

**ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the 195<sup>th</sup> meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council**  
**held on Wednesday 10th February 2016 at 7.00pm in the New Room of the Town Hall**

Present: Cllr Anne Macro (Chairman)                      Cllr Derick Brenchley  
          Cllr Richard Mallett                                Cllr Michael Finney  
          Cllr Ian Thornton                                   Cllr Margaret Green  
          Cllr Mary Iliff                                        Cllr Michelle Golder  
          Cllr Peter Smith

In Attendance, Marie Backhouse (Clerk).

**Opening remarks**

**Public Forum**

**MINUTES**

**1. Reports from Representatives**

1. County Councillor Andrew Reid.

Absent but a written report was handed out at the meeting.

2. District Councillor Ray Herring

Present and summarised his report.

3. Suffolk Constabulary

Absent but a written report was handed out at the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr J Robinson, Cllr J Howard and Cllr M Smy

**3. Declarations of interest:**

None

**4. Applications for dispensation:**

None

**5. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 194<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be accepted as a true record.**

Cllr M Finney and Cllr I Thornton commented that there were a couple of typing errors.

**6. Matters arising from the 194<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

Cllr A Macro read out an email from A Smith regarding the parking in Town Farm Estate. It was agreed that an email should be sent to A Smith explaining the differences between village greens and verges.

**Clerk to email A Smith.**

Cllr I Thornton asked if any work had been completed on the brick wall near the knoll.

Cllr M Finney said that he was not aware of any work happening yet.

**7. Finance**

7.1 The Council received, noted and approved the cheques and balances from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

## **8. Planning**

### **DC/16/0019/FUL – 2 Castle Close, Orford**

This was a request for alterations to the existing roof space to provide additional bedroom accommodation for existing flat, including insertion of roof lights.

The Councillors had no objection to this proposal.

### **Other Notifications:-**

## **9. Parish Council Business:-**

### **(1) Bench on the village green**

Cllr A Macro informed the Councillors that a reply had been sent to A Paterson regarding the bench, along with a copy of the report when the bench was removed.

### **(2) Parking outside Bart's Hall**

The Clerk informed the Councillor that she had a visit from Mr Chambers who commented that parking was still a problem as he will not park under the large tree in case a branch falls down.

Cllr M Iliff said that the tree belongs to Mr Iliff and he would like to have it cut back slightly.

Cllr I Thornton asked if, since the letter was written to Mr Chambers, did he continue to park his vehicle on the village green; is there space to park a large vehicle in front of Bart's Hall; could we de-register that area of Village Green.

Cllr A Macro said it costs about £5,000 to de-register a piece of Village Green.

Cllr M Finney asked if the tree was inspected would Mr Chambers then park underneath it.

Cllr M Iliff has calculated that there is room for up to 10 cars to be parked along in front of the hall.

Cllr A Macro said that it had been considered several months ago to level the land in front of the hall and place grass-crete down to enable people to park on that area; each cottage would have one space to park their car.

All agreed to ask the Tree Officer to inspect the tree.

**Clerk to email Mr Iliff and the SCDC Tree Officer**

### **(3) Birthday beacon**

Cllr a Macro informed the Councillors that an email had been received relating to the lighting of the beacon for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

All agreed to have the beacon lit on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, Cllr R Mallett volunteered to assist with the lighting.

**Clerk to confirm with Cllr R Mallett the details for the lighting of the beacon.**

Cllr A Macro asked if anyone was interested in holding a street party for the celebrations on the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

R Herring commented that £200 would be available from his Enabling Budget if the Parish Council wished to put on a street party.

Cllr M Finney suggested a bring and share type of event.

All agreed to this event on the afternoon of the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016, in the Market Square.

### **(4) Parking within the village.**

This item has already been discussed above.

### **(5) Update on multiplay**

Cllr A Macro reported that the multiplay is still an ongoing matter.

### **(6) Track on recreation ground**

Cllr A Macro commented that the track leading from the road to the Recreation Ground Hut was very uneven and needed to be levelled.

Cllr I Thornton wondered if we could combine this with the work on the foreshore.

Cllr R Mallett commented that the gravel/stones are different.

Cllr A Macro suggested that we ask D Worne to quote for the levelling of the track. This was agreed by all.

**Clerk to contact D Worne for a quote.**

### **(7) Underground cabling**

Cllr A Macro informed the Councillors that she and the Clerk had met with Paula Booth, who was an AONB Officer.

The Councillors looked at the information that Paula had sent through. It is proposed that the cabling between Orford and Gedgrave, and Orford & Sudbourne are to be placed underground. Most of the cabling is currently on agricultural land. The land owners are paid a wayleave for having the posts on their land, and they will also receive a wayleave for the underground cables. The cost of the project is in the region of £1million which will be funded totally by Ofgem. So far this has been approved in the first stage but has other stages to go through before Ofgem agree totally.

Cllr M Finney wondered how the transformers that are currently on the posts would be placed so as to keep them waterproof against the risk of floods; also is this setting precedence as we would like to have a mobile phone mast in the area.

Paula had requested that one of the Councillors act as a liaison between herself and the Parish Council. Cllr M Golder agreed to liaise with Paula. This was agreed by all.

**Clerk to contact Paula Booth with the comments.**

## **10. Correspondence**

- **P Hamilton-Jones – Thank you**

Cllr A Macro read out a letter thanking the Parish Council for the donation to the Royal British Legion.

- **S Tristem – parking on the village green in Quay Street**

Cllr A Macro read out an email from S Tristem concerning vehicles that park at the end of the right of way she has across the Village Green to her house; S Tristem has vehicular access to her property, but not permission to park on the village green or to take a short cut up and across the foot path straight in front of her house.

Cllr I Thornton said he had seen a large blue van parked at the end of the access track.

Cllr A Macro reiterated the need for any visit to look at a problem or village issue, there should be at least two people, either two Councillors or one and the Clerk; also could the Councillors make an effort to respond to any emails the Clerk sends for comments.

Cllr M Golder suggested that the same letter that was sent to another parishioner who parked on the Village Green should be sent to S Tristem, along with a copy of the Village Green Policy. This was agreed by all the Councillors.

Cllr I Thornton commented that the car park attendant could place polite notices on the vehicles that park on the Village Greens.

**Clerk to write to S Tristem also talk to NOTT Clerk re polite notices for the vehicles on the Village Greens.**

- **C Lusher – Treasurer for Orford Surgery Trust**

Cllr A Macro read out an email from C Lusher requesting that G Bliss be allowed to take the role of Treasurer for the Orford Surgery Trust.

All the Councillors agreed to G Bliss becoming the Treasurer.

**Clerk to reply to C Lusher**

- **Hilary Grogono – use of recreation ground for a wedding**  
Cllr A Macro read out an email requesting permission to place a marquee on the recreation ground for a wedding in June 2016.  
There were some questions raised as to who would pay for damage to the recreation ground; how much would be charged; and would we need to have a contract.  
Cllr M Iliff asked if they would be using the recreation ground hut.  
Cllr A Macro said she thought they would be using the facilities.  
It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to discuss the positioning of the marquee.  
**Clerk to arrange a meeting with H Grogono.**

**11. Items for next meeting:**  
None

**12. Date of next meeting: 09/03/16**

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Chairman)**      **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN CAMERA**  
**The meeting commenced at 8.31pm**

- 1. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 194<sup>th</sup> In camera meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be accepted as a true record.**

**Meeting closed at 8.33pm.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_