

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the 262nd meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7.00pm in the New Room of the Town Hall.

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

In Attendance 0 members of the public.

Opening remarks

MINUTES

1. Reports from Representatives

1. County Councillor Andrew Reid.
Written report submitted and apologies sent.
2. District Councillor Ray Herring
No written report submitted.

2. Apologies for absence: Andrew Reid and Cllr Addy.

3. Acceptance of Apologies The Councillors all agreed to accept the apologies.

4. Declarations of interest: None

5. Applications for dispensation: None

6. It was agreed that the minutes of the 262nd Parish Council (PC) meeting held on the 12th October 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

- ### **7. Matters arising from the 262nd Parish Council meeting held on the 12th October 2022.**
- 7.1 Figg's Shelter – Cllr Smith said that there was a problem with the mortar on the roof, it had become very loose. A builder agreed to look at it and completed the work within 24 hours, as this was a Health & Safety issue it needed to be fixed as soon as possible.
- 7.2 15 Ferry Road – Cllr Macro reported that several weeks ago a young couple put in an offer to purchase the property, at the time the mortgage rate was acceptable, after 12 weeks the couple had still not received confirmation of their purchase and the mortgage rate had almost doubled, they pulled out of the sale. If this situation had of been dealt with earlier, then the couple would be living in the house by now, thus relieving a shared ownership property for another couple to join the housing ladder.
- Cllr Mallett commented that there is a possibility of another social house in Orford being placed on the market. These houses should not be sold off, they should be let to local people.

Cllr Thornton said that the cost to bring these properties to a set specification is too high.
Cllr Macro said that contact with Flagship would continue, and suggestion of a face-to-face meeting would be made.

7.3 CIL – Cllr Smith commented that new rules for the CIL expenditure came into place in the spring of this year, this meant that it could be used to register a new village green but not to de-register an existing one.

Cllr Thornton asked how much it would be to de-register an area of village green.

Cllr Iliff commented that it could be as much as £6000, and there is no guarantee that it would be agreed.

8. Contributions by members of the public.

None

9. Finance

9.1 Authorisation for payment sheet – There are two payments to authorise Orford Sports and Social Club (electricity for the floodlights on the track) - £61.38, DB IT Support (Clerk's laptop) - £474, total £535.38. Also, the staff wages of £897.52.

The payments were agreed by all.

9.2 External Audit Report – The Clerk reported that there was one issue that had been flagged, this was the return from the NOTT that must be sent to the Charity Commission, this was several days late.

The external audit comment was noted by all the Councillors.

9.3 Quarterly Accounts – The Quarterly accounts were noted and agreed by all the Councillors.

10. Planning

DC/22/3543/LBC – Church View, 3 Church Street, Orford, IP12 2LL

Listed building consent – loft conversion and insertion of new roof light.

The Parish Council did not have any objections to this proposal.

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

DC/22/4335/FUL – Quay Lodge, Quay Street, Orford, IP12 2NU

Installation of solar panels to roof.

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

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

Other notifications:

11. Parish Council Business: -

(1) Friends Garage Update

Cllr Macro reported that an email had been received from a resident regarding the installation of some decorative boards on the fencing in front of the garage site. The school children will paint the boards. The site owner has agreed permission if the PC agrees to the proposal.

Cllr Smith said that the boards will be at no cost to the PC, and they will be decorated and attached by the resident and the school children and parents.

Cllr Macro asked who would be responsible for the boards when they required moving, or if the wind blew them over.

Cllr Thornton commented that it was a good thing the school was involved, and an email should be sent stating that support is given in principle but providing the resident accepts responsibility and follows what the owner wishes.

ACTION: Email sent to the resident, owner and developer, to say we support in principle.

(2) Alde & Ore

Cllr Wingrove said that the accounts have been submitted, the agreed legal case has been decoupled. Things will move forward providing the funds can be found.

(3) Recreation Ground Play Equipment Inspection

The Clerk commented that there were no major issues with any of the equipment on the recreation ground. It had been recommended that the large goal post be repainted, the barrier at the entrance needs to be straightened and monitor the wood on the zip wire. Cllr Howard said that he has painted the goal post with metal paint.

(4) Re-adoption of the Street Cleaners Risk Assessment and the Lone Worker Risk Assessment.

The policies above were agreed by all the Council.

(5) Christmas Carol Service/Christmas Tree

Cllr Macro reported that the Carol Service around the Christmas Tree on the village green near the shop would be on the 21st December 2022 at 6.30pm. It would be good to get the Christmas Trees on the first weekend in December.

Cllr Thornton suggested that the PC ask the NOTT if they would be will to purchase both of the trees for the village.

ACTION: The Clerk to speak to NOTT Clerk to organise Christmas Trees to be placed on the NOTT agenda.

(6) Remembrance Service

Cllr Macro asked is anyone would be willing to lay the wreath at the Remembrance Service on the 13th November.

Cllr Mallett agreed to lay the wreath at the service.

12. Correspondence

Resident – fouling of the footpath

Cllr Macro read out an email from a resident regarding the dog fouling on the track that runs past the school. It was mentioned that this track belongs to a landowner and that the issue should be mentioned to him.

13. Items for next meeting:

Dates of the next years meetings, budget approval, precept approval, Traffic control measures.

14. Date of next meeting: 11th January 2023

F&GP meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 7.56pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____

