

ORFORD & GEDGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the 241st virtual meeting of Orford & Gedgrave Parish Council
held on Wednesday 11th August 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Anne Macro
Cllr Richard Mallett
Cllr Peter Smith
Cllr Ian Thornton
Cllr Mary Iliff
Cllr Frances Barnwell

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 apologised for not submitting a report ahead of the meeting, but one will follow shortly. At the moment the SCC are working with other organisations to see how it is best to assist with the coming out of lockdown from Covid-19.

Sizewell C is ongoing with many documents to be read through and considered. There are many issues concerning Sizewell that will affect many different people and communities. The road, rail and sea network need some attention, with a predicted 60% of materials coming by road. There will be more information regarding Sizewell C over the coming weeks. More work is to be done by EDF.

Cllr Iliff commented about the school transport issues within the village.

Andrew Reid replied that there is a press release concerning the school transport that has been circulated today, this will be forwarded to the Clerk for circulation after the meeting. SCC are waiting for guidance from the Government regarding the school transport, it is a real issue that it is taking so long.

Cllr Macro thanked Andrew Reid for his kind donation towards the climbing dome for the children's play area.

Andrew Reid left the meeting at 7.11pm.

2. District Councillor Ray Herring

Absent and no report received.

2. Apologies for absence:

Cllr M Smy, Cllr M Green, Cllr G Wingrove, Cllr J Howard, Cllr C Ambury & 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 240th Parish Council meeting held on the 8th July 2020.**
7. **Matters arising from the 240th Parish Council meeting held on the 8th July 2020.**
None
8. **Contributions by members of the public.**
None
9. **Finance**
9.1 The Council received, noted, and approved the cheques and balances from 1st July – 31st July 2020.
10. **Planning**
DC/20/2629/FUL – 43 Daphne Road, Orford, IP12 2NH
Permission requested for the erection of a new outbuilding in the rear of the property measuring 12.8m² gross internal area.
The Councillors had no objection to this proposal.

DC/20/2675/FUL – Corinthians, Ferry Road, Orford, IP12 2NR
Permission requested for a single storey extension to existing dwelling.
There was some discussion as to whether this would affect the neighbours, but there is a large hedge surrounding the property.
The Councillors had no objection to this proposal.

DC/20/2851/FUL & 2852/LBC – The Manor House, Market Hill, Orford, IP12 2LH
Permission requested for a proposed new external oil-fired boiler along with a flue discharge pipe.
The Councillors had no objection to this proposal.

Other notifications:

Mill Close – Cllr Smith confirmed that he had spoken with R Smith (ESC Planning Officer), who confirmed that all the representations had been considered, and it was now too late for further representations to be presented. The application is going through legal processes during Aug & Sept, this is when money for affordable housing will be discussed. The local plan for Orford covers this area of land. When the application is signed off, we will be notified. The developer will then have up to three years to start the work. The Parish Council may apply for some of the funding from the development when we have a viable project.

11. **Parish Council Business: -**

(1) Friends Garage update

Cllr Macro reported that she is still awaiting a response from the garage owner.

(2) Quiet Lanes

The Clerk commented that this was a scheme run by SCC, to promote some of the lanes in villages that are single track and used by cyclists, walkers, horse riders etc. The quiet lanes will be identifiable by signage to advise motorists that there may be other road users.

Cllr Barnwell said that more funding is being allocated to this via SCC, it will help to reduce the traffic on the lanes.

Cllr Macro suggested that Gedgrave Road may be considered for a quiet lane. Cllr Barnwell offered to do some more research into the Quiet Lanes, this was agreed and appreciated by the other Councillors. Cllr Macro said that if any Councillors had a suggestion for a Quiet Lane, they should contact Cllr Barnwell.

(3) Funding for a climbing dome

Cllr Macro reported that she had received a sale email from a play equipment company, which included a climbing dome. This dome would be suitable for children up to the age of 11 years. After discussion with the Treasurer it was agreed that the PC could fund £3,000. After asking the Flower Show Committee for a donation they have kindly given £2,000, and when asked Andrew Reid has kindly given £1,500. The total cost of the dome is about £9,500.

Following on from a note in the Village Voice a resident had mentioned a funding group called Suffolk Community Funding, they may donate up to £2,000 but the PC would need to have at least 70% of the money. The Clerk has also contacted Adnams regarding funding and will be completing an application form.

(4) School Transport

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a group of parents in the village who have had to organise a minibus to take their children to Farlingaye High School as there is no guarantee of a seat on the school transport. The cost for a child's transport to Farlingaye is £240 per term, but there is no guaranteed seat. The child could use the public transport bus, but this leaves the village at 7am, and does not go to the school, only to Woodbridge; and the bus may be stopping in November, so this is not a long-term solution. The mini bus will take the children to the School and collect them at the end of the school day, the cost is an extra £230 (£950 in total) per year.

Cllr Mallett commented that the children may have free transport to Saxmundham Free School, but Farlingaye is the area catchment school for Orford. Lots of emails and letters were sent last year, and parents were assured that this would be resolved, but we are in the same position this year. There are not many children that attend the Saxmundham Free School from this area, as the grades and reports for the school are not as good as Farlingaye.

Cllr Smith suggested that the way forward with this, is to arrange an appointment with Andrew Reid, and to seek guidance on the catchment area for Orford.

The Clerk commented that she had been in contact with Chillesford, Sudbourne and Tunstall Parish Clerks to ask if they had families in the same situation. Chillesford and Tunstall both have families with school transport issues. Chillesford has suggested that we have a joint initiative to help the families.

It was agreed by all that the Clerk should write an email to all the various people concerned with this at SCC. A Zoom meeting may be organised for parents, Andrew Reid etc.

(5) Community Speedwatch

Cllr Macro reported that she has 8 completed application forms for Speedwatch volunteers. These will be posted tomorrow. There are to be two group leaders, Cllr Wingrove and Cllr Macro. There needs to be three volunteers in each group. It is hoped to have this started as soon as possible.

(6) Emergency Group

The Clerk reported that at a previous meeting the Emergency Group insurance had been mentioned, having spoken to the insurance company the group can now be

covered as a working group, this is providing that the volunteers are adequately trained in what they do. The Parish Council would then be responsible for the meetings.

Cllr Macro suggested that a virtual meeting of the Emergency Group members should be organised, to confirm members and responsibilities.

Cllr Thornton commented that the remit of the group should be advertised on the noticeboard and on the website. There should also be a main contact.

The Clerk is to ask for the previous notes from the meetings.

Cllr Macro commented that a meeting is arranged with the Highways Community Engineer tomorrow morning to look at the footpath in Ferry Road, where a resident had fallen and injured herself. Whilst here, it was planned to look at Malletts Lane, the footpath on Ipswich Road near Potkins Lane, and the Pond area near the School.

Cllr Barnwell asked if we could mention the footpath along the river wall, as the top is not the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

12. Correspondence

A visitor – The Clerk read out a letter from a visitor to the village, who visited the Lighthouse back in 1936. She had seen the recent photos of the Lighthouse on the tv and felt she should write to say had sad she was to see it being dismantled.

Cllr Macro proposed to buy a card with a picture of the Lighthouse on and post to the lady. This was agreed by all.

13. Items for next meeting:

14. Date of next meeting: 9 September 2020 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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