

Oulton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.00pm in Oulton Community Centre

Parish Councillors (6) present	Jenny Hinton (Chairperson), John Sarbutt, Peter Bryant, Robin Hinton, Joanne Illingsworth & Hilary Sarbutt
County Councillors	Keith Robinson
District Councillors	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 E Back, Cllr A Gee & Cllr T Knights

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

Cllr Jenny Hinton and Cllr Robin Hinton declared a non-pecuniary interest as Trustees of Oulton Community Centre

To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th June 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2023 were agreed after a proposal by Cllr R Hinton and second, Cllr J Sarbutt all in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

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.

See discussion under "Parking Sands Lane".

Reports from:

- **Parish Clerk:** All bank accounts have been reconciled. Received an email back from Peter Wilson-Sutter regarding goal posts, unfortunately they have none to offer. Cllr K Robinson has offered to pay for a new one and Parish Council to use CIL money for the other.
- **County Councillors:** Nothing to report.
- **District Councillors:** No elections for Suffolk County Council this year, so business as usual. Control Room for Suffolk Fire Service is being brought back to Suffolk from Cambridge.
- **Oulton Community Centre:** Caretaker has resigned from his position. We are currently advertising for a replacement. From Saturday 8th July, every other Saturday, a coffee morning shall be held at the Community Centre. £2 is being charged and tea/coffee and cake. Monies will go to the Community Centre. To coincide with this, a Councillor Surgery will be held to enable residents to raise any issues with their County, District or Parish Councillors.
- **St Michael's Church & Oulton Poor's Trust:** This trust will now be known as OPT. It was felt that the word "poor" could be preventing residents from applying for financial assistance. The donated monies by Cllr K Robinson are being used well to help those in need of financial assistance.

Parking Sands Lane: Bryn Storeton-West, a governor of Oulton Broad Primary School, raised concerns and is addressing them to County Cllr K Robinson. Double yellow lines will make no difference, people will still park on them. Survey done to look at crossing control, although numbers did not add up to make this viable. Roads markings/signage are being put up, should be completed by September. £790 taken from Cllr K Robinsons budget to ensure the work is done sufficiently. Unfortunately, the school is unable to endorse or enforce anything and are trying to appeal to drivers' better nature. It has been suggested the police be contacted to assist. In the meantime, the Governor of Oulton Broad Primary school has been asked to address other Governors to see if they can go round the cars and ask parents/carers to not park so close and be responsible.

Planning

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

None received.

Finance: Income & Expenditure as at 30th June 2023

Unity Current Account - £37,543.90

CIL Account - £29,579.32

Reserve Account - £26,216.65

Total amount held = £93,339.87

Payment Schedules

Payee	Value	Description
Clerk Salary	383.07	June 2023 Salary
Oulton Community Centre	£20.00	June 2023 Monthly meeting Room Hire
Oulton Community Centre	864.00	Hand dryer x 3 in OCC – Pay from CIL
Oulton Community Centre	£696.00	Installation of Hand dryers in OCC – Pay from CIL
K Baker	£1275.00	Painting/Retiling of men's & disabled toilets OCC – Pay from CIL
Total	£ 3238.07	

To agree payment of invoices and other expenses: Payments – Proposed by Cllr R Hinton second by Cllr J Sarbutt – All approved.

To consider grant applications: None received.

To receive an update of the purchase of assets using CIL money: Cllr H Sarbutt, unable to get hold of Simon Walker, to discuss our purchases. SID posts were ordered on 12th June, must be completed by 18th September, although no definite date can be given. Village gates will take approximately 6 weeks to make, which is about now. Questioning how long East Suffolk Council will take to put them in situ.

To receive updates from individual Council Members (for information only). No response from Lewis Yates of Oulton Marshes, regarding Anti-Social behaviour. Cllr H Sarbutt to contact again.

Cllr J Sarbutt received numerous complaints about a white van, being parked on The Leas. The van is taxed, but not MOT'd. Advised to report to East Suffolk Council.

Cllr J Hinton has received correspondence from a resident is Whiting Road. Advised resident their situation is out of Parish Council remit, so has been passed to East Suffolk Council.

Carolyn from OPT, situation regarding Anti-Social Behaviour down Fishers Row. This was discussed at County Council meeting today. Only advice given, is for residents to keep calling the police.

To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda (for information only)

Updating of policies and procedures.

To confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 5th September 2023 @ 7.00 pm in Oulton Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 20:15

Everyone was thanked for attending.