

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on  
Wednesday, 16 April 2008.

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Present: Mrs G Thornley (in the Chair)    Mr M Chambers                      Mrs J Farnham                      Mr T Howlett  
          Mr C Long                                Mr G Masters                      Mr M Rowett

          Members of the Public – two    Press – none                      Ward Councillors – none

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr J Gillings, Mrs D Harkness, Mr M Smith and Mr M Stone.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS –
  - Item 8 – Mr C Long (member of Village Hall Committee)
  - Item 8 – Mrs J Farnham (member of Village Hall Committee)
  - Item 8 – Mr E Howlett (member of Village Hall Committee)
  - Item 9 - Mr G Masters (allotment tenant)
  - Item 9 – Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)
3. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – There were no police present.
4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2008 – Subject to a minor amendment, Mr Chambers proposed and Mr Masters seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Dangerous Parking (Minute 5a)

Mr Jim Daley (Planning Officer) and Mr Clive Goodman (Highways Officer) had attended a meeting with members prior to the Parish Council meeting. These traffic issues were discussed again by members at the Parish Council meeting and the following decisions made.

- (i) Weight Restriction on Cherry Orton Road – It was agreed not to pursue this for the time being but to discuss these matters with the Police as an initial step. PCSOs to be invited to the next meeting.
- (ii) Parking Restrictions – Mr Goodman had agreed to provide markings to define the Lay-by near Church Lane and separate it from the footpath.
- (iii) Crossing across Oundle Road – Mr Goodman agreed to add this request to a list for consideration by the City Council.
- (iv) Surfacing of Cherry Orton Road – Mr Goodman agreed to consult with Mr Rowcroft and (if not already done) to add it to a list for consideration.

(b) Orton Community Contact Centre (Minute 5e)

A letter was received from Adrian Chapman, Head of Strategic Growth and Development, confirming that a meeting had been held and that they are working closely with a range of stakeholders and potential funders to try to secure the future of the Centre (including preparing a funding application to the local Investing in Communities programme). He assures the Parish Council that he very much values the work of the Centre and is well aware of the importance of this facility in providing services to support the people of the Ortons.

Mrs Harkness, who was not able to attend the meeting and who had sent her apologies, will send a written report to the next meeting.

(c) Neighbourhood Environment Officer (Minute 6b)

Mr Clark was not able to come to the July meeting. Since the Parish Council does not meet in August, it was agreed to invite him in September.

(d) Lighting (Minute 3)

Confirmation was received that improvement will be made to one additional light in Gannocks Close. This was noted.

(e) Parish Council Elections (Minute 6e)

Confirmation was received that there will be no parish elections in Orton Waterville this year. The results of the uncontested elections are as follows:

<b>The Village Ward</b>	<b>Orton Brimbles</b>	<b>Orton Wistow</b>	<b>Orton Goldhay East &amp; West</b>	
Michael Chambers	Paul Froggitt	Gary Masters	Vacant	Vacant
Cyril Long	June Stokes	Mike Rowett	Vacant	Vacant
Malcolm Smith	Ann Thornley	Michael Stone		

These 4 vacancies can now be filled by co-option. Notices will be sent from the election office stating that co-options to the vacancies will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. Co-options to the vacancies must be completed by 12 June 2008.

(f) Don's Walk (Minute 6f)

Confirmation was received that the City Council is dealing with this tree belt. This was noted.

(g) Crime Prevention (Minute 6a)

A letter of acknowledgement was read out from St Mary's Church. This was noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Orton Longueville Playgroup – An application was received from the Orton Longueville Playgroup requesting a grant under s.137 of the LGA towards fixtures and fittings for their outdoor covered classroom. Since a large proportion of the children are from Orton Waterville Parish, Mr Howlett proposed and Mr Masters seconded that £500 be granted. This was carried.

(b) Litter – A copy of a letter was received from Mr Russell regarding litter and anti-social activities around the shops and Play Area. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to David Montague who is daily seen around the shops picking up litter.

7. BURIAL GROUND

A copy of the letter to the Planning Authority, to clear conditions C2 and C3 of the planning consent, was received from the Architect. It enclosed a drawing indicating the proposed boundary treatment. It was agreed that the planting was in line with that proposed in previous discussions. The fencing matched the existing palisade fencing along the rear boundary of the Windmill Public House. In time the density of the planting will engulf the fencing and render its visual impact negligible. As befits a cemetery, the gates will be more decorative and the Architect sent illustrations of the type of gates he proposed. Mr Howlett proposed and Mr Chambers seconded that the Architect's recommendation be accepted. This was carried.

8. VILLAGE HALL

An email was received from Caroline Hall, Open Spaces Management Officer, confirming that the poplar tree overhanging the Village Hall had been inspected again, and that the recommendation was to re-inspect it during the summer months when the tree is in leaf. She also confirmed that, according to the Property Records Officer, all trees maintained by the City Council will be covered by the City Council's insurance. This information was passed on to the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

9. ALLOTMENTS

(a) Wyman Way

There are no outstanding rents at this site. A letter was received from one new allotment holder stating that the condition of his allotment was in a poor state. He has moved the rubbish which had been discarded there on to the adjacent empty plot. He did not have the means to dispose of it all together. It was agreed to leave this matter until work starts on the burial ground. There will, presumably, then be some means of disposal together with the ground works excavations for the cemetery.

(b) Cherry Orton Road

All the plots are taken. There are two outstanding rents for which the tenants will receive reminders. There is no longer a waiting list.

(c) Gostwick

All the plots are taken and there are still two on the waiting list. There is only one outstanding rent for which a reminder will be sent. However, there are still four people who have not returned the new contract. A tactful reminder will be sent to them.

## 10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### (a) The following payments were authorised

M Russell (pond maintenance)	£40.00
Aqua Main (water pipe repairs)	£145.00
Hopper's Landscapes (hedgerow maintenance)	£45.00
Allianz (Insurance)	£2,985.94
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax and NIC)	£100.37
Clerk's Salary (for April)	£385.90
Expenses (for March and April)	£65.59

### (b) Income received to date

J Hopper – shed rent	£140.00
M Lodge – shed rent	£100.00
Bank Interest on Saver Plus Account	£152.44

## 11. PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) New applications since last month

08/00148/FUL	Balcony at the Granary, Ham Lane	No objection
08/00228/FUL	Unit & flat at Matley, Orton Brimbles	Planning committee*
08/00278/FUL	Extension at 6 Charles Cope Road, Orton Waterville	No objection
08/00167/FUL	Extension at 10 Borthwick Park, Orton Wistow	No objection
08/00262/FUL	Offices at Site F, Lynch Wood Business Park	No objection
08/00172/FUL	Convesion at 48 Marsham, Orton Goldhay	Objection**
08/00327/FUL	Change of use at Midas Centre, Newcombe Way	No objections
08/00337/FUL	Extension at 36 Overton Way, Orton Waterville	No objection
08/00355/OUT	Amended new dwelling at 82 Linnet, Orton Wistow	Objection***
08/00187/FUL	Temporary car parking at Orton Northgate	No objection
08/00336/FUL	Extension at 40 Farleigh Fields, Orton Wistow	No objection
08/00345/FUL	Extension at 41 Lady Lodge Drive, Orton Waterville	No objection

\*A planning committee meeting was held on 5 April 2008 to consider this application. It decided to object on the grounds that the plan was not in keeping with the surrounding scene and would spoil the open aspect of the site and not be in the interest of crime prevention.

\*\* This proposal was to convert a three-storey house into a ground floor flat with a maisonette on top. A new stairway would be created for access to the maisonette. Members agreed that this would be unsafe if a fire were to start in the ground floor flat. Also the fact that there would likely be more adult occupants would mean that there would be more traffic of cars in an already overcrowded and congested cul-de-sac. Mrs Stokes proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that an objection should be made on the grounds of Health and Safety and traffic congestion. This was carried.

\*\*\* Two members of public were present at the meeting. They were given 5 mins to state their case. This new application was an amended version of a former application (Ref: 07/01741/OUT) to which there had been objections. The objections were that this would be a severe overdevelopment of this area creating traffic problems with parking and access for emergency vehicles. There would be a loss of visual amenity, which would be detrimental to the environment, were any trees to be cut down. Mr Masters proposed and Mr Chambers seconded that an objection should be made on the grounds that the amendments do not significantly alter the objections previously submitted and that the same grounds are still valid. This was carried. It was noted that there was a tree preservation order on the trees in this shelterbelt.

### (b) Decisions on previous applications

08/00018/FUL	Conservatory at 27 Brackenwood, Orton Wistow	Approved
08/00143/FUL	Extension at 32 Chisenhale, Orton Waterville	Approved
08/00148/FUL	Balcony at the Granary, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville	Approved
08/00204/FUL	Additional car parking at Media House, Lynch Wood	Refused#

# This application was refused on the grounds that the proposed development does not provide adequate facilities for the parking of cycles, and that the proposed development would result in a significant over-provision of car parking.

## 12. WEBSITE/PRESS

It was agreed to put the official notice of co-option onto the website. It was also agreed to put following article in the next Orton Oracle and send a copy to the Environment Officer.

### Dog Faeces Blind Children

It was reported at the recent meeting of Orton Waterville Parish Council that almost all the dog walkers using the Wyman Way Play Area, in Orton Waterville, always clear up their dog excrement and some clear up litter as well. However, excrement is regularly left by dogs at the top of the slope, at the most secluded end, backing on to Pembroke Avenue. Are these owners ignorant of the fact that children can be blinded by dog faeces?

## 13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

The following matter was raised:

It was agreed to notify the City Council that the footpath sign is missing from the post at Debdale Pond.

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Ted Howlett, our most senior Parish Councillor, for his devoted service to the community. This was his last meeting as he was retiring at the end of his term of office. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.