

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the 238th virtual meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 27th May 2020 at 5.30pm.

Present: Cllr Anne Macro
Cllr Richard Mallett
Cllr Gary Wingrove
Cllr Jonnie Howard
Cllr Ian Thornton
Cllr Craig Ambury
Cllr Frances Barnwell
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.

Andrew Reid reported that he had been sending regular reports regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. An extensive report has been submitted for the Councillors to read at their leisure. One thing that was important is how we come out of the Covid-19 situation. The rate of deaths has dropped. ESC & SCC who had redeployed staff to assist with the pandemic are now working out a way in which they may return to their work safely. There is testing for Covid-19 available for key workers. The Fire & Rescue Service has been assisting the Ambulance Service. A priority is how people can be assisted to return to normal. Approximately 25-30% of children are returning to School. There is to be assistance for Towns to enable them to make wider footpaths by moving the road lines, to aid social distancing.

If there are any questions please contact Andrew Reid and he will try to answer them.

Cllr Macro thanked Andrew Reid for attending.

Andrew Reid left the meeting at 17.41.

2. District Councillor Ray Herring

Absent and no report received.

2. Apologies for absence:

Cllr M Smy, Cllr M Green & Cllr S Backhouse

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 237th Parish Council meeting held on the 13th May 2020.

7. Matters arising from the 237th Parish Council meeting held on the 13th May 2020.

Cllr Howard asked if there was any news regarding the tidying of the Friends Garage site. Cllr Macro reported that she had spoken to the owner of the Friends Garage site and he had assured her he would contact her with a suggestion, as yet there has been no further contact. Cllr Smith suggested that we wait a month and then contact the owner of the garage site again.

Cllr Macro reported that the new metal fence for the play area on the recreation ground should begin next month. There is to be an agreed amount of £3,000 paid in advance for materials.

8. Contributions by members of the public.

None

9. Finance

9.1 Insurance Renewal

The Parish Council received 4 quotes for the insurance cover.

Hiscox - £1,056.88

Ecclesiastical - £1,109.93

Pen Underwriting Ltd - £750.59 (annual policy)

£715.56 (3 year long term agreement)

Community Action Suffolk £523.60

Cllr Smith proposed that we accept the quote for insurance from Community Action Suffolk; this was seconded by Cllr Barnwell and agreed by all.

Clerk to contact Community Action Suffolk.

10. Planning

None

Other notifications:

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the application for 114 Church Street had been refused.

11. Parish Council Business: -

(1) Alde & Ore

Cllr Barnwell reported that following a lengthy consultation with the Environment Agency, the East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board (ESIDB) has submitted the outline business case to request Government funding towards works at Aldeburgh, Iken and Snape. Apparently the ESIDB expect to hear the outcome from the Environment Agency in the autumn. Once feedback has been received, work can then commence on the second business case which enables the ESIDB to bid for funding for works covering Boyton, Butley, Chillesford, Gedgrave, Orford and Sudbourne,.

There is a virtual meeting to be held on the 11 June 2020, which everyone is welcome to join.

(2) Ice-cream tender

The Clerk reported that emails had been received from the Ice-cream provider stating that they intended to work for 2 months this year starting in July, they would then pay half of their yearly fee.

Cllr Thornton asked why they were not trading at the moment. The lock-down was from the 23 March to 18 May.

Cllr Smith commented that at the moment there may not be much trade, but as the lock-down is eased it may increase. How are they intending to abide by the social distancing rule?

Cllr Macro reported that they are going to place cones/bollards distanced to allow the social distancing rule to be complied with.

Cllr Howard proposed that we allow a 25% reduction in the pitch fee for this year, this was seconded by Cllr Wingrove and agreed by all.

Clerk to contact the Ice-cream provider.

(3) Friends Garage

See Matters arising

(4) Village Feast

It was agreed by all the Councillors to postpone this year's Village Feast and arrange it for 28 August 2021.

Clerk to contact the Butcher, Beyond Bar Services and Flaming Cheek and book them for next year.

12. Correspondence

None

13. Items for next meeting:

- **Garage Update**

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: 10 June 2020 7pm.

Meeting closed at 18.07.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____