

## **OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

### **MINUTES**

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

Mrs S Mather (chair)

Mr P Killigback Mr Greg Peck, Mr A Windross

### **In Attendance**

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council)

Sue Catchpole – BDC

Angela Brook – National Trust

Adam Curtis – National Trust

#### **1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Ms A Shaw

#### **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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 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**

The Chair made councillors aware of the sad passing of Jacinth Rogers a former Parish Clerk, the chair will send condolences to the family.

#### **5. To adjourn the meeting to receive**

- a. Police report** – No report received.  
**Norfolk County** – No report received.

**Broadland District Council** – The Pride in Place community grant application closes on 31<sup>st</sup> March. There is a new policy being written regarding dog poo bins and it has been agreed for the waste/green bins to remain being emptied every two weeks until 2027. The Roads are not automatically being cleaned and councils need to ask for them to be done. The finances are being looked into at

depth as there is a 1.4 million deficit. The reserves are also being scrutinized and this will be reflected in a more realistic budget setting.

**b. Questions from the public – None received**

**6. Finance**

**a. To approve payments-** there were none to do at this meeting

**b. Update on Swing seat and chains** – Sue Catchpole confirmed that she is able to give a grant for this – When money received a swing and chains will be purchased.

**c. Bank Account** – This is being progressed.

**7. To consider planning matters**

**a. Planning applications** received before 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 and any updates

None received

**b. To receive Wind farm updates. –**

**Orsted Hornsea Three**

Oulton Parish Council sent out emails to Orsted Community Liaison Officer & BDC/S Norfolk Head of Planning requesting further information on the proposed lighting plan for the Main Construction Compound as well as NCC/Orsted regarding information on the arrival in the next few weeks of abnormal load deliveries to the compound.

BDC replied that they had now received plans and had requested that Orsted keep the Parish Council updated with their proposals, they also stated that they were awaiting further information from Orsted.

Dereeth Morgan Orsted's Community Liaison Officer sent details of the Lighting Plan and also the Notices for the abnormal load deliveries prior to the PC meeting.

As the plans having arrived shortly before the meeting, they were emailed to the OPC councillors before the meeting so that they had an idea of the plans. The PC will make comment to BDC/S Norfolk in due course.

The Notices of the abnormal Load deliveries will be sent out to residents as well as putting up copies on the noticeboards and on the PC website.

**Vattenfall Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas**

It was announced on 21st December 2023 that Vattenfall Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone projects (Vanguard/Boreas) has been sold to RWE a German company. Will Sealey Vattenfall's Community Liaison Officer phoned the Chair to say that Vattenfall will still be a point of contact until RWE takeover, no date was given for the changeover. It looks like the suspended Boreas will be built but no timeline for that is given. It is OPC's understanding that the timeline for works currently in place will proceed as arranged.

## **Equinor SEP/DEP**

Oulton Parish Council responded to the request for comments by the Secretary of State, DESNZ. These comments were submitted before the 20th December deadline and were published on the PINS SEP/DEP website.

The final decision by DESNZ on the proposed DCO has been put back until 17th April 2024. On the 23rd January OPC received an email from DESNZ requesting further comments in response to the comments submitted on 20th December. Interested parties have until 20th February to respond. OPC have no further comments to make.

## **8. National Trust update**

Adam Curtis confirmed that the policy for tree safety was at the top of his list of things to be looked at. The park will be closed when needed due to high winds and National Trust have a lot of capability to look at felled trees. The wood from these is being sold by the trust to contractors who dry kiln it. Angela Brook (Volunteer and Community Manager) is working with schools in the area. She is also looking at accessibility to support all visitors to Blickling. They are looking at their shuttle bus which will be volunteer driven taking passengers from the main car park down to the farmyard accessible parking area down the road beside the church. They are hoping the vehicle will arrive early in March.

## **9. To discuss Deer Management and any updates**

Adam Curtis confirmed that although not perfect there are no worrying factors with deer management and in house culling is still being managed successfully.

## **10. To note items of information / future agenda**

Deer Management  
Tree Guards  
Swing.  
Abnormal Loads

## **11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.53