



**Oulton Broad Parish Council**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**The Yacht Club, Nicholas Everitt Park, Oulton Broad**  
**6.00 pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Christine Ashdown, Paul Carver, Benvenuto Falat, Brian Keller, Sandie Keller, Lesley Lavery, Lee Pullen, Andrew Page, Andy Penman and Steve Wilson,

**Also, in attendance:** Tina Page (Clerk)

**Public in attendance:** 13 members.

**1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone.

**2. Announcement on Reporting**

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

**3. A welcome from the chairman:** Cllr Falat explained the fire exits, and location of the toilets.

**4. To approve the minutes of last meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** Approved as an accurate record by Cllr S Keller and seconded by Cllr Penman.

**8 AGREED**  
**2 ABSTAINED**

**5. To receive the following reports and presentations between 3 and 5 minutes per group.**

- a) **FoNEP, Friends of Nicholas Everitt Park** – Geoff reported that St Marks Club carried out a litter pick in the park. Refurbished the shelter in the play area. Painted fences and trimmed hedges at the back of the museum. Community Project, Oulton Broad Primary School planted hanging baskets. Received a cheque from Love the Broads. In August the Lowestoft Lions made a decent amount of money. Won the Anglia in Bloom Small Parks category. Painted the frames of the swings. Planted wild flowers around the pond. Certificate of Distinction in Neighbourhood Scheme – highest award. Christmas Carol, all mulled wine had gone, few mince pies left. January started the refurbishment of the Pavilion, moved to FoNEP workshop. Since the no feeding bread signs at the duck pond, there has been a significant decrease of feeding the ducks bread. Refurbished and reinstated the wooden bench.
- b) **Bonds Meadow** – Presented by Tony, vice chair. ‘A year on’. It was a frustrating year with the closure of the footpath. The path is now looking good and all is coming together. The Sands Lane kissing gate, iconic weeping willow loss was thought to be due to a contractor. But it was actually a fungal infection. Waveney Norse has supplied a mature willow to take its place. Persimmon Homes have purchased for us, two information boards. Thanks to the parish council for the support to buy a chainsaw. The volunteers attend every Tuesday, we have a large following of volunteers. There has been a high increase in public footfall last year. We monitor birdlife and butterflies. We are increasing the disability access. Cllr Falat noted that it is a very independent group and may not be asking for enough help.

It was stated that we have heard from two different voluntary groups, both run so differently – a huge thanks for all your help.

- c) **Scott Petty – Oulton Broad Mini Zoo** – Scott sent his apologies. But it was noted that he has made radical changes on site and is going for a mini zoo licence. He has now all his staff trained. Fritton Owl Sanctuary are having an additional base there.
- d) **The Lowestoft Museum** – One of the 6<sup>th</sup> heritage centres open to the public in this district, is devoted to the preservation and display of local archaeology and history. In 1985 the Museum was opened by the Queen and it has been attracting visitors near and far every year since. It is open from Easter to Halloween, staffed entirely by volunteers. There are some unique objects on display, ranging in age from 700,000-year-old flint flakes found in the Forest Bed at the foot of Pakefield Cliffs, to an example of the transistor radio. Pride of place goes to the large collection of Lowestoft Porcelain, only exceeded by ones in the V & A and Norwich Castle Museum.
- Both new councils have been very supportive of Lowestoft Museum and OBPC in particular are working hard on the Museums behalf to make additional space available in what is an empty flat above the East rooms. Projects are to install new heating and resolve the problem of water in the cellar.
- As a result of recent joint efforts, the Museum has attracted an increasing number of visitors, last year 9937 was a record and with the help of local businesses, support for the quiz activities and 'Dingers' day which opened the season, even greater numbers are likely.

**5. Report from the District and County Councillors.** None.

**6. Your Forum, Networking Buffet.** A member of the Lowestoft Museum made a request to FoNEP for an additional duck sign nearer the yacht club. A member of the public mentioned the problems with Muntjac deer in Broadview Road.

**Close: 7pm**