

**ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the 235<sup>th</sup> meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council**  
**held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm in the New Room of the Town Hall**

Present: Cllr Anne Macro	Cllr Ian Thornton
Cllr Richard Mallett	Cllr Frances Barnwell
Cllr Gary Wingrove	Cllr Mary Iliff
Cllr Jonnie Howard	Cllr Scott Backhouse
Cllr Margaret Green	

In Attendance, Marie Backhouse (Clerk), and 0 members of the public.

**Opening remarks**

**MINUTES**

**1. Reports from Representatives**

1. County Councillor Andrew Reid.  
Written report received.
2. District Councillor Ray Herring  
Absent and no report received.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr M Smy, Cllr P Smith & Cllr C Ambury.

**3. Acceptance of Apologies**

The Councillors all agreed to accept the apologies.

**4. Declarations of interest:**

Cllr Mallett – neighbour of Mill Close development  
Cllr Barnwell – Vice Cahir of AOCP.

**5. Applications for dispensation:**

None

**6. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 234<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be accepted as a true record.**

**7. Matters arising from the 234<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Cllr Barnwell reported that she had attended a meeting of the AOCP. The Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency decided that a body to liaise with would be very useful. The AOCP consists of a PC representative from each of the parishes affected by the river, two District Councillors and a County Councillor. The initial meeting was very useful, working with a business plan that had already been established by the AOEP.

Ray Herring arrived at 7.06pm

At the AOCP there was a vote taken and Tim Beach (Chairman of Snape Parish Council) was appointed at the Chair, with Cllr Barnwell the Vice-Chair. The next meeting is on the 27/02/20 at 6.30pm.

Ray Herring commented that the representation has been an issue in the past. The Parish council's now have responsibility, they are the guardians of the Alde & Ore Estuary Plan. The group had lost momentum in the past 12 months. Funding through the EA does need to be pushed. The communication has been an issue in the past. The group needs to have the backing of the community to enable them to push for the funding.

Cllr Barnwell commented that the Orford section of the wall, could be started independently. There is local pressure to get this going.

Cllr Macro thanked Cllr Barnwell for attending the AOCP.

Cllr Backhouse arrived at 7.14pm

Cllr Howard said that he is awaiting the list of assets and will then check that they are all in a satisfactory state.

Cllr Thornton asked what the progress was with the dragon's teeth.

The Clerk reported that she had tried to locate some large rounds, but the largest ones are 8 inches.

Cllr Macro suggested that the existing dragon's teeth could just be moved around.

Ray Herring reported that there is a significant amount of work going on in Lowestoft. The Northern bypass is not being pursued, there is no more support from either the District Council or the County Council. The infrastructure will need to be addressed as there will definitely be more houses. There is to be 15,000 new houses in Suffolk and the road was to be part of this plan. The plug has also been pulled on the 4-village bypass. Parking enforcement will be arriving soon. All the yellow lines and the grids near the school will be enforced. Norse are increasing their number of staff and implementing training. Offenders will be caught. The Community Partnership has a meeting soon and it would be good to have more PC's represented at the meetings. There is some funding available through this.

**8. Contributions by members of the public.**

None

**9. Finance**

8.1 The Council received, noted and approved the cheques and balances from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

**10. Planning**

- **DC/20/0303/FUL – Barn Cottage, Front Street, Orford**

This was a request for a single storey rear extension.

After some discussion the Councillors agreed that there is no objection to this proposal.

**Other notifications:**

**Land North of Mill Close** – The Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from a resident who was to attend the meeting this evening to comment about the progress of this development. The resident wished to inform the PC that this development was awaiting a speed survey result. He wanted to encourage the PC to contact the District Councillors (on the referral committee) to ensure that the villages concern re the development were understood.

**The Great House** – The Clerk reported that she had sent an email round to everyone stating that the gateway in the brick wall had been given the go ahead.

## 11. Parish Council Business: -

### **(1) Adoption of Village Green Policy, Electronic Communication & Social Media Policy, and Gritting Policy.**

All Councillors received an email with the Policies on. They noted these and all agreed to adopt the Policies mentioned above.

### **(2) Updates.**

Cllr A Macro reported that herself and the Clerk had attended many meeting in the past few weeks: A Police meeting – the speeding traffic and parking around the school was mentioned. A member of another PC is to give advice on how we proceed with our own Speed gun, a group of 6 volunteers are required to organise this; Planning Forum – this related to all aspects of the planning system, Cil was mentioned but another meeting is planned to discuss this in depth; Right to Bid – this related to community assets; Internal Audit Course for the Clerk.

Cllr Macro commented that herself and the Clerk had attended a housing allocation meeting at ESC. This was very informative, it discussed the banding levels for bidders, S106 criteria, and how the whole application process is conducted.

### **(3) VE Day**

Cllr Macro reported that she had started to prepare for the VE Day celebrations. A sample of a commemorative medal/coin had been requested. It would be good to present all the children within the village, with a keepsake of the day. The total of children is approximately 60, and the cost would be about £107.40.

The idea is to have an afternoon tea party in the town hall with face painting, and some singing. We hope to involve the School in some way.

### **(4) Village Feast - bar**

Cllr Macro commented that Flaming Cheek are now able to provide the music for the Village Feast. One of the band members has a outside bar and would come to the event also if we wished.

It was agreed by all to ask the bar providers from last year to return, if these were unable to, we could ask the local establishments if they would like to do the bar.

**Clerk to contact Beyond Bar Services.**

### **(5) Pump Area**

Cllr Macro reported that an email had been received from a couple of the residents of Pump Street who asked the PC to contribute £300 towards costs of tidying this area. The white pebbles have been removed and the area looks very untidy at the moment.

It was agreed to ask for quotes from three people to place bricks over the base to tidy this up. The tubs could then be maintained by the residents.

**Clerk to email the residents.**

### **(6) Land North of Mill Close**

This item was covered in Planning.

## 12. Correspondence

- **Historic England**

The Clerk read out an email that had been received regarding the listing of the war memorial. The Councillors are not sure that this is the property of the PC although we do contribute to its maintenance.

It was agreed by all to respond and state that it will be fine for the memorial to be listed but they should check with the Church first.

- **Barmann**

This item was covered in item 11.4.

13. **Items for next meeting:**
- **VE Celebrations**
  - **Defib - age of**
  - **Pump Area**
  - **Suffolk Day**

14. **Date of next meeting: 11/03/20**

**Meeting closed at 20.07.**

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