

Oulton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.00pm in Oulton Community Centre

Parish Councillors (4) present	Jenny Hinton (Chairperson), Vinny Ainley, John Sarbutt, Peter Bryant
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

Observed a minutes silence for victims of earthquake in Turkey & Syria

To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Eddy Black, Cllr Robin Hinton, Cllr Hilary Sarbutt, Cllr Tony Knights, Cllr Maureen King & Cllr Pauline Robinson

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

Cllr Jenny Hinton Trustees of Oulton Community Centre

To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd January 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2023 were agreed after a proposal by Cllr Peter Bryant and second, Cllr Jenny Hinton, all in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes allowed for)

Reports from:

- **Parish Clerk:**
Now have access to the bank, everything should be up to date now.
Have agreed to get a sim only phone, for Parish Council business
Lanyards are in the process of being updated. Everyone should have been down to Riverside and had their new photos taken. Although myself, Cllrs P Robinson, M King & V Ainley still to have our photos done.
Have got myself booked onto 4 Clerk training courses.
Cllr R Hinton has been booked on Planning training and Cllrs P Robinson, M King, V Ainley & H Sarbutt to be booked on to new Councillor training. Potential date has been emailed to all.
- **County & District Councillor Keith Robinson:**
Thursday 9th February 2023 budget figures will be fixed. It has been said that the rates will not go up as much as could do. 2% has been allocated for social care. Generally getting budget settled for next year.
Gull wing project update. Denmark Road, Peto Way and the southern end of Rotterdam Road will be closed to vehicles from 7am on Wednesday March 1st 2023, to allow for the building of the new northern roundabout and approach road to the bridge. The work is anticipated to take no longer than 6 months.
Speed limits on Rackhams corners now active. Everything west of the A47 to Norfolk border is now 40 miles an hour.
- **District Councillor Andree Gee:**
Have also been setting budgets. Have not imposed full increase. Planning issues coming and going, nothing too controversial. Planning applications for North of Union Lane have been seen.
- **Oulton Community Centre:**
No meetings have taken place, but needs scheduling in.
The path between Community Centre and Meadow Way will be replaced, after much discussion over who is responsible for it. Locality funding will pay for it, courtesy of Cllr E Black.
Parking needs addressing too.
Constitution for Community Centre is in the process of being modernised to make it transparent.

- **St Michael's Church & Oulton Pools Trust:**

Nothing to report at present, other than a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 8th February 2023 with the vicar and Cllr J Hinton.

Warm Homes have been gratefully accepted, after donation from Cllr K Robinson.

Highways & Planning

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

DC/23/0384/FUL – 20 Mendip Road – Approved with no issue

DC/23/0187/FUL – 30 Blackberry Way – Approved with no issue

DC/22/4993/FUL – Nothing contentious. Oldman Homes to come and discuss layout at Parish Council meeting Tuesday 4th April 2023. 30 minutes to be allocated for presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A. Everyone is keen to work together. Also wish to discuss potential plans to have a memorial garden for all unmarked graves.

- **No new applications as all for Norfolk**

Letter to be sent to James Mallinder, inviting him to our next Parish Council meeting. To discuss feeding the bees grass verges. Cllr J Sarbutt believes it's untidy and should be cut at least twice a year. Perhaps discussion would explain intentions. Can use Millenium Way as a good example.

Finance: Income & Expenditure as at 31st January 2023

Unity Current Account - £32,528.28

Instant Access Account - £30,185.09

Instant Access Account - £34,050.83

Total amount held = £96,764.20

Payment Schedules

Payee	Value	Description
Rebecca Morris	356.73	January 2023 Salary
SALC	£93.60	Rebecca Morris Clerk Training
Oulton Community Centre	£20.00	January 2023 Monthly meeting
Total	£ 470.33	

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 J Hinton second by Cllr J Sarbutt – All approved
- To note any monies received – Interest £110.01 Account 20423418 & £97.52 Account 20423421
- To consider any Grant Applications - None received

To receive an update on Oulton Neighbourhood Plan:

Referendum Vote 535 cast 457 said yes and agreed. 78 said no. 6 spoilt papers, of which 5 were blank, 13.7% turnout. It is thought the turnout was low, as a lot of locals are unaware of what ward they are in and therefore unsure which polling station to visit.

Cllr K Robinson & Cllr P Bryant to discuss plotting a map, to show ward boundaries Parish/District/County, for residents to have transparency regarding who to contact and which council supports what.

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

Cllr V Ainley to call Simon walker, Street furniture/ playarea manager at Norse, regarding the swing on the play area on Brendon Close

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

7 Healy Close has been purchased by the council, to house vulnerable people. The residents of that area, including Jenkins Green, have arranged a meeting with their district Councillor to explain the planning application. The chairman Cllr J Hinton has offered to Chair that meeting to save any unpleasantness.

No representation from the council has been offered to date. Planning application has only been sent to a small amount of residents and notice was facing property, not road. Cllr A Gee to contact planning 8th February, as nothing seems to be known of it.

To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda (for information only) – Parish Council elections.

Bridleways. Presentation from James Mallinder

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

Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 20.22

Everyone was thanked for attending.

Closed session next meeting