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**Minutes of the 213th meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7.00pm in the New Room of the Town Hall**

Present: Cllr Michelle Golder	Cllr Derick Brenchley
Cllr Richard Mallett	Cllr Jonnie Howard
Cllr Peter Smith	Cllr Margaret Green
Cllr Mary Iliff	Cllr Anne Macro
Cllr Mike Finney	Cllr Matthew Smy

In Attendance, Marie Backhouse (Clerk).

Opening remarks

Public Forum

There were 0 members of the public.

MINUTES

1. Reports from Representatives

1. County Councillor Andrew Reid.
Report received and summarised by Andrew Reid.

2. District Councillor Ray Herring
Absent and no report received.

2. Apologies for absence:

Cllr J Robinson & Cllr I Thornton

3. Declarations of interest:

Cllr M Golder – Enabling Development, family land owners.

4. Applications for dispensation:

None

5. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 212th Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 and the F&GP minutes of the 25th October 2017 be accepted as a true record.

6. Matters arising from the 212th Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2017 and the F&GP meeting of the 25th October 2017.

Cllr M Finney reported that he had fixed the steering wheel on the Postman Pat van on the recreation ground.

7. Finance

7.1 The Council received, noted and approved the cheques and balances from 1st October – 31st October 2017.

8. Planning

- **DC/17/4563/TCA – Chantry Farm, Broad Street, Orford**
This was a request to reduce fell a Sycamore to allow adjacent will to grow

on. Trees situated on ditch bank to south of Chantry Farm.
Cllr R Mallett commented that he had been to look at the tree. It is not visible from the road and the willow will grow to cover the area.
The Councillors had no objection to this application.

- **DC/17/4597/FUL – Three Chimneys, Crown Lane, Orford**

This was a request for part demolition and extension of existing front garden wall and new oil tank.

Cllr J Howard reported that this was a request to move the oil tank along the side of Crown Lane and extend the existing garden wall to cover it.

The Councillors had no objection to this application.

Other notifications

9. Parish Council Business:-

(1) Alde & Ore Estuary Partnership – update

Cllr M Golder reminded the Councillors that there was a meeting on Friday afternoon at Tunstall. Cllr P Smith Cllr M Golder and Cllr M Finney would be attending this.

Cllr M Finney commented that the launch at Aldeburgh was very positive. A tourist tax had been suggested, e.g. if there is an item costing £1.75, it would be rounded up to £2 with the 25p going to the Enabling Development.

Cllr P Smith asked if the repairing of the walls will be completed in a set order; is it villages before farm land?

Cllr M Finney commented that there is a comprehensive model of how everything will be completed.

Cllr P Smith asked if the river walls will be in the same place.

Cllr M Finney replied that the only area to change would be the retreat at Boyton.

Cllr J Howard asked if the walls were to be repaired using the mesh?

Cllr M Finney replied that the walls are to be raised and the back slope reinforced this would all be completed using locally sourced clay.

(2) Annual donation to the Church

Cllr M Golder reported that normally the PC contributes £500 to the Church for the maintenance of the clock and the cutting of the churchyard. It had been brought to her attention that this had not happened this year.

Cllr J Howard proposed that we gave the Church a donation of £500; this was seconded by Cllr P Smith and agreed by all.

Cllr M Finney asked how long it had been at £500, and is there any possibility it could be increased.

The Clerk replied that it had been £500 for quite a while.

Cllr P Smith suggested that we make a note on the budget to increase this next year.

(3) 20mph speed limit

Cllr M Finney reported that there was no update as yet.

(4) Thank you

Cllr M Golder read out an email from Jon Cheney thanking Cllr R Mallett for all his hard work in tidying some of the hedges around the village which cleared the road signs and also the organising of the bonfire and fireworks; which was a great success.

Cllr R Mallett commented that he had a visit from the Environment Agency; the bonfire will need to be better policed next year with only garden waste to be burnt.

Cllr M Finney asked if Cllr R Mallett could claim for his expenses from the Councillors budget.

The Councillors felt that he should be able to claim if he has the receipts to pass on.

(5) Christmas Parties & Carols

Cllr M Golder reported that the Annual Christmas Afternoon Tea would be held on the 16th December in Orford Town Hall between 2-4pm. If anyone is around to help it would be appreciated. Letters have been sent to all local businesses for donations. The children's party is to be organised by the Sports & Social Club at a date to suit them.

The Christmas Carol service is to be held on the 20th December 2017 at 7.00pm. Kind donations will pay for all the events and volunteers to help organise.

10. Correspondence

- **Alex Walden**

Cllr M Golder read out an email that had been received from Alex Walden regarding an injury he suffered from a sign in Quay Street. Alex commented about the need for more street lighting as it was quite dark.

Cllr P Smith asked who had placed the parking sign in Quay Street.

Cllr M Golder replied that it had been there for some time.

Cllr J Howard suggested that we remove the sign and replace it in a more suitable site.

Clerk to reply to Alex Walden.

- **Anna Hills**

Cllr M Golder read out an email from Anna Hills expressing her concerns about the Local Plan review and the proposed sites along Daphne Road.

Cllr P Smith reported that the Local Plan review shows every site that has had a planning application placed on it; it will never be used. The suggested site still remains to be the land near Mill Close for the new houses.

Cllr P Smith to draft a response letter and forward to the Clerk.

- **Richard Roberts**

Cllr M Golder read out an email from Richard Roberts concerning the proposed development land in Daphne Road.

Cllr M Iliff commented that this land may be developed in the future; we can't say what may happen in the future.

Cllr P Smith suggested that any new builds would be placed on the main road near Mill Close.

Cllr M Finney asked if the new sea defences will have any effect on the building applications within the village.

Cllr J Howard suggested that this may be the case in the years to come, the land that is on the flood plain may be given planning authorisation.

- **Elizabeth Spinney**

Cllr M Golder read out a letter from Elizabeth Spinney regarding the Enabling Development; she spoke to Elizabeth at the weekend and suggested that she may attend the meeting at Tunstall on Friday.

Cllr J Howard asked when the PC would be able to view the plans for the Enabling Development plots.

Cllr M Golder replied that the plans should be available early next year.

Cllr P Smith said that the Enabling Development would be given priority.

Cllr J Howard said we will discuss all planning applications in the same way.

Cllr M Finney commented that all the plans must be approached without politics.

- **Mr & Mrs Cordle**

Cllr M Golder read out an email from Mr & Mrs Cordle concerning the 2 cherry trees that we are hoping to plant near their wall on the village green.

Native Gardens had responded that these trees will not affect their wall.

Cllr m Golder offered to meet with Mr & Mrs Cordle to discuss this.

11. Items for next meeting:

Housing

Cllr I Thornton gave his apology for the next PC meeting.

12. Date of next meeting: 10/01/18

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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