

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th September 2023

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel Oulton on Tuesday 12th September 2023 the following members were present:

Mrs S Mather (chair)

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

In Attendance

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council), PC Lucas Ward, Mr S Riley, Mrs S Catchpole, Mr Andy Curtis – Countryside Manager National Trust and 3 members of public

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mr P Killingback

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

None

3. To confirm minutes of the Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 27th June 2023 had been amended and were APPROVED as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 8th August 2023 had previously been circulated to all members. These were APPROVED as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair.

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

The ROSPA inspection report was given to Councillors. It had highlighted that the swing seat needed replacing. Mr A Nash will look into getting quotes for the next meeting.

5. To adjourn the meeting to receive

a. Police report – PC Lucas had not had anything reported in the last 90 days
Broadland District Council - Steve Riley confirmed that each member had £1k available to parishes in their areas. Sue Catchpole confirmed she was on the Police and Crime Panel.

Norfolk County Council – Mr S Riley confirmed that they are looking at purchasing 9 houses to house refugees. He confirmed that the county deal is ongoing. He also confirmed that there are no buildings with RAAC that are associated with Norfolk County Council.

b. questions from the public

The public had concerns about the Muntjac deer in the village and how 80% of the hedgerow and trees that had the Parish Council and volunteers had planted recently have been destroyed. This was addressed by Mr Andy Curtis

c. Andy Curtis – Countryside Manager for National Trust introduced himself. He confirmed how the National Trust look after and control the deer on their estates and tenanted farms. He was asked if a working party could be set up to look into a Deer Management plan. He confirmed he would look into this and report back. It was discussed about the deer on the roads from dusk. Mr Andy Curtis confirmed that the Deer are not able to be controlled at night.

6. Finance

a. To approve payments,

Cheque 100657 Countrystyle Recycling £9.00

Cheque 100658 W Murphy £695.20

Cheque 100659 HMRC £173.60

Cheque 100660 W Murphy (payment for Domain with IONOS) £12.00

Cheque 100661 ROSPA £102.60

b. The Bank Reconciliation was received and approved

c. The Draft Budget 2024/2025 was received. The final Budget will be approved at the next meeting.

d. The Clerk confirmed that Hugo Fox would be charging for their website from October. The charge for the bronze package is £9.99 + VAT per month. It was Agreed to go with this package – all in favor

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

The continuing road works at the southern end of The Street resulted in the final work on the passing places requiring an overnight road closure on 11th August. It is hoped this has finally resolved all issues. The permanent 30mph signs also were placed at the Junction of B1149/The Street and at the Junction of The Street/Main Compound entrance. There is also now a large sign at the junction of B1149 which announces and directs traffic to the Orsted Main Construction Compound.

The survey carried out on the Bridge over the Marriott's way/B1149 is ongoing and the recharging of survey equipment batteries was carried out on 1st September.

Orsted still appears to not be responding to OPC's enquires, it appears Orsted have yet to employ a new Community Liaison Officer, and therefore currently there is no direct community contact apart from the generic email address community@hornsea3.co.uk

Vattenfall

OPC and CPC attended a meeting with Vattenfall and their contractors Murphy and son in Cawston Village Hall. This was attended by Paul Killingback, Andy Windross, Alison Shaw and Susan Mather.

It was also noted that at this with Vattenfall and their contractors Murphy & Sons, Orsted did not attend although they were invited. The promise of coordination and updates on each other's project seems to be failing.

OPC had queries about the proposed Main Construction Compound to be built on the mobilisation area off the A140 near Aylsham. It was pointed out that this had not formed part of the DCO, Vattenfall had always promoted the idea of several smaller compounds along the entire cable route. Traffic numbers were queried, the traffic numbers for the cable route were still the worst-case numbers, what was unclear was how they would be distributed along the cable route. Vattenfall have also added an additional 23 Horizontal Directional Drilling works to the HDD list. Currently Vattenfall are in the process of discharging their requirements through BDC/S Norfolk & NCC, OPC have responded to 2023/1635, and queried the traffic numbers for the proposed main Compound and the new HDD and traffic, Noise and vibration issues these works could generate. NCC Highways have also queried access to the proposed Compound and have a holding objection to discharging this part of the requirements.

Contract for Difference

The auction round 5 results were published on and it appears no Offshore wind project bid. Norfolk Vanguard had been expected to be part of that auction. The project cited the low cost of the strike price being the reason for not bidding. This now calls into doubt the Vanguard project.

This follows the announcement earlier that Norfolk Boreas was postponed. Currently both Orsted and Vattenfall have yet to announce their Financial Investment Decision (FID).

8. To discuss Dewer Management and any updates

This item was address at item 5

9. To discuss the Allotment site.

The clerk will speak to the current tenant of the field and ask if she wishes to continue her Tenancy. If this is the case, she will get in contact with the current person using the field to see if they wish to take on the agreement.

10. To note items of information / future agenda

Update on Deer Management

Update on Allotment site

Update on Swing seat.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 24th October 2023

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.14