that Broadland District Council is made up of 47 members.

representing 27 wards. There are currently 27 Conservative Members, 14 Liberal Democrat Members, 7 Labour members and 4 Green Party Members. . He is now a cabinet member for the finance team and the levelling up agenda is being renegotiated looking at a revised county deal. He confirmed that all policies are under review.

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b. questions from the public.

None receive.

6. Finance

(i) To approve payments,

Chq 100651 NALC 107.67, Chq 100652 Country Style Recycling £12.00, Chq 100653 Zurich Insurance £357.00

- (ii) To adopt the Internal Auditors report for 2022-2023 and confirm the Auditor for next year This was adopted and Mo Anderson Dungar was appointed for 2023-2024
- (iii) To approve the Annual Governance Statement and sign the AGAR exemption certificate 2022-2023 This was approved and signed
- (iv) To approve the Accounting Statements for 2022-2023 This was approved

7. To consider planning matters

a. Planning applications received before 27th June 2023 and any updates

None received

b. To receive Wind farm updates.

Orsted's Hornsea 3:

Pre-construction roadworks for the Highway Intervention Scheme on the southern end of Oulton Street are ongoing. These works have already over-run by several weeks and should have finished on 16th June.

Notification of further works was sent out to residents re the **B1149 (Holt Road)** which will be **closed overnight from 10th July - 15th July** to assess concerns about the structural stability of the humpback bridge over the Marriott's Way.

Vattenfall's Norfolk Wind Zone (aka Vanguard/Boreas):

Vattenfall have recently announced that they are now **delaying their construction start to 2024**. Vattenfall have cancelled all project information days until later in the year, with no dates given as yet. This also included cancellation of a meeting planned with two OPC councillors for 27th June.

Neither Orsted nor Vattenfall have made their Final Investment Decision on these projects as yet, which means all contracts to supply these projects have not yet been finalised.

Equinor's SEP/DEP Examination:

The Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extension Projects' public examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) closes on July 17th. PINS then has 3 months to write its Report and Recommendations to the Secretary of State (SoS), after which the SoS has a further 3 months to reach a decision.

OPC has recently sent in responses to Deadlines 5 and 6, requesting clarification on the access points from the B1149 (Holt Road).

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For further details on all these projects, please see a fuller update attached to these Minutes and on the OPC website.

8. To receive update on second defibrillator installation

Wendy confirmed this was being installed at Church Farm Works via Brown & Co. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks and to remind them that the defibrillator and case belongs to the Parish Council.

9. To receive update from Blickling Community Stakeholder Meeting

There is ongoing planting work in Hercules Wood. Megan Dennis is working hard in interpreting the estate. ie workers/estate owners. There are ongoing issues with parking at Silvergate which is being looked into, In July they will be looking at Deer management.

10. To discuss the Allotment site.

There is a person who is interested in the allotment site but will be put on the waiting list. Invoices will be sent out to existing allotment holders and as there is no livestock on the field a letter will be sent to ask if they still want to continue with the tenancy.

10. To note items of information / future agenda

Nothing noted

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 8th August 2023

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