

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on
Wednesday, 17 May 2006.

Present:- Mrs G Thornley (in the Chair) Mr M Chambers Mrs J Farnham Mrs D Harkness
Mr E Howlett Mr C Long

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs Ann Thornley was proposed by Mr Chambers and seconded by Mr Howlett. There being no further nominations, Mrs Thornley was duly elected. This was carried.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr Cyril Long was proposed by Mr Howlett and seconded by Mr Chambers. There being no further nominations, Mr Long was duly elected. This was carried.

3. CONFIRMATION OF EXISTING APPOINTMENTS

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| (a) Village Hall Representative | Mrs J Farham |
| (b) O/W United Charities Trustees (Parish Council appointees) | Mrs A Thornley and Mr J Hurst |
| (c) Police Consultation Group Representative | Mr E Howlett |
| (d) Orton Action Group and sub groups Representative | Councillor A Kempself |
| (e) Orton Youth & Community Trust Representative | Mrs D Lamb |
| (f) Parish Councils Liaison Meeting Representative | Mr M Chambers |
| (g) Orton Counselling Service for Young People Representative | Vacant <i>— motion Video</i> |
| (h) PALC Representative | Vacant |

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs A Beeton, Councillor J Crane, Councillor A Kempself, Councillor Mrs D Lamb, Mr M Smith, Councillor W Trueman, Mrs K Whitworth and Mr C Whitworth.

5. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – PCSO Beverley Johnson attended the meeting. She reported on some of the crime taking place in the Parish but said that she felt hampered because PCSOs are unable to issue tickets to drivers contravening a route. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Authority about this. There had been a theft from a car at the Gostwick allotments and this was being investigated. Sherri's Off License is continuing to be monitored for underage selling of alcohol. Crime statistics were circulated. It was agreed to forward these by email and members were asked to let the Clerk have their email addresses.

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – The following members declared interests:

Mr Ted Howlett – item 8b – a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Mr Cyril Long – item 8b – a member of the Village Hall Committee.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2006 – Mrs Howlett proposed and Mrs Harkness seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Tree and Hedgerow Management (Minute 5a).

Quotations were received from Hopper's Landscapes, Peterborough Tree Services and the City Council's own Contract Services department. These were circulated with the agenda. Mrs Farnham proposed and Mr Chambers seconded that the quotation of £100 from Hopper's Landscapes be accepted as the lowest tender. This was carried. It was noted that the Planning Department must make a decision by 5 June 2006 whether or not to allow the work to be done.

(b) Village Hall Graffiti (*Minute 5b*).

Mr Long and Mr Howlett had both declared interests as being members of the Village Hall Committee. A reply from the Village Hall Committee was read out to the effect that the Village Hall Committee welcomes the idea of the wall being painted with external brick emulsion. The Clerk was asked to obtain 3 alternative quotations.

(c) Vacancy in Orton Goldhay East (*Minute 5c*)

An advert appeared in the May issue of the Orton Oracle and again in the Evening Telegraph. Only one enquiry was received from a resident in Bretton. It was agreed to defer this item to next month's meeting.

(d) Ways to Improve the Engagement of the Parish (*Minute 5d*)

The Working Group met and produced an article for the Orton Oracle. It was agreed that this was a better way to reach the Community than trying to deliver News Sheets. The article was headed 'Do you have a Parish Council?' The reply to that question was 'Yes you do. Everyone in the Ortons has a Parish Council, either Orton Waterville or Orton Longueville. Orton Waterville Parish is divided into 5 wards, the Village, Brimbles with Southgate (which includes Northgate), Wistow Goldhay East and Goldhay West. Orton Waterville Parish Council meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue. The next meeting will be held on 21 June at 7.30 pm and members of the public are welcome to attend.' This article was approved and it was agreed to place the dates of subsequent Parish Council meetings in the next issue of the Orton Oracle.

9. NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Street Furniture – A letter was received from the City Council asking if we had any sites for new seats or seats that need restaining. Mr Long proposed and Mrs Farnham seconded that the seat in Brimbles Way that has been removed should be replaced and the seat in Lady Lodge Drive should be renovated. This was carried.

(b) Electoral Pilot Scheme – A questionnaire regarding the electoral pilot scheme was received and completed at the meeting.

(c) Parish Liaison Meeting – The last meeting was cancelled because of Ben Franklin's funeral. Parishes were being consulted as to the most convenient day to re-schedule it. Mike Chambers, as the representative, agreed to deal with this matter.

(d) Encroachment at 2 Cherry Orton Road – Papers have been issued to the County Court by the City Council. The hearing will be on 7 June at 11 am. This was noted.

10. BURIAL GROUND

Mr Long recounted the present situation for the benefit of the members of public present and stated that the Parish Council was looking into the possibility of re-routing the access road along an existing footpath. The Clerk had contacted Carrie Denness of Legal Services to set up a meeting with the Highways and Planning Officers. It was agreed that Mr Long and Mr Howlett would accompany the Clerk to this meeting.

A reimbursement was received from Buckles Solicitors of £82.96 in respect of interest held in their client accounts concerning Commons Land Registration. This was noted.

11. ALLOTMENTS

Cherry Orton Road – The Clerk wrote to the Planning Authority asking for confirmation that in complying with the Police recommendation it would not INVALIDATE the CONSENT given. She also enclosed a sketch showing the precise line of the gates and fence, and confirmed that the colour would be green. She then requested confirmation in writing that Condition 2 of the planning consent had been complied with. She received acknowledgement that the matter was being dealt and it was agreed that this should be followed up.

The Clerk had also spoken with the fencing contractor who was not happy because he had already bought the concrete posts with the angled tops for the barbed wire. Obviously the Parish Council will have to reimburse him for those and for the aborted labour. He agreed to quote for the revised proposal.

Gostwick – A quotation of £50 was received from Aquamain for isolating the water supply and draining down and venting the standpipes prior to winter. Returning to the site, reinstating water supply, refill and test in spring time. Councillor Mrs Lamb proposed and Mrs Farnham seconded that this quotation be accepted. It was carried.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New applications since last month

06/00519/NHAZ	Hazardous substances at 1-5 Stapledon Road, Orton Southgate	Concern*
06/00524/FUL	Parking bays at Rangefield, Orton Brimbles	No objection
06/00486/FUL	Refurbishment of 1-3 Southgate Way, Orton Southgate	No objection
06/00521/FUL	20 Everingham, Orton Brimbles	No objection
06/00352/FUL	Fencing at Bushfield Community College, Orton Centre	No objection
06/00517/FUL	Extension at 17 Sunningdale, Orton Waterville	No objection

* Whilst not actually objecting to this application, concern was expressed about the effect this would have on the local community if any leakage or accident occurred. Following the Parish Council's letter of concern a reply was forwarded from the Environment Agency stating that the Agency has no objection and is satisfied that adequate safety and protection measures have been put in place.

(b) Decisions on previous applications

05/01788/FUL	Dormer at rear of 7-8 Everingham, Orton Brimbles	Approved
06/00260/FUL	Resiting of wall at 5 Earlswood, Orton Brimbles	Approved
06/00301/TRE	Removal of limb from preserved Oak at Notcutts	Approved
06/00321/TRE	Removal of branches from preserved Oak at Notcutts	Approved

Appeals

05/01647/FUL Dwelling at 1 Martins Way, Orton Waterville.

13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) The following payments were authorised

Allianz Cornhill (insurance)	£2578.50
OCSYP (grant under section 137 LGA)	£500.00
D L Kirk (maintenance work)	£286.00
Beebys Landscaping (churchyard maintenance)	£277.59
B T (phone charges)	£104.19
Anglian Water	£78.34
Inland Revenue	£115.52
Clerk's Salary (for May)	£361.48
Clerk's Expenses (for May)	£30.10

(b) Income received to date

J Hopper – shed rent	£140.00
M Lodge – shed rent	£100.00
Allotment rents	£385.00
Precept	10701.00
Bank Interest on Saver Plus Account (for April)	£144.63
Bank Interest on Treasurer's Account (for April)	£0.37

14. MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The following matters were raised:

- (a) As the sign post to the church in Church Drive is obviously not a City Council sign, it was agreed to ask Mr Kirk if he would reinstate it.
- (b) The Citizen newspapers have been dumped in the Debdale pond. It was agreed to write to the E.T. about this.
- (c) The Church Drive name plate needs repairing and it was agreed to inform the City Council about this.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was thought that three Councillors would be eligible to be put forward for the queen's garden party. The Clerk agreed to enquire about this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.