OULTON BROAD
PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council

In the Pavilion

Monday 21 September 2026

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Christine Ashdown, Ben Falat, Jean Bragg, John Davis, Paul Carver, Brian Keller, Sandie Keller, Jo Turner and Val Wickard.

Also in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk). 1 member of the public. 3 District Councillor.

1. Welcome

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.To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. Lynes, Bromley, Cllr. Besford-Land did not attend

4. . Declarations of Interests and dispensations

4.1 DPI's from councillors on items on the agenda.
4.2 DPI's for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
4.3 DPI's previously granted. BF Member of yacht club

5. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 July 2026

Cllr. Falat wished for it to be noted that he did attend the meeting but was sent home due to ill health.

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. S Keller, All in favour.

6. Outstanding actions: To note actions taken from last meetings which are not detailed on this agenda.

7. Chairman's Report:

Thank you to the Councillors who attended and helped at the car boot sale. Hopefully next year it will be better.

8. Public Forum and Public Service Reports:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda. This forum will include **receipt of any written District Council, County Council reports**.

District Councillor Robinson reported We haven't got a written report, but,

I think tonight we're here because the Parliament has been recessed and the Local Government Reorganisation has been withdrawn for the moment. so, I think we're here tonight for an advisory if we can, and answer questions.

Cllr. Falat asked about Neighbourhood Plan, it was advised to have one in place, however not so important for Oulton Broad as there is not really any open spaces to build on.

District Councillor Gee reported the complaints over the new refuse services; Foat the next Full Council there will be a big discussion on the disgraceful situation

9. To receive an update from FoNEP and agree any necessary action.

FoNEP reported that the voluntary hours for July were 206 and August were 218. The wall flowers are potted up and in the compound. We have planted some new trees and would like them added to the tree survey and numbered. It was agreed to add the item to the Finance agenda as it will involve a new survey to be carried out. They are looking at tools to make things easier for the volunteers. Wildflower seeds will be sown when the ground is damp enough and the gardeners will plant late flowering plants on the boulevard.

Cllr. Davis thanked Geoff.

10. To receive a Finance & Projects Brief.

Cllr. Falat was absent for Finance meeting, but the spend since the last meeting is barely anything due to holidays. Clerk was given the Yacht Club lease to discuss with the Chair then it will be circulated to all Councillors. Staff back pay at new rate was paid since April.

Balance on accounts

General £2,997.39
Savings / Reserves £380,202.10

11. To note planning application decisions

Cllr. B Keller thanked the Clerk for emailing out any planning applications to save meetings when there are only a couple to discuss.

12. To discuss Councillors / Trustees volunteering at events

I firstly want to start by saying thank you to those of you who show up and help with the events. Your support doesn't go unnoticed. Unfortunately, it seems to be the same couple of faces that turn up to help when we have a full council who should be taking the time to show up and help. There are 12 Councillors/Trustees on this Council who should be showing up for their community. It has gotten to the point now where we are left debating whether to even hold events for NEPT as it's too much for the few of us to organise, sort and attend alone. Rebekah has two young children, and she shows up to help and support to make sure all is running smoothly, so really there is no excuses for all of you not to be able to take an hour or two out of their day to help on events. If you want us to carry on holding events for the community then you need to help us out, if it has to come down to dedicated shifts then so

be it, but if things don't start picking up then we will have to really consider calling time on events which is a shame as so many people come down and join them while we raise essential funds for NEPT. When you all signed up and took the responsibility of being a Councillor/Trustee part of that was community work, can you all say you've been doing all you can for the community? The Council needs to have dedicated, responsive and hands on Councillors/Trustees, if you feel like you can no longer give your everything to the role I ask you to think about whether you want to be part of this anymore.

13. To note the External Auditors Report
Roll over to the next meeting as report not received yet.

14. To discuss Sustainability Diploma request
Following receipt of an email from Woods Loke Primary School, their request was discussed and favourably agreed to support their initiative.
Clerk to email asking what they would like the Cllrs. To do.

To note the next Parish Council meeting and committee meetings: Finance Committee 8 October, Full Council 19 October 2026.

15. **To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.52pm.

Signed by the Chairman…….. Date……