

Oulton Parish annual meeting 19th May at 2023.

11 Attendees.

This has been a very eventful year on the Parish Council.

We welcomed Pauline Robinson & Maureen King to the Council. We also welcomed Lynn Pavey a locum clerk who steered us through a difficult time, Lynn was finally replaced by our current clerk Rebecca Morris (not here tonight as a previous engagement)

Grants:

Last year we awarded grants to ST. Michaels Church for the queens Platinum Beacon. Waveney Gymnasts to enable them to hold summer gymnastic event.

CIL purchases. Many items have been installed throughout the Parish, from litter bins to seats and benches and three new notice boards.

As at present Village Gates for the street and new SID poles have had licences approved. Two new benches/seats, dog bins, water tank infill in union lane have all been given the Green light, along with a new toddler swing with safety surface at Brendan way play area. Jenkins green pond dredging. All the above being purchased with CIL funding.

CIL funding also provided a new footpath, hatching in the car park and kitchen refurbish for Oulton Community Centre. All CIL funding monies paid for.

New projects being discussed are for two new goal posts for the Oulton playing Field, and Toilet facilities upgrade in the community centre.

Involvement within the Parish:

We cover a variety of issues as Cllrs, from snakes in the garden, speeding, disappearance of bridleways. With some help from the Parish Council the horse community have had success with the planning inspectorate on this allowing all Bridleways across Woods Meadow Country Park and others to be re-instated.

Fat and bone factory, reported yet again (April 2023) as reports for an orchard being planted on the land. Mark Seaman from Environmental Health is taking charge of this situation as the Land is contaminated.

We are statutory consultees on any planning applications in the Parish, we have had a few mainly straightforward applications, but the two main applications, South and North of union lane are very emotive.

The Tubby presentation was held here (at the community centre) and was well attended, whereas the Oldman presentation was cancelled by the developer himself.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The pinnacle of the year was getting the Parish Councils neighbourhood plan through East Suffolk and the Broads Authority with flying colours, after a favourable referendum. So thank you all for this.

I am pleased to say that the reporting of the Council to HMRC for failure to pay minimum wage or living wage was dismissed and cases closed.

Sad Loss:

This last two months we have seen the passing of two Parish Councillors,

Cllr David Jefferson and Cllr William Robertson. I am hoping that the Parish Council when we meet in June will support the notion of having streets named after them.

Next Meeting: Tue 6th June 2023, 7pm Oulton Community Centre.

At the next meeting Suffolk Wildlife trust will do a presentation of the work they do in Oulton Marshes.

Thanks:

Thanks goes to Maureen and Pauline for guarding the buffet!.

Thanks to those that turned up to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Jenny Hinton - Chairman.