

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the 260th meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.00pm in the New Room of the Town Hall.

Present: Cllr Anne Macro	Cllr Jonnie Howard
Cllr Richard Mallett	Cllr Karen King
Cllr Gary Wingrove	Cllr Mary Iliff
Cllr Margaret Green	Cllr Craig Ambury
Cllr Peter Smith	Cllr Nigel Addy

In Attendance, Marie Backhouse (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Opening remarks

MINUTES

Cllr Macro commented that she would be allowing the members of the public to make their comments at the beginning of the meeting.

A member of the public commented about the noise created by a generator running to power a trader positioned on the castle track, near the Knoll. There are many residents and allotment holders affected by the level of the noise which appears to take place at the weekends when people would like to relax in their gardens or on their allotments. There is also the smell of frying. English Heritage do not like having people eating food in their car park area. The van/trailer also restricts access for large, sided vehicles (tractors) to drive to the fields at the top of the track. The primary issue is the noise. The young couple that are running this venture are friendly. East Suffolk Council have confirmed that a licence is not required to trade, but should this trading be an issue they will take note. The trader operates from 9.30am through to 7.45pm. The generator is quite a powerful one, similar to that used by the other trader positioned by the School. This runs at approximately 97 decibels, which is louder than a lawnmower. The trader has tried to site the generator away from the trailer in some trees, and they have also tried to deflect the noise with a wooden box, but it can still be heard. There was no advertisement or consultation placed in the Village Voice before this trader arrived. Residents would have appreciated the chance to comment on this venture before it arrived. There are four questions that the member of public would like to have answers to:

- a) Has OGPC directed the trader to use this site, consented to or entered into a contract with the trader and is the trader paying for this consent or contract?
- b) If consent is being given by the Council how is that decision taken? Should this be discussed in a meeting, and should there be consultation with residents?
- c) Will the Council consider another location for the trader?
- d) Alternatively, would the Council consider commissioning an electric point?

Cllr Smith replied that the PC would consider the comments and questions raised at an incamera meeting this evening and provide the member of the public with a written response.

The second member of the public wished to ask permission for the placement of posters advertising the Open Gardens around the village at the end of the month. If possible, they would like the posters to be up as soon as possible.

The Councillors agreed that the posters should be placed around the village early, if they were removed the day after the event.

Members of the public left the meeting at 7.22pm.

1. Reports from Representatives

1. County Councillor Andrew Reid.
Written report submitted and apologies sent.
2. District Councillor Ray Herring
Absent and no report received.

2. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Thornton and Andrew Reid

3. Acceptance of Apologies

The Councillors all agreed to accept the apologies.

4. Declarations of interest:

Cllr Smith, Cllr Howard, Cllr Addy and Cllr Iliff – members of the Sailing Club (planning)
Cllr Howard – neighbour of 34 Daphne Road (planning)
Cllr King – neighbour of Chantry Farm (planning)

5. Applications for dispensation:

None

6. It was agreed that the minutes of the 259th Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 11th May 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

7. Matters arising from the 259th Parish Council meeting held on the 11th May 2022.

7.1 Queens Platinum Jubilee – Cllr Macro commented that the Torch Relay was a success and there was a good crowd of people on the Quay to greet it. The beacon lighting was supported by many residents and visitors on the Thursday evening. The street party was well attended, a donation bucket on the tea and cake table raised £533 for the Fire Service Charity. Thanks to the Firemen for their assistance with the beacon and bunting. Thanks also to Cllr Iliff, Cllr Green, Cllr King and the Clerk.

Cllr Iliff thanked Cllr Macro for organising all the events.

7.2 Ice Cream – Cllr Macro said that there has been no success in obtaining the outstanding money from the previous trader although a letter has been sent.

7.3 15 Ferry Road – Cllr Iliff said that a response had been sent to Flagship stating that the PC were not able to purchase the property but would like the opportunity for local families to be considered. A response has been received from Flagship stating they will consider our request and respond in due course.

ACTION: Awaiting a response from Flagship.

7.4 Request for a memorial tree – The Clerk read out an email from the family who wished to place either a cherry tree or a Crataegus Prunifolio outside the village shop and would be willing to contribute to the maintenance.

The Council agreed that a cherry tree should be placed outside the shop.

ACTION: Clerk to notify the family of the Council's decision.

8. Contributions by members of the public.

Please see above.

9. Finance

9.1 Authorisation for payment sheet – There is one payment to authorise M Rumsey (pole for the beacon – money to be reimbursed from the NOTT village fund) - £1905.00 total £1905. Also, the staff wages of £971.21.

The payment was agreed by all.

10. Planning

DC/22/1488/FUL – 34 Daphne Road, Orford, IP12 2NH

Demolish an existing modern UPVC conservatory and lean to porch and construct a single storey extension with landscaping including an outdoor swimming pool and outbuilding (follows approval of DC/21/1933/FUL).

Cllr Addy said that this application is a single storey extension with a swimming pool, the extension is going further into the garden than before. The garden shed is to be rebuilt and as an office with an ensuite bathroom. The objections raised this time by residents were very similar to last time. ESC planning department has given input into how this application would be acceptable.

It was agreed by all the Councillors not to object to this application.

ACTION: Clerk to notify ESC of the PC's decision.

DC/22/1767/LBC – Chantry Farm, Broad Street, Orford, IP12 2NQ

Listed building consent – Repointing external brickwork, and brickwork repairs.

Cllr Addy commented that this application had been withdrawn.

It was agreed by all the Councillors that there would have been no objection to this application should it still have been going ahead.

DC/22/0975/FUL – Orford Sailing Club, Orford Quay, Orford, IP12 2NY

Retrospective Application – Further consent, for a period of three years, for the previously permitted temporary Ladies Changing portacabin adjoining the club house.

The Councillors had no objection to this application

ACTION: Clerk to notify ESC of the PC's decision.

Other notifications:

AP/22/0027/REFUSE – Greenbanks, 30 Ipswich Road, Orford, IP12 2LT

An appeal has been made against the decision to refuse planning permission for a 1.8m fence on the front and part side of the property.

The Clerk stated that the PC's previous comments to this application would be taken forward to the appeal.

11. Parish Council Business: -

(1) Friends Garage Update

Cllr Smith reported that the progress is continuing with meetings held between the owner, the developer, and the CIC. There has been a site visit by the CIC, and it is hoped that the final costings and plan will be ready for the end of June, with the planning application being submitted in July. The land for the proposed shop is to be transferred to the CIC at no cost.

(2) Alde & Ore

Cllr Wingrove commented that there was no update at the moment. The agreed joint letter to the Environment Agency from many of the PC's had been sent.

(3) Village Feast

The Clerk reported that the road closure had been submitted, the TENS licence would be requested shortly and the bar that we have been able to hire in the past was unavailable, so an alternative has been sourced.

The Clerk commented that it might be a good idea to have a 'village event committee'. This may consist of a representative from the Sports & Social Club, the local pubs, the Church, a couple of Councillors and members of the village. They could meet a couple of times a year and jointly plan any celebrations in the village.

It was agreed by all the Councillors to place an article in the village voice asking for volunteers to join this committee.

ACTION: Clerk to draft an article for the Village Voice.

(4) Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that some areas of the wet pour on the children's play area had moved so there are some gaps. A quote to have this repaired had been sent by the company we have used in the past to fix it. The quote was for materials and labour, and it was £1,050. +VAT. It was agreed by all the Councillors to accept this quote.

Cllr Macro reported that there continued to be an issue with the hinges on the gates of the children's play area. A quote had been sourced from Leiston Press to place either 6 smaller signs (3 on each, stating no dogs, please shut the gate and no swinging on the gates) at a cost of £106 or 2 x A3 size signs with all 3 comments on at a cost of £78.

It was agreed by all to accept the quote for the 2 x A3 signs.

Cllr King suggested that if there was a piece of board on the bottom of the gates this would not allow the children to swing on them and break the hinges.

Cllr Addy commented about the amount of bird waste on the swing seats, could something be done to prevent the birds from sitting on the swings.

It was agreed by all for the Clerk to contact the Play Equipment Inspector to ask his advice.

ACTION: Clerk to accept the quote for the wet pour and the 2 x A3 signs; and to contact the Play Equipment Inspector re the bird prevention equipment.

Cllr Macro to investigate the possibility of placing a piece of board on the gates to prevent the children from swinging on them.

(5) Adoption of the New Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure, Privacy Statement Policy, Data Retention Policy.

Cllr Smith proposed that the above policies were adopted by the PC, this was seconded by Cllr Addy and agreed by all.

12. Correspondence

Orford CEVAP Fundraising – The Clerk read out an email from an OSLOF representative for a request to hold a car boot sale on the recreation ground.

After some discussion the Councillors requested that further information was given; how many cars would attend, when would this be held, how often would it be held, would the number of car booters be limited, has a tabletop sale in the rec hut been considered.

ACTION: Clerk to request further information.

Resident – village trader

Please refer to the beginning of the minutes for this item.

Open Gardens – advertising

Please refer to the beginning of the minutes for this item.

Resignation of a Councillor

The Clerk reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Backhouse.

13. Items for next meeting:

Village Feast

14. Date of next meeting: 13th July 2022

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed _____ **(Chairman)** **Date** _____