

OULTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING – 6 AUGUST 2019**MINUTES**

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 6 August 2019, the following members were present:

Mr P Killingback (Chair), Mrs S Mather, Mr G Peck, , Mr A Windross,

In Attendance

Mr L Mills (Clerk of the Council)

019/029 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr A Nash, Ms A Shaw, Mr D Harrison (County and District Councillor)

019/030 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

019/031 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 June 2019, having previously been circulated to all members, were considered and **CONFIRMED** as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair

019/032 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Mr Peck updated the meeting following the concerns expressed regarding Broadland District Council and planning issues (see minute 019/018.) He had contacted Helen Mellors who was sorry to hear of the dissatisfaction. She confirmed there had been no changes in procedure and that comments sent to BDC are now published online. She also stated that when the planning authority was considering changes to an approved application there is no requirement for the planning authority to consult on these matters.

019/033 POLICE, COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

In the absence of Mr Harrison and Mr Riley Mr Peck kindly updated the meeting, to confirm that Route C had been chosen as the western link for the Broadland Northway, formerly known as the *Northern Distributor Road* (NDR).

019/034 FINANCE

- (i) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** The following payments totalling £308.40 were **APPROVED** and the cheques signed by two authorised signatories.
 Playsafety Ltd, play equipment safety inspection, £79.00
 Indigo waste Services, Recycling, £10.00
 Hanworth Timber, Gate, £201.90
 Administration expenses £17.50
- (ii) **BANK RECONCILIATION** as at 28 June 2019, having previously been distributed, was received and **ADOPTED**.

019/035 PLANNING

- (i) **APPLICATIONS:** none
- (ii) **WINDFARMS**

Mrs Mather updated the meeting:

Norfolk Boreas the sister project to Norfolk Vanguard has been accepted for examination by the Planning inspectorate. This means anyone who wishes to be registered as an interested party has until the 1st September 2019 to register. Oulton Parish Council has now registered.

(Link to registration page)

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-boreas/?ipcsection=relreps>

Norfolk Boreas will be considered in two scenarios.

Scenario 1 – Norfolk Vanguard proceeds to construction and installs ducts and other shared enabling works for Norfolk Boreas.

Scenario 2 – Norfolk Vanguard does not proceed to construction and Norfolk Boreas proceeds alone. Norfolk Boreas undertakes all works required as an independent project.

Looking through the documentation currently online for Norfolk Boreas (document library PDF available on OPC website) there are some inconsistencies between Norfolk Vanguard & Boreas which OPC need to address as part of the examination process.

OPC will be fully engaged in the examination process by written responses and attending Hearings as appropriate and talking with Vattenfall to clarify resulting issues.

OPC are aware of the implication that the impact of increased traffic and noise generated by these potential projects (Hornsea Three, Norfolk Vanguard & Boreas) will have in this and the wider area and are doing all they can to question or challenge Vattenfall's decisions, this can only be done through the examination process.

Mr Peck said that he had been in consultation with a councilor from Cawston Parish Council, and that he had also met with Norfolk County Council Highways Dept.

Should the Secretary of State approve the schemes with caveats these would be overseen by the District Council. Having checked with Helen Mellor whether these would be 'called in' she thought it highly likely they would be referred to the committee anyway.

019/036 CLERK'S REPORT

- PARISH PARTNERSHIP: any ideas need to be agreed with Highways Dept before December
- NATIONAL TRUST: the new General Manager at Blickling, and representatives from the Oulton studio will attend the parish council meeting in October
- VAT reclaim and recycling claims for 2018/19 have been submitted
- Streetscene Inspectors (formerly Highway Rangers) are due to visit in September. Any items for their attention should be sent to the clerk before the end of August

019/037 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

These were reviewed and it was **AGREED** to adopt the new Financial Regulations as attached to these minutes. They will also be available on the parish council's website

019/038 BOX DAY

Mr Windross updated the meeting following this year's event and presented a financial breakdown which shows a loss, though this will be mitigated by sales of the dvd. He felt that that a clash with the school prom, plus four events being held locally within one month had affected attendance.

It was generally agreed that there needs to be better liaison with organisers of other events. It also appears that there is a need for more fundraising in advance, alongside better promotion of the event.

There have also been demographic changes within the parish which need to be taken into consideration.

Mr Windross that Alice Martineau is already planning for next year.

019/039 MARQUEE

It was **AGREED** that the repairs to the marquee are satisfactory and no further work is required at the present time. The Chairman also confirmed that the store is now under lock and key.

019/040 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA

Windfarms, Box Day for future agenda

019/041 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17 September 2019

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.47