

# Oulton Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00pm in Oulton Community Centre

<b>Parish Councillors (5) present</b>	Jenny Hinton (Chairperson), John Sarbutt, Peter Bryant, Robin Hinton, Tony Knights & Hilary Sarbutt
<b>County Councillors</b>	Keith Robinson
<b>District Councillors</b>	Keith Robinson & Andree Gee
<b>Also in attendance</b>	Rebecca Morris (Clerk)
<b>Members of the public</b>	6

### The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### **Presentation by Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Lewis Yates, for work on Oulton Marshes**

Great presentation, showing how Carlton/Oulton marshes has changed in the past 70 plus years. Thanks to Lottery Funding, significant work has been done, encouraging wildlife and people to the area.

Members of the public expressed concern about Anti Social behaviour down the marshes. Lewis Yates has asked for reports to be passed on to him, so he can share with the police.

Cllr A Gee has spoken to Broads Authority, who sympathise and understand, yet say it is out of their control and it is a police matter. Cllr K Robinson will see what he can do in his capacity as County Council Councillor.

#### **To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Back & Cllr J Illingsworth

#### **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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were agreed after a proposal by Cllr R Hinton and second, Cllr H Sarbutt all in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chairperson.

#### **Cllr J Sarbutt to discuss Union Lane footpaths:**

Received contentious email from member of public, complaining about lack of footpath down Union Lane. There is 12ft of footpath, that passes the ex-council houses on the right, down to Airey Close. This did go beyond that. It is down to the developer who owns the land the hospital was on.

#### **Adjournment for Public Participation (15 minutes allowed for)**

Resident says the path only ever came down to number 24 in the first place. Solicitor stated to resident that as he maintains the hedge, it becomes his property

Cllr J Sarbutt tried to reply that there a solution, which could be compulsory purchase, but the resident became heated. Cllr J Sarbutt tried to explain that we have no influence on what the planners or contractors decide, only that there is a solution if they so wish.

#### **Reports from:**

- **Parish Clerk:** Unity Bank Accounts need reconciling, to take into consideration CIL balance transfers.
- **County Councillors:** Congratulation to Cllr K Robinson on his election of Chairman at Suffolk Council. It's early in the new year, getting everything in place for the coming year. Traffic is causing issues, trying to get repairs done. £10million has been awarded to address the state of our roads. In September, the new budget will be discussed for 2024
- **District Councillors:** Cllr A Gee, states new bridge is on course. First Light Festival is ready for this month. Council is now being run by Green & Lib Dem parties, so big change of administration. Cllr A Gee has lost her seat on Broads Authority which she has been on for the last 4 years. The intention is that grass will not be cut now in certain areas for biodiversity. Footpaths will still be kept clear.
- **Oulton Community Centre:** The constitution is being agreed at present, then an AGM can be called. Quote has been given to refurbish toilets, this will be discussed and reported back. Initial Cleaning & PHS have been asked to quote for sanitary/nappy bins. Access to old Santander account is now in our control after several months. Drainage issues have been reported to Suffolk County Council. We believe it to be tree root issue. Cllr K Robinson suggested it may be worth contacting Anglian Water.
- **St Michael's Church & Oulton Poor's Trust:** The Chairman has asked Carolyn Woodcock, a fellow trustee to give a report on her work this week at Oulton Poores Trust. They have had some referrals this week and food vouchers and slow cookers have been issued out. Notices are being put about, to

notify people of the Poor's Trust. A further report will be issued, once the next official meeting has taken place.

## Highways & Planning

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

DC/23/1837/FUL – Alterations & Extension, Gorleston Road – All approved, no issue

## Finance: Income & Expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Unity Current Account - £43,974.37  
Instant Access Account - £24,270.75  
Instant Access Account - £34,210.64

Total amount held = £102,455.76

## Payment Schedules

Payee	Value	Description
Clerk Salary	383.07	March 2023 Salary
Noticeboard Online	£25.02	6 months payroll services to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Oulton Community Centre	£35.00	May 2023 Monthly meeting Room Hire
Rebecca Morris	£12.46	WIX.com
Piece of Cake	£76.00	AMG Meeting Buffet
Jenny Hinton	£51.75	Paper & Ink / AGM Expenses
Pauline Robinson	£3.55	AGM Expenses
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 586.84</b>	

**To agree payment of invoices and other expenses:** Payments – Proposed by Cllr J 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:** No further updates, Cllr H Sarbutt waiting for Simon Ward to get back to her. With regards to football posts, we will continue to look for some. Cllr R Hinton to speak to Roundhouse about possibly fabricating new ones.  
Quotes for Oulton Community Centre refurbishment. £300.00 each (3 in total) for Hand Dryer and £100.00 to fit = £1,200.00 (T Lockwood)  
Quote for sanding/re-staining door to be removed for now, as 34 are not necessary to do, potentially only 11?  
Toilet painting (men's, ladies & disabled) = £4,000.00  
Unanimous decision to agree quote except the door refurbishment.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** All agreed and to reissued and added to Parish Council website.

**To receive updates from individual Council Members (for information only).** Cllr J Sarbutt, asked if we could write to Chairman of Corton Parish Council – Steve Pavey and ask if they are willing to clarify statement regarding speed camera.  
Rebecca to email Peter Wilson Sutter at Suffolk County Council asking for goal posts for Community Centre playing field.

**To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda (for information only)** Road safety on Sands Lane. It was stated this is a Police and County Council issue. Cllr T Knights was asked to inform the resident to officially inform the appropriate bodies.

**To confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @ 7.00 pm in Oulton Community Centre.**

The meeting closed at 20:48

Everyone was thanked for attending.