

Oulton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 7.00pm in Oulton Community Centre

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| Parish Councillors (8) present | Jenny Hinton (Chairperson), John Sarbutt (Vice Chair), Peter Bryant, Peter Collecott, Robin Hinton, Joanne Illingsworth, Tony Knights & Hilary Sarbutt |
| County Councillors | Edward Back |
| District Councillors | Andree Gee |
| Also in attendance | Rebecca Morris (Clerk) |
| Members of the public | 4 |

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

To receive and approve apologies for absence

None

To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensations

Cllr T Knights declared a non-pecuniary interest as Trustee of Oulton Community Centre.

To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th May 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 were agreed after a proposal by Cllr R Hinton and second, Cllr P Collecott, all in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

To present applications DC/23/3191/FUL – Proposed development South Side of Union Lane to Hall Lane (30 minutes allowed for any questions)

£30k spent on Neighbourhood Plan, to uphold the wishes of people in Oulton to keep a greenbelt area. The original plan submitted was for 6.23 hectares and we are not completely objecting to this, but we are objecting the new plan of 8.3 hectares, which includes using the paddocks which is greenbelt area. Other concerns raised are, what will be the purpose of the 26 dwellings, will these be doctors' surgeries etc, or will they just end up being homes? Cllr J Sarbutt, explained that they are reserved for a school or a doctors surgery, or shops. If they are not used then they will be building 26 more houses on this site. How can residents minimise disruption, when views are going to be spoilt when new homes are going to be built at the bottom of their gardens. Can single story be considered around those areas and appropriate planting of hedges/trees? Many concerns regarding the importance of the biodiversity, not just views getting destroyed, it's the destruction of the environment for living creatures. Concerns were also raised about where the road comes out on Hall Lane. Cllr J Sarbutt stated that we were not happy that the road cuts across the paddocks, as this was greenbelt. It was suggested that the road be moved further up Hall Lane, so it does not cut across the paddocks.

Councillors are endeavouring to achieve the best possible outcome for our village and green spaces.

Clerk to produce a flyer for residents around the area Union Lane, The Street, Hall Lane, etc, to remind them that consultation cut off is 10th June and previous objections are no longer valid. Resident Mark & Linda Atkins, to help distribute, many thanks given.

Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes allowed for)

This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions and comment on items on the agenda before the Council makes decisions.

A question was raised about the style/size of the new roundabout that's to be put in place at the end of Hall Lane, near the farmhouse. Cllr J Hinton & Cllr J Sarbutt advised that it would be Suffolk Highways that would be responsible for that.

Reports from:

- **Parish Clerk:** Held our Annual Parish Meeting, had a talk from Lewis Yates from Suffolk Wildlife, who showed us all that has happened over Oulton & Carlton Marshes, since his last visit in 2023. Notes have been typed up, which I shall issue. Roles & Responsibilities, Cllr Jenny Hinton should be removed from Internal Control, as this may conflict with Jenny doing the banking. Cllr P Bryant has agreed to take this on, all in agreement. AGAR reports have been sent to external auditors, just waiting for response. Clerk to advertise CIL figure on our webpage with immediate effect.
- **Chairmans Report:** Chairman received an email from Birch Close resident, stating fence on Fat & Bone Factory were left open again. An email will be sent to Persimmon Homes.

- **County Councillors:** Cllr E Back, reported that potholes have been filled in on Beccles Road, road mender machine was used, although it's an improved, it's not a high standard considering expense of machine. Final testing of hydraulics are taking place on Gull Wing bridge, opening to take place this summer, potentially within the next month. Hoping this will make a difference through Oulton Village.
- **District Councillors:** Cllr A Gee is heavily involved in Planning and is passionate about maintaining our wildlife and conservation. AGM held last month; Chairman & Vice Chair remain the same. Cllr Gee has been reinstated as representative on Broads Authority.
- **Oulton Community Centre:** Nothing to report, still waiting for Charity Commission to approve our new constitution.
- **St Michael's Church & OPT:** Nothing to report until next month.

Planning

- **To receive new planning applications and make comment – DC/24/1790/FUL – Mobbs Way – No Issue.**
- **To receive results and updates on outstanding applications – Nothing to report**

Finance: Income & Expenditure as at 31st May 2024 received.

Payment Schedules

| Payee | Value | Description |
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| Oulton Community Centre | £44.00 | May 2024 Room Hire – OCC1547 |
| Clerk Salary | £611.20 | Salary May 2024 |
| R Morris – Wix | £12.46 | Annual Domian Name |
| Chris Punt | £30.00 | Internal Audit |
| Total | £697.66 | |

Income Received – Nothing to report

To agree payment of invoices and other expenses: Payments – Proposed by Cllr J Illingsworth and second by Cllr J Sarbutt – All approved. Has been agreed by all that the remaining Annual Parish Meeting budget will be spent on a small buffet in December to celebrate Oulton Parish Councils 130-year anniversary.

To consider grant applications: - Nothing to report

To receive an update of the purchase of assets using CIL money: St Michaels Church resurfacing has been cancelled, therefore money ringfenced has been put back into CIL funds. The repositioning of the bench on Somerleyton Road is imminent.

To discuss possible outdoor lending library @ Oulton Community Centre/Jenkins Green: Oulton Community Centre has been ruled out, as premises locked at weekends. Brendon Way would be the other suitable location to Jenkins Green. Colours and design to be decided, along with dimensions, then Street Licence can be obtained. Books can be donated. Check with local residents to get their opinions.

To receive updates from individual Council Members (for information only: Cllr T Knights SID camera results, Wood Lane, over 28-day period average daily traffic was 343, average speed 29.7, horses are being picked up in these results. Sand Lane eastbound 2178 average daily traffic, average speed 32.2.

Cllr J Illingsworth commented on the overgrown hedges on the corner of Hall Land/The Street, by the Manor house, she was advised to report on Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.

Cllr P Bryant suggested purchasing plastic leaflet holders to put around our village signs, to hold our TOMS. 6 would be needed at approximately £10-15 each. This can be purchased through CIL funds.

To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda (for information only) Jenkins Green Pond, Cllrs J & H Sarbutt have site meeting with Simon Walker & Laura Hack.

To confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 2nd July 2024 @ 7.00 pm in Oulton Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 20.42

Everyone was thanked for attending.