

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7:00pm in Orford Town Hall

There were 10 Parish Councillors present. Marie Backhouse – Parish Clerk and Judith Golder – Treasurer was in attendance. There were 7 members of the public present.

1. Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr Michelle Golder welcomed all who attended and provided details regarding emergency exits.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr M Iliff, Ray Herring, Anna McCreddie, David Emeny, Alde & Ore

3. To Approve the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2018

These were Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of this meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2018

None

5. Report from MP Therese Coffey

Absent and no report submitted

6. Report from Suffolk County Council

A written report had been submitted and was summarised by Andrew Reid, this was included within the packs for members of the public and Councillors to view. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). Andrew Reid agreed to answer any questions.

Cllr Barnwell asked why the proposed jetty at Sizewell was rejected?

Mike Finney commented that this may be a cost issue or the MMO stating that it is not possible. Could the substations at Friston be placed underground?

Cllr Smy reported that there is some vacant land available at Sizewell A, where some of the buildings have been removed.

Andrew Reid said that the cost to decommission the area would be too high. There will also be pylons going across the AONB.

Mike Finney stated that the separate power companies are not communicating.

Andrew Reid commented that the SCC are disappointed with the amount of information from both SPR and EDF.

Venessa Wells (Headteacher of Orford CEVAP) asked if there was any chance of the current school pyramids being restructured, also funding for the SEN children is getting more difficult to claim. It is very difficult to evidence the needs of the child.

Andrew Reid said that he is happy to talk with Venessa Wells to discuss any issues she may be having.

Cllr Golder thanked Andrew Reid for attending,

Andrew Reid left at 7.27pm

7. Report from Suffolk Coastal District Council

A written report had been submitted by Ray Herring, this was included within the packs for members of the public and Councillors to view. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

8. Reports from Chairman – Cllr Michelle Golder (Parish Council)

Cllr Ian Thornton (NOTT)

Cllr M Golder gave a verbal report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

Cllr I Thornton gave a verbal report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes)

9. Committee Reports

Estates Committee – Cllr Iliff had submitted a written report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes)

Highways Committee – No report submitted.

Riverside Committee – The Quay Warden had submitted a written report. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

10. Treasurers Report – Parish Council and NOTT Accounts

A verbal report was given by Judith Golder (Treasurer). (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Judith.

11. Orford Primary School & Pre-School Report

A verbal report was given by Vanessa Wells, this was included within the packs for members of the public and Councillors to view. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Mrs Wells.

12. Church Report

A verbal report was given by David Murdoch. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Rev Murdoch.

13. Orford Methodist Church

A verbal report was given by Stephen Caley. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Mr Caley.

14. Orford Recreation Ground Trust Report

A written report had been submitted by Diana Grayburn and Anne Macro, this was included within the packs for members of the public and Councillors to view. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

15. Orford & District Surgery Charitable Trust

A written report was submitted by Anna McCreadie. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

16. Orford Museum Report

A verbal report was given by Elizabeth Spinney. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Elizabeth.

17. Orford Sports & Social Club

No report submitted.

18. Orford Sailing Club

A verbal report was given by Jonnie Howard. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes). The Chairman thanked Jonnie.

19. Orfordness Lighthouse Trust

A verbal report was given by Mike Finney, this was included in the packs for members of the public and Councillors to view. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes) The Chairman thanked Mr Finney.

20. Orford Bowls Club

David Enemy sent his apologies but asked the Chairman to pass on about the need for a few more members.

21. Alde & Ore Estuary Partnership

A written report was submitted. (Full copy of the report attached to the minutes).

20. Questions from the floor

Cllr Golder commented that the mobile phone mast on the water tower, that boosts the signal to the mast in Orford, is unfixable. They need to locate a new site.

Mike Finney said that there is a mobile phone mast on Cobra Mist site, which is EE.

There being no further reports or questions asked, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting at 8:03pm

Signed:....., Chairman

Date:.....