

Oulton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 7.00pm in Oulton Community Centre

Parish Councillors (6) present	Jenny Hinton (Chairperson), Vinny Ainley, John Sarbutt, Hilary Sarbutt, Robin Hinton, Maureen King. Pauline Robinson
County Councillors	Keith Robinson
District Councillors	Andree Gee, Keith Robinson
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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Peter Bryant, Cllr Tony Knight and Cllr Eddie Back.

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

Cllr Jenny Hinton, Cllr Robin Hinton, Maureen King, Pauline Robinson Trustees of Oulton Community Centre

To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2022 were agreed after a proposal by Cllr R Hinton and second, Cllr V Ainley, all in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes allowed for)

Questions asked about Cornerstone, Cllr J Hinton advised that all issues have been forwarded, but no response as yet.

Agreed meeting with Cornerstone was a positive one.

Proposal for new SID post to look southwards for North coming traffic, outside The Blue Boar. Steve Wright agrees principal good idea. The Blue Boar have said ok if not touching building. Cllr J Hinton advised there had already been objections from East Suffolk Council. Cllr Keith Robinson will issue relevant form of application to Cllr R Hinton.

Reports from:

- **Parish Clerk:**
Still have no bank access, hoping it will arrive before next meeting.
Have agreed to get a sim only phone, for Parish Council business
Lanyards need replacing as have ex Clerks phone number on. Cllr H Sarbutt, to arrange new ones.
Need to supply Parish Council Logo, web address & email address.
All councillors to supply new photos
- **County & District Councillor Keith Robinson:**
Report issued late because of Christmas. A general catch up of 2022. Agreed any questions will be done next meeting.
Budget going to scrutiny next week. Will be increased enough to maintain things at a certain level, but to avoid increases in Council Tax.
Cllr G Newman passed away 28th December 2022. Our condolences are offered.
- **District Councillor Andree Gee:**
Heritage Assets Group are coming to Suffolk end of March. This will flag up the Broad House museum.
Nothing further as very quiet from Christmas period.
- **Oulton Community Centre:**
All groups have enjoyed festivities. Birthday parties are going well too. Bank account is looking healthy. Looking to arrange an audit as soon as possible.
- **St Michael's Church & Oulton Pools Trust:**
Cllr J Hinton has had no meeting since before Christmas. They are providing a wonderful service to the community. Issuing food vouchers to those struggling with cost of living. Cllr K Robinson has given a very generous donation.

Details have been put on all relevant websites and facebook, to ask for help and show how help is available.

Highways & Planning

- **To receive new planning applications and make comment**

Millenium Way flooding again. This needs addressing before new Gull Bridge opens.

Kerb height water, is not acceptable. Council have cleaned drains out 3 times in recent.

Cllr K Robinson advised to use reporting tool on Highways England. Cllr J Sarbutt to take photo, to submit.

Queens Highway was reported in 2021, still an ongoing issue. Cllr K Robinson has been asked for any help available.

Contact roofers regarding OCC roof and ask them check, as water damage appearing in Small Hall.

No new applications as all for Norfolk

Finance: Income & Expenditure unavailable as the clerk still has no access to bank accounts. Bank accounts remain the same as at November.

Unity Current Account - £34,337.94

Instant Access Account - £30,087.57

Instant Access Account - £33,940.82

Total amount held = £98,366.33

Payment Schedules

Payee	Value	Description
Waveney Norse	£62.40	Emptying dog bin – Fishers Row
Jenny Hinton	£22.50	Ink & copier paper
Oulton Community Centre	£20.00	December Monthly meeting
Miss Rebecca Morris	£142.53	December 2022 Salary 12.25 hours
Total	£ 247.43	

To agree payment of invoices and other expenses

Do we still wish to continuing purchasing Norton Anti Virus - £49.99 per year. Has been agreed this is ok. Mark @ Northbridge Computer to install and invoice Oulton Parish Council.

- Payments – Proposed by Cllr R Hinton second by P Robinson – All approved
- To note any monies received – No additional income received
- To consider any Grant Applications - None received

To receive an update on Oulton Neighbourhood Plan:

The referendum Ballot has been scheduled for 2nd February 2023. Do you support neighbourhood plan, yes or no? Oulton Community Centre has been booked for the day - 6am to 11pm. Counting to be done at Oulton Community Centre. All residents on Electoral Register will receive a ballot paper.

To receive an update of the purchase of assets using CIL money:

Cllr V Ainley has nothing to report, again rather quiet over Christmas period. although advised that he has had a meeting with Laura Hack – Street Scene and Grounds Maintenance Contracts Manager at Jenkins Green Thursday 8th December. “to better understand situation with pond”. Cllr J Sarbutt to take over responsibility. Jenkins Green residents agree to pond being dredged and left out to dry on grass, then fenced off. Laura Hack not happy for this to happen. Cllr J Sarbutt to contact Laura.

Bin needed for Union Lane

Gate designs need sending for residents to choose. Applications need being made to East & Suffolk County Council for permission and license for all street furniture to be put on edge of highways.

To receive updates from individual Council Members (for information only).

Cllr J Hinton meeting with horse riders booked. To appeal

Cllr J Sarbutt wants to address grass cutting for next year. No happy with the state of verges etc. Disagrees this feeds to bees. Norse to be invited (James Mallender)

To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda (for information only) – Nothing to report

To confirm date of the next Parish Council Meeting as Tuesday 7th February 2023 @ 7.00 pm in Oulton Community Centre.

Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 20.22

Everyone was thanked for attending.