



THE OULTON MESSENGER

The magazine from Oulton Parish Council

Welcome to the seventh edition of 'The Oulton Messenger'

What a year we have had so far, planning applications, falling trees, broken footpaths, blocked footpaths, CIL monies street furniture installed, pond clearing, bat boxes and grant allocations. All in the life of a Parish Councillor.

Oulton Parish Council currently has two Parish Councillor vacancies, so if you feel like giving back to the community and helping individuals with their day to day problems, and ideally live in the Parish, please contact the Parish Clerk for further information and an application form. It is rewarding and the commitment can be as varied as you wish. Full Council meeting are held once a month and full training is available by our affiliated partners, NPTS.

The Parish Council will be celebrating its 130th Anniversary in December. It's hard to believe Oulton Parish has so much history! A reproduction of the agenda and minutes will be produced for the December meeting and published on our website to celebrate the occasion.



I will take this opportunity to wish you all a *'Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'*.
Jenny Hinton Chairman OPC

Oulton Parish Council Website and Facebook Page



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Waveney Bowls Club

Nestled between Wood Lane and Angles Way, on the Queens Highway in Camps Heath, lays a perfect gem of Oulton. The Waveney Bowls Club. With a very healthy membership of 60 plus members, who enjoy outdoor Bowls, French Boule, then during the winter an indoor game as well!. Their social life is second to none. They are affiliated to 4 different leagues, and play many friendly matches with local clubs and touring clubs. On top of all of this they fundraise for charities through many fundraising activities on site.



The greens at present are being given TLC for the winter month. The grounds are in pristine condition all under the watchful eye of founder member Frank Weavers and Chairman Trevor Tearle. They have a large site, the field has a marquee and refreshment facilities, separate changing rooms, all for members only. They have some very quirky storage facilities of old railway carriages, and ample parking for all. When I called down this morning, the covers were being hoisted over the Marquee for winter storage, all work being done by members, truly a team effort.

They will always welcome new members of all ages to come and have a try. They would also particularly like to get school age children involved and the club offers professional coaching too. Look out for their open days when the season starts next spring. For information contact the Chairman, Trevor Tearle on email waveneybowlsclub@aol.com

The Parish Council became aware of this area when completing our neighbourhood plan. We felt this gem of a place needed recognition and included it in our 'open green space' section, whilst acknowledging this land is part of a founding members garden, where it will remain protected free from development for all members of the Bowls club to enjoy. A big thank you to all concerned.

Jenny Hinton Chairman OPC





Jenkins Green Pond

Good news on Jenkins Green Pond. East Suffolk Council, with whom we have been working with to achieve a solution for the pond, have organised a date which should be going ahead in early November this year. This is to clear the pond of most of the weeds and the reeds and to dredge the silt off of the bottom, in order to make a happier and healthier pond, for our fish, frogs, ducks and Moorhens to thrive.



Hopefully the Moorhens and our Ducks will return in the Spring. We will have to be patient through the Winter, as it will take time to settle and re-adjust to its new look. It is hoped that some of our residents, which includes myself and my wife, will join us in keeping the pond in good order.

This is part of the agreement with East Suffolk Council, with whom we now have a very good relationship. We would like to also add our grateful thanks to Simon from East Suffolk Council and Councillors George King and Graham Parker for their unfailing support and interest in our project. We would not have been able to achieve this outcome without them.

Cllrs John and Hilary Sarbutt

Oulton Parish Council 130th Anniversary

The first Parish Council meeting for Oulton took place in the Board School on Thursday 13th December 1894 at 7:30pm.

Mr Stafford Plowman Cox was elected provisional Chairman and the following members were present and signed the official declaration on taking office.

Stafford Plowman Cox, Edward Chambers, James William Swatman, John Rushmere, Samuel Sexton, George Colman, Henry Bull, James Thomas Goldsmith, George Harding Smart, James Knights Jones, Clifford Rockhill Harrison, George Baxter.

Note: no female members

A full copy of the minutes are available on our website.





The Fat and Bone Factory Site

It would be remiss of the Parish Council not to mention in this issue of our magazine the progress of the Borthwicks Site, aka 'the Fat and Bone factory' on the new Woods Meadow development.

From its inception, back in 2008, the Parish Council have always known the dangers of this particular part of the Woods Meadow Country Park and have been vehement in its opposition to have this land disturbed. It had been sealed off for good reason, fenced in to stop all traffic, whether wildlife or humans, cross this land. Locals who grew up with this working factory knew of its history and kept a wide berth. The local plan of Waveney DC allocated housing in this area along with a Country Park and play area. Nothing was set in stone, so back in 2014, when the first planning application appeared, the Parish Councils comment under point 17 was 'The location of the play areas and open space should be submitted and approved before any development takes place.' However, this summer a minority of local residents were told that remediation work would commence on the site to allow the next stage of development of houses and a new play area and pump track. The Parish have not been fully consulted on the play area or the equipment to be installed with East Suffolk Council stating that this 'type of application does not involve consultation'. We the Parish Council are opposed to a children play area being put on the contaminated land and would urge the Council and developers to reconsider and relocate the play area to another part of the Park where it would be more suited. This area of the Fat & Bone site ideally should be grassed over and left for nature to run its course without further development on top of already contaminated soil.

Hall Lane Development

It is frustrating to say the least that our Neighbourhood Plan has not helped prevent development being approved for houses on current green paddock land between Hall Lane and Union Lane. It seems the views of both the Parish Council and residents have been totally ignored. The inclusion of the felling of mature trees on private land in this plan without consultation with the owners also needs to be shouted out. A letter has been written to the Rt Hon. Angela Rayner MP - Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and also the Rt Hon. Jess Asato MP for Lowestoft for their intervention in this and we await their response.





Dates for Your Diary

Monthly Parish Council Meetings: Held in Oulton Community Centre, Meadow Road, Oulton normally on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend, agenda and minutes for each meeting can be found on our website www.oultontpsuffolk.info



New to Oulton Community Centre



Three of our Councillors John, Hilary and Robin have started Carpet Bowls on a Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm at Oulton Community Centre. If anyone is interested please come along, there's a small fee of £2.50 per session with complimentary Tea or Coffee. If you wish to become a member it's £12.00 per year plus the session fee.

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