

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JANUARY 2020

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 21 January 2020, the following members were present:

Mr P Killingback (chair)
Mrs S Mather, Mr A Nash, Mr G Peck, Ms A Shaw, Mr A Windross.

In Attendance
County Cllr D Harrison
Mr L Mills (Clerk of the Council)

019/078 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

019/079 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

019/080 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 December 2019, having previously been circulated to all members, were considered. With the following alteration:

019/077, pension enrolment to commence 1st April 2020 and not 5th April 2020. With this alteration they were **APPROVED** as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair.

019/081 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None

019/082 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr David Harrison discussed with the parish council the problems encountered in rural areas on the highways, especially the problems caused by mud on the roads.

Mr Harrison left the meeting

019/083 FINANCE

- (i) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following payment totalling £9.00 was **APPROVED** and the cheque signed by two authorised signatories.
Indigo Waste, recycling, £9.00

019/084 PLANNING

- (i) APPLICATIONS: 20191885, Malthouse Barn, The Street, Oulton: Installation of Ground Source Heat Pump System and Associated Infrastructure.
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.
- (ii) WINDFARMS
Mrs Mather updated the meeting:

Hornsea Project Three decision has been delayed again, this time at the request of the developers, Orsted, who were seeking an extension to answer questions raised by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Orsted have until 14th February 2020 to respond and the final decision date has not yet been announced.

Norfolk County Council -Highways

Two members of the wind farm working party attended a meeting along with members of the Cawston PC working party to discuss highway updates regarding Norfolk Boreas, ahead of the Issue Specific Hearing on 21st January 2020 in Norwich. The working party will also be meeting with Broadland District Council on 29th January to discuss environmental issues connected to Norfolk Vanguard (and Boreas) - including trees & hedgerows, noise, vibration and air quality - in light of the Sec. of State's letter announcing the delay to her decision on Norfolk Vanguard. Both NCC Highways and BDC have been asked by the Sec. of State to respond to several detailed questions on "unresolved traffic matters" in respect of Cawston and Oulton and so the working party thinks it important that OPC liaise at this critical moment in the process with the other councils as to their response.

Norfolk Boreas

Three members of OPC attended an Issue Specific Hearing in Norwich on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

Onshore matters were on the agenda, including Oulton and Cawston. In particular the proposed Cable Logistics Area at the Hangar on Heydon Road, and the B1149 (Holt Road) cable crossing were discussed. NCC Highways is still pushing for trenchless crossing (i.e. Horizontal Direct Drilling under the carriageway) whereas the Applicants are still opting to cut a trench across the road, along with traffic management during the proposed road works. Other items on the agenda were the proposed road intervention scheme for Cawston High Street; this was discussed at length but not resolved.

019/085 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk confirmed he had studied the draft Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation document and it would appear that Oulton will not be directly affected.
There will be a public consultation 'roadshow' at Aylsham Town Hall on 11th February.

It was **AGREED** to make no donation to NARS at this time.

019/086 NATIONAL TRUST LIAISON

Ms Shaw reported on the meeting she had attended the previous week with the National Trust and other stakeholders. She was impressed and felt it was a very useful event and that the parish council should continue to be involved.

019/087 POLICIES

- (i) It was **AGREED** that a Staffing Working Group should be formed and membership agreed as and when required in the future
- (ii) It was **AGREED** that the appraisal of members of staff should be conducted as outlined in the document attached to these minutes
- (iii) It was **AGREED** to adopt the Grievance Policy as attached to these minutes
- (iv) It was **AGREED** to adopt the Disciplinary Policy as attached to these minutes

019/088 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA

Windfarms.

019/089 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd March 2020

019/090 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION OF STRANGERS) ACT 1960

It was proposed and unanimously **AGREED**, that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable that the Press and Public should be excluded.

019/091 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A discussion was held to consider the formal procedures of the Council.
There will be no changes.

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