

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 17th SEPTEMBER 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

W Murphy (Clerk of the Council)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

A Shaw, G Peck

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 30th July 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

The area where the marque is stored was discussed. This area will be at and the Chair will ask if this area can be cleaned.

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 100709 W Murphy £797.80

Cheque 100710 HMRC £199.40

Cheque 100711 Country Style Recycling £84.00

7. To consider any planning matters

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

OPC has responded to this application, asking for clarification as to what this application is for, as the planning statement is not clear.

The Chair has contacted the case officer who had not heard back from the applicants and will chase them for a response. One document online from the agents seems to indicate that the former agricultural sales and repair business has left the site.

OPC concerned about the type of and numbers of traffic this site will generate and that it is a more industrial use than agricultural.

2025/2663 Scoping Opinion for an Anaerobic Digester/ 2025/1631 Screening Opinion

OPC were informed by the Chair that there have been responses from consultees asking for some additional information to be provided when the planning application is submitted.

The feedstock satellite clamp locations are still not clear and are not included in the current information. At this stage it was agreed to make no further comment, unless there is a need to. OPC had prior to the meeting responded to the **Screening opinion 2025/1631** with concerns over traffic and the industrial nature of the proposal.

2025/2689 Non-Material amendment to 2024/1261 (1) The removal of the consented inverter cabins (2) Amend the layout to recognise new internal access points (3) Upgrade the two consented transformer substations and (4) Operations and Maintenance building (container)

This application is to change some of the equipment on the Phase 2 airfield solar farm site as there has been a need to update equipment since the application was granted in 2015.

Other planning items

Paul Killingback noted that one of the agricultural barns at **Street Farm** (near to the exit) appears to be in the process of being dismantled. This may have something to do with a new building which was granted permitted development, **(2025/2339) Proposed agricultural general building**

The southern end of The Street

It was noted that the state of the road along the edge of the road along with some very deep potholes are causing issues driving along this section of road.

Action: The Chair will report this to NCC Highways

8. To note items of information / future agenda

Budget / Accounts
Allotments

10. To confirm day and dates for the next meetings

21st October 2025

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**

It was agreed that an advert will be placed on the noticeboards and website for the clerks position. The clerk will remain in post until a suitable replacement clerk is employed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR
ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.29