

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the 237th virtual meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 13th May 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Anne Macro
Cllr Richard Mallett
Cllr Gary Wingrove
Cllr Jonnie Howard
Cllr Frances Barnwell

Cllr Ian Thornton
Cllr Craig Ambury
Cllr Scott Backhouse
Cllr Peter Smith

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 M Green and Cllr M Iliff.

3. Acceptance of Apologies

The Councillors all agreed to accept the apologies.

4. Declarations of interest:

None

5. Applications for dispensation:

None

6. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the 236th Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March 2020 and the Proposal Notes of the 8th April 2020 be accepted as a true record.

7. Matters arising from the 236th Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March 2020 and the Proposal notes of the 8th April 2020.

Cllr P Smith commented that there was still no change in the appearance of Friends Garage. It was suggested that firstly the PC should talk to the Garage owner. After this a letter should be written to Mr Ridley, ESC Planning Committee and copy in Ray Herring. The letter should be signed by the Chairman of the PC. It was agreed by all that Cllr Macro should contact the owner of Friends Garage.

Cllr Macro is to contact the owner of Friends Garage and feedback the response at the next meeting.

Cllr Smith left the meeting.

Cllr Howard reported that he had not spoken to Mr Scarce about the moles yet. The Clerk commented that she had sent an email to Mr Scarce about two weeks ago and had not received a response.

It was agreed by all to postpone the meeting regarding the village greens, allowing some to grow longer, until we resume to normal meetings when the Covid-19 situation has passed.

8. Contributions by members of the public.

None

9. Finance

9.1 The Council received, noted and approved the cheques and balances from 1st April – 30th April 2020.

9.2 The Council received, noted and approved the End of Year Accounts to 31 March 2020.

9.3 All the paperwork had been circulated to the Councillors in advance. The Clerk reported that Section 1 & 2 of the AGAR were the same as last year. All the figures had been completed by the Treasurer. The questions are to ensure the Councillors are aware of their responsibility concerning the finances, and the way in which they are monitored during the year.

Cllr Howard proposed that the PC agree Section 1 & 2 of the AGAR, this was seconded by Cllr Barnwell and agreed by all.

10. Planning

None

Other notifications:

11. Parish Council Business: -

(1) Play area fence

Cllr Macro reported that the response from the email to all Councillors regarding the new metal fence for the play equipment area was positive. The cost of the fence is to be £8,900. We have some grants to assist with this, and the contractor would like a third of the money in advance to purchase materials.

It was agreed by all Councillors to proceed with the new metal fencing around the play area.

Cllr Macro to contact Chris Pegg, to give the approval for the fence.

Cllr Macro reported that some of the Councillors asked for the banners to be removed from Five Cross Ways and the Village Pond area. The banners stated '*A day at the seaside or a week in your holiday home is not essential travel. Please respect us, don't infect us.*' It was agreed by all the Councillors that the ease in the lockdown now enables people to travel freely for exercise/recreation, but adhering to the safe distancing rule.

Cllr Mallett to remove the signs and pass to the Clerk to keep in the office.

12. Correspondence

None

13. Items for next meeting:

- **Alde & Ore report (Cllr Barnwell)**
- **Village Feast**
- **Garage Update**
- **Ice cream**
- **Insurance Quotes**

It was agreed by all the Councillors to hold a virtual meeting every two weeks to ensure the meetings are short and deal with necessary items, until we return to face-to-face meetings.

14. Date of next meeting: week beginning 25 May 2020 (TBC)

Meeting closed at 19.20.

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