

## **OULTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

At the meeting of the Oulton Parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel, Oulton on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 19.30 the following members were present:

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

#### **In Attendance**

Mrs W Murphy (Clerk of the Council)

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None

#### **3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, having previously been circulated to all members, were amended to confirm that the precept was agreed as £3200.00. These were then APPROVED as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

Mrs S Mather confirmed that the Covid Plaque has been received and it was suggested that it is erected near the Church. This will be further investigated to see if this is acceptable place. It was also confirmed that the Church may be arranging something for the Queens Jubilee and Bolton Hall will be having a garden open day on the Sunday.

#### **5. REPORTS**

Police: None

District and County Councilor: None, However Mr G Peck confirmed that Norfolk Council were in discussions regarding their budgets and in creases with 70% of the budget going to Adult and Children services. There are more SEN schools due to be built within Norfolk. There has also been a new Highways engineer appointed.

No members of the public attended

## 6. FINANCE

- (i) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: There was two Invoices for payment, Countrystyle Recycling £12.60 and Garden Guardian for the 2021 contract £141.80
- (ii) The Clerk is still looking into the banking arrangement with Barclays

## 7. PLANNING

### Wind Farm Updates

**Norfolk Boreas** was granted a development consent order (DCO) on 10th December 2021. This was a very disappointing decision, as the Council, alongside more than 90 other Norfolk Parish Councils, had been encouraging the Secretary of State to defer this decision until after the Offshore Transmission Network Review reports on its work early this year.

**Norfolk Vanguard** has yet to be redetermined and a date for this decision has not been announced.

The **Contract for Difference (CfD)** auction opened on 13th December 2021. This is the mechanism by which the government allocates contracts to renewable energy developers, including financial support (subsidy) generated from the 'green tax' that is included in consumers' electricity bills. Eligible projects, which have already received planning consent, submit sealed bids and are competing against each other for the contracts. It is OPC's understanding that only *Hornsea Three and Norfolk Boreas* will have been eligible to apply. The closing date for the CfD was 14th January 2022, with the decisions being announced in spring/summer 2022.

If both projects are given contracts, only then will Oulton really know what disruption we will be facing over the next 6 – 8 years from having to host the Main Construction Compounds of both Hornsea Three and Norfolk Boreas.

### **Sheringham & Dudgeon Extension Project (SEP/DEP)**

Alison Shaw and Susan Mather attended a zoom webinar with *Equinor* on 8th December 2021.

The webinar confirmed the information that Oulton was no longer on the shortlist for SEP/DEP's main construction compound. The webinar did however show that there would be two temporary compounds at Oulton; these would be in place for the duration of the cable route construction along this section, which would be for approximately 16 weeks. One compound will be alongside B1149 and another accessed, we believe, from Blickling Rd. The latter is probably related to the horizontal direct drilling under the River Bure at Irmingland. This needs further clarification, when the consultation process restarts.

## **Planning Updates**

### **20211288/20211249 Solar Farm**

OPC sent in a response to the applicant's further information re Technical Note/revised site plan on 7th January 2022.

OPC were notified, only on 18th January, that this application will be going to the BDC Planning Committee on 26th January 2022. OPC will be attending and speaking in objection to this application.

### **Solar Farm Appeal (20201776) APP/K2610/W/21/3278065**

The Solar Farm Planning Appeal – for the same site - has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate and OPC received notification of this by email on 7th December. OPC sent in additional comments to the Planning Inspectorate on 7th January 2022. A date for the appeal has yet to be decided.

### **Poultry Unit NNDC PF/21/0317/BDC 20210429**

This application is still awaiting a decision. **North Norfolk DC** had requested further information from the applicant and LPA consultees. The latest information posted by the NNDC Senior Landscape Officer was very thorough and informative, expressing a continued objection to this application.

**Broadland DC** have jurisdiction over the residential property part of this application; no comments have been posted by BDC since April 2021.

## **8. TO RECEIVED UPDATES RE DEFIBRILLATOR**

Thanks were given to the businesses that have responded with donations. The Clerk will arrange for letters to be sent out. The Clerk gave out copies of invoices for a Defib that had recently been purchased in Aylsham. She will arrange for Gavin Watson who is qualified to look into getting WIFI for the Defib and fixings for it. Position is yet to be agreed.

## **9. TO RECEIVED UPDATES RE TREES**

Mrs A Shaw suggested that the grant application for tree planting should be looked at next year. Mr G Peck confirmed that there was still lots of trees available and maybe a walk around and a site meeting with Stuart Banks from National Trust should be arranged – This was agreed to be work in progress.

## **10. TO NOTE ITEMS OF INFORMATION/ FUTURE AGENDA**

None were noted

## **12. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.16