

Oulton parish Council Meeting – 8th August 2017
Draft Minutes

At the meeting of Oulton parish Council held at the Old Congregational Chapel,
Oulton on Tuesday 8th August 2017, the following members were present:
Mr P Killingback (Chairman)
Mr G Peck (Vice Chairman), Mr A Nash, Mr A Windross, Ms A Shaw, Mrs S Mather

In Attendance

Mr D Harrison (County Councillor),
Mr C Harrold (member of the public)

Minutes taken by Mrs S Mather

Apologies for Absence received from: Ms S Harrison, Mr L Mills (Clerk to the council)

Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensation: NONE

Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of the Parish council held on 27th June 2017 were circulated and were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Item 7(ii) planning application 20171243: 2 Docking Cottages, Cawston, NR11 6QZ: was moved up the agenda as Mr C Harrold the applicant was in attendance.
The council meeting was adjourned for open discussion.

The applicant told the Parish Council that the property needed to be modernised and would be let to an employee. Councillors asked questions in regard to the size of the extension and its close proximity to the neighbouring property and issues with loss of light and sound proofing. Councillors also commented on the lack of information in the plans regarding building materials and the sewage system, and asked whether there were going to be any energy saving features in the design. It was felt that the design needs to be sympathetic to the surrounding properties.

The council meeting was re-convened and councillors voted to submit a response to the Broadland Planning Officers of "**No Objection**" - subject to the following issues being satisfactorily addressed:

- 1) that all materials used, including bricks and roof tiles should match existing, so that the new extension is in keeping both with the adjoining cottage and the local vernacular architecture.
- 2) significant soundproofing of the party walls is necessary, especially in view of the flying freehold relationship of No 2. cottage with No. 1.
- 3) the 2-storey southeast wall of the proposed "extension" is extremely close to the boundary with No 1. - and also extremely close to the kitchen window of No. 1. The PC felt that this situation was likely to represent an unacceptable risk to the "right to light" of the cottage next door. Given the considerable age of the cottages, the PC deemed that No. 1 was still entitled under planning law, to have its natural light - as experienced over more than the past 20 years - protected.

Report from County councillor: Mr David Harrison reported that he had £6000 for 'His patch' from county council Highways budget which could be spent on projects at his discretion.

Item 7 (i) Hornsea Project Three Offshore Windfarm: It was noted that in the recent information from Dong Energy the map shows a Construction Compound on the Old airfield, Oulton. After discussion it was decided to ask the Clerk to write to Mr M Harrold to seek clarification about this matter and seek assurances regarding lighting and hours of operation. Also councillors will attend the next exhibition to be held at Corpusty and Saxthorpe Village Hall on Wednesday 6th September 4-8pm. (consultation dates 27th July – 20th September)

8 Finance (i) Grantscape: The funding from Grantscape has been granted, Oulton Parish being awarded two of the three projects applied for. The council was sorry that the third item, the RAF Oulton information board, was not funded but this would be something that could be looked at again in the future.

Oulton Parish Noticeboards – £2,930

Improvement of playing field facilities – £1,98

It was decided that the information on where the full Grantscape fund of £10,000 had been allocated should be published on the Parish Council website.

8(ii) Parish Partnership Scheme: Councillors agreed that the forms should be filled in to apply for funding for signage (Road narrows) and road markings (Slow) at Blickling Road outside of Oulton Lodge.

Other highways issues:

The possibility of also having 'Village Gates' at Oulton Street was discussed and it was decided to ask the Clerk to write to Councillor David Harrison to formally request funding for the 'Village gates' from his County Council £6000 budget.

The SAM2 monitor was also discussed and it was decided to ask Cawston Parish Council if they would consider sharing their monitor with Oulton parish Council.

It was also decided to write to local businesses to see if they would consider helping with funding for the SAM2.

8(iii) a cheque was signed for £19.44 for Indigo Waste collection.

Correspondence from parishioners: The Chairman has received a letter from a parishioner regarding highways issues; it was decided to write explaining why the parish council was not in a position to resolve some of the issues.

Items for future agendas: Mr. Windross will be updating us on the WIFI situation when he has heard a bit more information.

Date of Next meeting: Tuesday 26th September, at the Old Congregational Chapel Oulton, to commence at 8pm.