

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the 270th meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.00pm in the New Room of the Town Hall.

Present: Cllr Anne Macro
Cllr Margaret Green
Cllr Richard Mallett
Cllr Craig Ambury

Cllr Jonnie Howard
Cllr Nigel Addy
Cllr Karen King

In Attendance 0 members of the public.

Opening remarks

MINUTES

1. Reports from Representatives

1. County Councillor Andrew Reid.

Andrew Reid submitted a full written report to the PC and gave a brief outline of it. Trading standards are doing a great job of looking after the vulnerable, especially against scams. In one case a builder charged £600,000 for work not undertaken, he should receive a prison sentence of about 2-3 years. Vapes – there has been £18,000 of illegal vapes seized in this area. These have a strong nicotine content. The trading standards national intelligence team are based in Suffolk. Suffolk Fire and Rescue are to have their control room brought back to Suffolk. The previous system did not work well and it has been decided after 18 months of trials, to return it to Suffolk. The wildfires last year created a large strain on the system.

Cllr Macro mentioned the 20's plenty scheme, the PC tried to push for this some time ago but was not successful.

Andrew Reid commented that the parking is an issue, it's the end of the line characteristics. He would be happy to look at this proposal with the Council. This is a choice for the village, rather than just being set. The PC must engage with SCC and Andrew Reid on this matter. It is important to protect and enhance the centre of the village. 20mph zones could be created. Introduce calming things, not large signs. ANPR could also be used to deter speeding vehicles. Enforcement is important.

Andrew Reid left the room at 7.10pm.

2. District Councillor Tim Wilson
Tim Wilson no written report.

2. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Wingrove, Cllr Thornton and Cllr Iliff.

3. Acceptance of Apologies

The Councillors all agreed to accept the apologies.

4. Declarations of interest:

Cllr Macro – near neighbour to 3 Toller Close planning application.

5. **Applications for dispensation:**
None
6. **It was agreed that the minutes of the 269th Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 14th June 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.**
7. **Matters arising from the 269th Parish Council meeting held on the 14th June 2023.**
7.1 **8 Town farm Estate** – Cllr Macro reported that communication has been made with Therese Coffey and Matthew Ede. They have requested further information regarding the PC's concerns about the sale of social housing.
ACTION: To place on the next agenda.
7.2 **Friends Garage Update** – Cllr Addy said he was not aware of any updates; the Asset of Community Value will run out in January 2024. The pre-planning application has not happened yet.
ACTION: To place on the next agenda
7.3 **Alde & Ore** – Cllr Wingrove absent, place on the agenda for the next meeting.
ACTION: To place on the next agenda.
7.4 **Trees** – It was agreed to carry over the pricing of the trees to the next meeting as they would not be replaced until later in the year.
ACTION: Cllr Mallett to provide some quotes for the trees.
7.5 **Broad Street** – Cllr King asked if the drain outside the property in Broad Street could belong to Anglian Water?
Cllr Macro said that she could remember SCC Highways clearing the drain in the past, when it became blocked.
Cllr Addy commented that he had read some of the very long letter received from the solicitor and he read that the property owner engaged with SCC 7 years ago. They replied that the drain was on the property owner's land.
Cllr Macro wondered what the reason is behind this query about ownership of the drain, it has not been mentioned.
Cllr Addy said that ESC and SCC have statutory powers to deal with this, the PC does not. It is better for the Solicitor to liaise with SCC. The soakaway is probably silted up and requires cleaning. It would be cheaper for the landowner to undertake the cleaning.
After some discussion it was agreed that the PC should not respond until there was further updates from SCC Highways.
7.6 **20's plenty** – Cllr King commented that 20 mph zone is only advisory.
Cllr Howard commented that the road to the quay is a B road and therefore would remain as a 30mph road.
The Clerk commented that in some areas the designated 'quiet lanes' are being placed as 20mph zones.
Cllr Macro commented that further information will arrive regarding this project.
ACTION: Place on the next agenda
8. **Contributions by members of the public.**
Please see above.
9. **Finance**
9.1 **Authorisation for payment sheet** – There are five payments to authorise Cllr Mallett (reimbursement for tree marking paint) - £9.20, Suffolk Coastal Norse (mole control on the recreation ground) - £296.40, Paul Bush Tree Surgeon (Tree survey) £25.00, DB IT support (set up new email address) £21.00, SALC (Internal Audit Fee) Total £664.80.
Also, the staff wages of £949.
Income – Unity Trust Bank (interest on general reserve account) £159.41 and Unity Trust Bank (interest on CIL account) £181.32. Total £340.73.
It was agreed by all to approve the payments.

9.2 Quarterly Accounts and Bank reconciliation – The Clerk had presented the Council with quarterly accounts and bank reconciliation for the 1st quarter of the financial year. The Clerk commented about the importance to consider expenditure of the CIL funding, as this has a time restraint on it and would require spending within 5 years.

10. Planning

DC/23/2461/FUL – 3 Toller Close, Orford, IP12 2LR

Erection of a spruce framed open gazebo.

After some discussion it was agreed that the PC had no objection to this proposal.

ACTION: Clerk to send PC's comments to ESC.

DC/23/2611/FUL & DC/23/2498/LBC – The Manor house, Market Hill, Orford, IP12 2LH

Proposed removal of existing painted render, making good sub-structure and re-rendering with painted finish.

It was agreed by the full Council not to object to this application.

ACTION: Clerk to send PC's comments to ESC.

Other notifications:

11. Parish Council Business: -

1. Co-option of a Councillor

The Clerk reported that no applications has been received.

2. Re-adoption of the Disciplinary Procedure, Grievance Procedure, Volunteer Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Data Breach Policy, and the Memorial Bench Policy.

The Clerk reported that there are no changes to these documents.

It was agreed by all to re-adopt these policies.

3. Orford Fest

It was agreed that the Orford Fest could place marquees on the recreation ground but this would have a charge of £40. It was agreed to allow the group to sell raffle tickets outside the shop, and also to place posters around the village.

Cllr Macro commented that she and the Clerk had met with the organisers of the fest to go through the event plan and the risk assessment.

ACTION: Clerk to email the Orford Fest group with the response above.

12. Correspondence

North Falls Offshore Windfarm – Carry over to the next meeting as Cllr Wingrove is absent.

Hedgehogs R Us Highway – It was agreed to pass this onto the NOTT meeting next week.

13. Items for next meeting:

Items included in the minutes,

14. Date of next meeting: 13th September 2023

Cllr Macro gave her apologies for the September and October meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.53pm.