

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Dangerous Parking (Minute 5a)

It was agreed to await the police report following Sgt Church's review of the case.

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

Mrs Harkness had reported verbally to the Clerk that some funding had been secured to keep the Contact Centre going for a short term. However, the Ormiston Trust has withdrawn completely from the Centre and, therefore, more funding is being sought for the long term. It was agreed to thank Mrs Harkness for her representation on this committee and to ask her if she would continue doing so for the time being.

(c) Parish Council Elections (Minute 5e)

This item was brought forward on the agenda and Mrs Farnham was duly co-opted.

(d) Orton Longueville Playgroup (Minute 6a)

An acknowledgement was received. This was noted.

(e) Missing Sign (Minute 13)

A reply was received from the Countryside Access Officer who suggested that the redundant post be left where it is for the time being as it could be used for a new nature reserve sign. This was noted.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Election Cycle – This item was brought forward on the agenda and dealt with as above.

(b) Boundary Fence to the allotments – A letter was received from neighbouring residents complaining that ivy growth from the allotments had destroyed their fence. A site visit had been made and it was agreed that the Parish Council should not accept any liability for damage to this rather old and flimsy fence which appears to be the result of natural ageing. There had been no previous complaints either from these or previous occupants of growth on the Parish Council side of the fence which has exceeded its expected and intended useful life.

(c) Public Realm Strategy – Opportunity Peterborough together with Peterborough City Council are launching Peterborough's Public Realm Strategy at the Broadway Suite on 27 May from 2-4pm. This was noted.

(d) Winyates Primary School – A request for funding was received from Winyates Primary School. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. Mrs Farnham agreed to find out about the Extended Schools Fund.

(e) Development Plan – Peterborough's Core Strategy Development Plan Document was received from the City Council for consultation. It was agreed to circulate this document with the purpose of discussing it at the next meeting. It was noted that a consultation session was being held in the Village Hall on the afternoon of 22 May 2008.

12. BURIAL GROUND

Two quotations were received from the Architect for an engineering firm to act as Clerk of Works. Mrs Thornley proposed that, provided inspections were included, Stafford Infrastructure Engineering should be accepted as the lower tender. This was seconded by Mr Stone and carried. The Clerk was instructed to point out to the Architect, who was acting as the agent, that Staffords had not actually specified the number of inspections during construction whereas Chengs had specified 3 visits. It was noted that the Architect was still in negotiation with the Planning Authority to clear conditions C1 and C2 of the planning consent.

13. VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that funding for the Car Park had been requested from the Community Fund held by the ward councillors but that it was not received from last year's budget because Councillor Trueman had refused to sign the request. However, Councillor Elsey agreed to apply for it again from this year's budget. The tree overhanging the Village Hall was still causing concern. It was agreed to enquire from the City Council whether it had been inspected yet. It was agreed that this could be done when the Clerk returned from holiday as we would be in the summer month then. A quotation had been requested from D L Kirk for the repair of the Village Hall notice board. It was agreed to also ask for a quotation from D Rootham.

14. ALLOTMENTS

(a) Wyman Way

There are no outstanding rents at this site. A new resident has requested an allotment on this site. It was agreed to offer her plot No.7.

(b) Cherry Orton Road

There is still one outstanding rent. The tenant has received a final notice. There is one person on the waiting list.

(c) Gostwick

There is still one outstanding rent. The tenant has received a final notice. There are three people on the waiting list. Two have not returned the new contract. It was agreed to assume that it had got lost and to send another one with a covering note to say, "You are required to sign this. Please return within a fortnight."

15. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Following the Parish Council elections, a new bank mandate has to be signed. Mr Stone proposed and Mrs Thornley seconded that the cheque signatories should remain as the Clerk and any other two Parish Councillors. Transfers between accounts can be authorised by the Clerk only. This was carried.

(a) The following payments were authorised

PDG Architects (architect's fee)	£343.26
Anglian Water (both allotment sites)	£77.30
Beebys Landscaping (two months churchyard maintenance)	£647.56
CALC (subscriptions)	£631.59
BT (phone charges by direct debit)	£131.15
No tax or NIC due to incentive payment for electronic submission	-
Clerk's Salary (for May)	£385.90
Expenses (for May)	£33.25

(b) Income received to date

J Hopper – shed rent	£140.00
M Lodge – shed rent	£100.00
PCC for trees and shrubs	£105.75
Allotment rent	£601.00
Reimbursement of bank charge from bounced cheque	4.00
Bank Interest on Saver Plus Account	£149.67

(b) Annual Return

The Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2008 were circulated to the members together with the Annual Return verified and signed by the internal auditor, Mark Hazlehurst. Mr Stone proposed that (i) the Statement of Accounts (ii) the Annual Governance Statement (iii) the Balance Sheet be approved and signed. This was seconded by Mrs Thornley and carried.

16. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New applications since last month

08/00226/LBC	New heating system at 22 Cherry Orton Road	No objection
08/00336/FUL	Revised extension at 40 Farleigh Fields	Objection*
08/00418/FUL	Balcony at 26 Cherryfields, Ham Lane	No objection**
08/00369/FUL	Extension at 1 Farleigh Fields	Objection***
08/00495/FUL	Alterations at Precision Valve Ltd, Bakewell Road	No objection
08/00251/ADV	Signs at unit 2 Culley Court, Orton Southgate	No objection
08/00344/FUL	Conservatory at 42 Vetchfield, Orton Brimbles	No objection
08/00345/FUL	Extension at 41 Lady Lodge Drive, Orton Waterville	No objection

*A planning committee meeting was held on 3 May 2008 to consider this application. It supported the objection made by a neighbour on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and that proposal would have an overbearing impact of the neighbouring property. The height and length would have a detrimental effect on light and the loss of view formerly enjoyed would affect the neighbour's quality of life.

** A planning committee meeting was held on 3 May 2008 to consider this application. It concluded that there might possibly be a small loss of privacy.

*** A planning committee meeting was held on 3 May 2008 to consider this application. It concluded that this was an overdevelopment of the site and that the new roofs were not in keeping with the surrounding area.

(b) Decisions on previous applications

08/00172/FUL	Conversion at 48 Marsham, Orton Goldhay	Refused#
08/00167/FUL	Extension at 10 Borthwick Park, Orton Wistow	Approved
08/00278/FUL	Extension at 6 Charles Cope Road, Orton Waterville	Approved
08/00333/ADV	Sign at the Midas Centre, Newcombe Way, Orton Southgate	Approved
08/00337/FUL	Extension at 36 Overton Way, Orton Waterville	Approved
08/00345/FUL	Extension at 41 Lady Lodge Drive, Orton Waterville	Approved
08/00226/LBC	New heating system at 22 Cherry Orton Road	Approved
08/00355/OUT	New dwelling at 82 Linnet, Orton Wistow	Refused##
08/00418/FUL	Alteration to roof at 26 Cherryfields, Orton Waterville	Approved

This application was refused on the grounds that access to the garden from the maisonette was not established. The bin storage and cycle storage at the end of the garden would require the occupiers of the maisonette to walk round the neighbouring houses to get to them. This results in a lack of privacy for the occupiers of the downstairs flat. Also the increase in the number of dwellings would lead to a greater demand for parking in an area where on street parking is over capacity. This could lead to dangerous parking, impeding the free flow of other road users, increasing the risk of accidents and endangering highway users.

This application was refused on the grounds that it was out of keeping with the general pattern of development and that it fails to demonstrate that the development can be constructed without loss or harm to trees.

17. WEBSITE/PRESS

It was agreed to advertise the vacancies for Parish Councillors on the website.

18. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

The following matter was raised:

- (a) A rusty post needs removing from the grass verge on Orton Parkway.
- (b) Broken glass needs clearing from the path between the Hairdressers and the Church.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the Parish Council were mentioned again in the election issue of Focus.

The policy on reducing excess paper was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk could dispose of planning applications more than a year old to make room in the Village Hall archive cabinets for old correspondence files.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that Travellers had camped on the grass verge in Brimbles Way. The City Council is aware of this and is dealing with it in accordance with its policy.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.03 pm.