

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 5th March 2024

MINUTES

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

Mrs S Mather (chair)

Mr P Killigback Mr Greg Peck, Mr A Windross. Ms A Shaw

In Attendance

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

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 Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd January 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

Most of the potholes have been repaired in the village

5. To adjourn the meeting to receive

a. Police report – No report received.

Norfolk County – No report received.

Broadland District Council – No report received.

National Trust report – Adam Curtis confirmed that they were continuing with the tree safety inspections. There are lots of children's events being organised at Blickling over the Easter holiday including an Easter egg hunt. He confirmed that the grounds at Blickling were very wet. The brambles are being kept under control and the bluebells were coming out.

b. Questions from the public – None received

6. Finance

- a. Cheque Number 100681 Clerks Wages and Expenses £845.09
Cheque Number 100682 HMRC £163.20

b. Update on Swing seat and chains – The Clerk confirmed that the money from Sue Catchpole members fund had been received. The clerk will order the swing seat from Sutcliffe Play Equipment SRE125 £64.00 The chains are ok. The clerk will look into quotes for a new pedestrian gate.

c. Bank Account – The forms have been sent to Unity Trust.

7. To consider planning matters

a. Planning applications received before 23rd January 2024 and any updates

None received

b. To receive Wind farm updates. –

ORSTED

Lighting

Prior to the arrival of the first delivery of cable drums it was noted that the compound lights were on again at night time, despite Orsted reassuring residents at a Parish Council meeting they would be switched off at night.

OPC have contacted Orsted & BDC for updates on the new lighting Plan and explanation as to why the lights are on again at night.

BDC have not signed off the lighting plan and have requested more information from Orsted.

Orsted have told OPC that 75% of the lighting on the carpark area of the compound will be switched off at night (though it is hard to say that this has happened), but for reasons of security the cable drum storage area will have lighting on at night time. OPC are disappointed and seek clarification from BDC on whether this is acceptable as part of the Code of Construction Practice.

Abnormal Loads

The first cable drum deliveries have arrived at the Main Construction Compound by abnormal loads under police escort. Councillors observed the arrival of the first delivery and subsequent deliveries along B1149 from Holt. It was also noted that there were significant hold-ups going into Holt, as reported on local radio traffic reports, with at least one occurrence of a 3-mile tailback.

VATTENFALL

Vattenfall Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone held a public information day which was attended by councillors from OPC. Vattenfall have sold the Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas projects (now known as The Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone) to a German company called RWE, who will be taking over the project shortly, though a time for this handover has not been given. Vattenfall continue for the moment with pre-

construction works, with full construction work in the Oulton area due to commence at the end of 2024 beginning 2025.

OPC are told that the proposed cable logistic area at the Hangar will only now be used for cables along the Oulton section of the cable route.

EQUINOR Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project (SEP/DEP)

The Secretary of State for DESNZ is due to make a decision on 17th April, whether SEP/DEP will be granted their Development Consent order (DCO), the decision having previously been delayed.

8. National Trust update

Update made at agenda item 5

9. To discuss Deer Management and any updates

No updates received

10. To note items of information / future agenda

Policies

Emergency Plan

Biodiversity policy

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2024

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