

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the 227th meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.00pm in the New Room of the Town Hall

Present: Cllr Michelle Golder	Cllr Anne Macro
Cllr Richard Mallett	Cllr Mary Iliff
Cllr Matthew Smy	Cllr Derick Brenchley
Cllr Peter Smith	Cllr Jonnie Howard
Cllr Ian Thornton	Cllr Terence Loveridge

In Attendance, Marie Backhouse (Clerk)

Opening remarks

Public Forum

There were 2 members of the public.

A comment was made concerning the possible new development near to Mill Close. Cllr Smith commented that this area for development was proposed by Central Government. The 11 houses on the garage site was after this. The houses though are too expensive for local people. Cllr Smy said that the percentage of money taken by District Council should come back to the village. If these houses are built, we will have fulfilled our allocation, no more needed therefore no more affordable.

Cllr Howard said that we may apply for this money.

Cllr Golder said that the plans have arrived in the office for this development, and we will be holding an extraordinary meeting on the 1st May to discuss this.

Cllr Smith said that the idea was to attach a couple of affordable houses to this development. We could consider a 2-bed property on the garage site. A percentage of the money should come back to the village according to R Herring.

Cllr Howard said that he had attended a meeting regarding the garage development.

Cllr Golder asked in what capacity was Cllr Howard attending the meeting.

Cllr Howard said as a Council representative.

Cllr Golder said that this was not the case as he needed to have an agreement from the Council for him to be able to do this, and permission had not been granted.

Cllr Macro arrived at 19.26.

Cllr Howard said that the Parish Council should support one of the developments.

Cllr Iliff asked if we should consider asking a planning consultant for advice.

Cllr Smith said it is clear that we do not require high end houses; this is what we wrote in the local plan for the village.

MINUTES

1. Reports from Representatives

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

2. **Apologies for absence:**
Cllr J Robinson and Cllr M Green.
3. **Declarations of interest:**
None
4. **Applications for dispensation:**
None
5. **It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 226th Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019**
Cllr Golder said that we could change ‘all’ to ‘a majority’ where it mentions the Clerk leaving the room whilst a discussion takes place about the painting of the recreation ground swings and roundabout.
Cllr Smith asked if we could re-word the part which says that we could ‘donate a footpath’.
Amendments agreed by all.
6. **Matters arising from the 226th Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2019.**
The Clerk had contacted D Stiff regarding the issue of pedestrians on Church Street. He had replied stating that he cannot help us and that we should report any issues at the online report tool for SCC Highways.
7. **Finance**
7.1 The Council received, noted and approved the cheques and balances from 1st February – 28th February 2019.
7.2 The Council agreed to continue with the Annual Subscription of SALC at a cost of £320.05.
8. **Planning**

DC/19/0954/FUL – 24 Potkins Lane, Orford
This is a request to demolish the front porch. Erection of a single storey link between the house and the garage to make dining room/kitchen. Enlarged opening to living room patio door. Cladding of front elevation with timber weather boarding.
Cllr Howard reported that we had been copied into a few letters of objection concerning this proposal. The property is being converted to become disabled friendly. The cladding at the front has been objected to.
It was agreed by all councillors to object to this planning application as the materials used are not in keeping with the area, and the size of the development is inappropriate for this area.

DC/19/1081/TCA – 28 High Street, Orford
This is a request for T1 – Variegated Holly (less than 6m) – remove to ground level. Roots lifting the stone slabs and the base of the brick outhouse.
Cllr Mallett said that he had looked at this tree, which is very large. Reputable company doing the work.
The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal.

DC/19/1080/TCA – Wayside, Burnt Lane, Orford
This is a request for T1 – Sycamore - reduce by 30%, mature tree historical cavity/wound at 4m. Insurance company insisting on work to reduce the risk failure.
Cllr Mallett said he had looked at this tree and agreed with the proposal.
The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal.

DC/19/1221/TCA – The Saltings, Broad Street, Orford

This is a request for Front garden T7 self-seeded Elder, fell to ground level as growing up against the house.

Rear Garden – T1, T2, T3 – self seeded Elders, fell to ground level due to excessive shading. T4 and T6 – 2 times Holly, fell to ground level due to excessive shading. T5 Fastigate Yew – reduce height up to 2.5m due to excessive shading.

Cllr Mallett said that he had been to this property but was unable to see into the rear garden; no issues with the proposed work.

The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal.

DC/19/1151/FUL – Chantry Cottage, Gedgrave Road, Orford

This is a request to demolish existing playroom/annexe and workshop. Replace with new annexe and workshop. For family use only.

Cllr Howard reported that this was a proposal to demolish a workshop etc and replace with a new annexe and workshop.

The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal.

Other notifications:

The Clerk reported that the Manor House on the square had the application to build an extension approved.

9. Parish Council Business: -**(1) Adoption of standing Orders**

Cllr Golder said that there was one amendment in the standing orders.

It was proposed by Cllr Mallett to adopt the Standing Orders, this was seconded by Cllr Macro and agreed by all.

(2) Friends Garage update

Cllr Smith reported that he had received an enquiry from a member of the public concerning the access or exit from Ferry Road to the proposed garage/shop. There will be an existing footpath but there will be no driveway from Ferry Road. There may be cars parking on the road.

(3) Recreation Ground**a) Quotes for painting swings & roundabout**

The Clerk, Cllr Mallett and a member of the public left the room at this point.

There were 4 tenders and after much discussion it was agreed by the Council to award the tender to M Thacker at a cost of £505. M Thacker is the agreed handyman for the Parish Council.

It was also agreed that in such instances where the Clerk or Parish Councillors had members of families that were potential suppliers to the Parish Council, they must automatically leave the room. It was confirmed that all the works quoted for must have a reference number and that tenders must be returned to the office in a sealed envelope to be opened at a meeting. This is to avoid any misconceptions

At the request of Cllr Smy, it was agreed that the Ice Cream Van should be allowed onto the Recreation Ground for bike meets.

The Clerk, Cllr Mallett and the member of the public re-entered the room.

b) Request for broom, rake and new workwear from Groundsman

The Clerk reported that she had a meeting with the Groundsman who had requested a broom, rake and new work boots. The Council agreed to allow the Groundsman to purchase the equipment and to be reimbursed. The allowance for the work boots was up to £50.

c) Suffolk FA – use of Football pitch, fee

Correspondence had been received from the Suffolk FA regarding the use of the football pitch. They need to have the exact size of the pitch and would like to know the cost to hire it.

Cllr Smy said it was 105 yards long by 42 yards wide.

Clerk to research the cost of hiring a football pitch.

10. Correspondence

Cllr Smy commented that the Sports and Social Club had received an email from the couple that are hiring the recreation ground for a wedding marquee. They will be using the hut for storage and use of toilets.

Clerk to send a reminder email regarding a copy of the insurance cover for the marquee.

Cllr Golder said that some emails from a concerned resident had been circulated regarding the planters outside the craft shop. These could be a trip hazard. Cllr Loveridge to look and report back to the Council.

Cllr Golder is to meet with the new representative from SCC Highways on the 9/5/19 at 9.30am.

Cllr Smith asked if he may contact someone about the broken road sign. It was agreed by all to allow Cllr Smith to contact the County Councillor regarding this. The Clerk has already contacted the SCC highway report tool, about the broken road sign.

Cllr Mallett asked when any work was to be completed on the village pond. This needs to be desilted to avoid flooding of Mondays Lane. Cllr Golder agreed to mention this to the SCC Highways representative.

11. Items for next meeting:

Friends Garage update

12. Date of next meeting: 01/05/19 Extraordinary Planning Meeting.

15/05/19 at 7.00pm

22/05/19 – Annual Parish Meeting 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 20.53.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____