

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on Wednesday 19th December 2012 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mr M Chambers (in the Chair) Mr P Froggitt Mrs D Sandles
Mrs D Fearon Mr C Long Mrs J Goode
Mr R Hammerton Mr I McLaughlan Mrs A Brown (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – One PCSO Helen Knighton

116/12-12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Stokes, Cllr G Elsey, Mr S Warren and Mrs J Farnham. Mrs Brown informed the meeting that Mr Chambers had received a letter of resignation from Mr S Watts who sat on the Orton Brimbles ward.

117/12-12 Declaration of Interests and dispensations

- 1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
None were received.
- 2. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).**
None were received.
- 3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.**
None.

118/12-12 Public Forum

There were no matters raised.

119/12-12 Local Police Matters

PCSO Helen Knighton informed the meeting that car crimes were still high in the area. It is very important that everyone ensures that they lock their car windows and doors when they park. The amount of burglaries has also gone up due to the time of year, especially of non-dwelling buildings, e.g. garages. The Neighbourhood panel for the Hamptons and Ortons took place last night and the public were informed that the police have 3 main priorities that they will be tackling in the New Year.

120/12-12 Reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Stokes sent a written report with her apologies. 'Sorry I can't be with you all this evening, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I was sorry to hear that Stan has resigned and I send my best wishes to him. I attended a Flood line De Briefing session on Monday because as you are all probably aware, The Orton Waterville Area of Oundle Road was on a flood alert warning recently. There is still a vacancy for a flood Warden for Orton Waterville and we are looking for a volunteer. A Flood and Water Management Officer would be willing to come to the Parish Council to talk to you all about it and to put you in the picture. It was also mentioned during the meeting that talks are on-going between Water Management and the Environment Agency regarding the possibility of improving flood defences in the area. They are also in the process of trying to arrange a Flood Fair where manufacturers will be bringing flood safety devices that residents can buy to protect their homes. They are looking at 19th of January but no date or venue has been confirmed yet. I will update as soon as it is confirmed. I have been very busy in my role as Deputy Mayor and have attended many local Carol services and Christmas lunches for senior citizens in the area. I also visited Halls Chemist in Orton Wistow last week. Visitors could have their picture taken with the Torch and proceeds were going to Sue Ryder. It was well attended and children from local schools took part'.

121/12-12 Minutes of previous meeting (attached)

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council held on 21st November 2012 were unanimously agreed by everyone as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

122/12-12

Clerks Update

1. **Village Hall renovations** – The order for the electrical works has now been placed. Mr Hammerton informed the meeting that the hall will be shut from 3rd January 2013 when the contractors will start stripping the ceiling in preparation for the insulation.
2. **Storage of old Parish Council minutes** – One set of old minutes books has now been taken to the Archives at Peterborough Library for safe keeping and are open to public viewing.
3. **Notice board for Napier place** – The notice board has been ordered and will be delivered towards the end of February.
4. **Windmill Public House Fence** – The Landlord has assured the Parish Council that the removed palisade fencing will be erected within the next few weeks.

123/12-12

Correspondence Received

1. **Orton Counselling Service for Young People** – A request for funding has been received from the Orton Counselling Service for Young People to help them continue providing this valuable service to young people within the Parish.
Resolved: to award a grant of £1000 under section 137 LGA 1972.
2. **Peterborough City Council** – a letter has been received from Environmental Health at Peterborough City Council informing the Parish Council to take action regarding a problem with rats on Cherry Orton Road allotments that are causing problems for neighbouring properties. Under Orton Waterville Parish Council Standing Orders number 5axvii, the Clerk has instructed Peterborough Pest Control Services to carry out a rat treatment at these allotments.
3. **Halls Chemist, Napier Place** – An invitation to attend event an Olympic Torch event to help raise funds for Sue Ryder was being held at Halls Chemist in Napier Place. Mrs Sandles attended the event on behalf of the Parish Council and Cllr Stokes attended in her capacity as Deputy Mayor.

124/12-12

Clerks pension

Mrs Brown left the room whilst this was being discussed.

Resolved: to grant Mrs Brown a pension with immediate effect.

125/12-12

Tree Survey

Mr Long suggested that perhaps another tree survey was necessary. A survey was done last December and as a result of which, the ivy on a considerable number of trees was severed so that they could be properly assessed and inspected a year later. The Clerk has obtained a quotation for £320.00 from the same arboriculturist for a new tree survey and report.

Resolved: to accept the quotation for a new tree survey and report to be carried out.

126/12-12

Encroachment onto Parish Council land

A concern was raised that the rear property boundary of 48a Cherry Orton Road has been extended with a gravel and grassy area and is encroaching on the access roadway leading from Cherry Orton Road through to the allotments which is Parish Council owned land. It was agreed that the Clerk will seek legal advice and take the matter forward.

127/12-12

Venue for Parish Council meetings during Village Hall renovations

Mr Chambers suggested that the Parish Council use St Mary's Church for its meetings during the village hall renovations and that a donation for the use is made to the church of the same value that is paid for the rental of the village hall. It was also suggested that the meetings could be held at different venues around the Parish to encourage the public to attend, however this has been done in the past and did not increase public attendance.

Resolved: following a vote with a result of five to two in favour; to use the Church as a venue for the next three meetings and make a donation of the same value as the rental of the village hall.

128/12-12

Plegan Place play area

Mr Chambers informed the meeting that the Phoenix School who have an allotment plot on Wyman Way are concerned with the amount of dog mess that they are finding on their plot including the raised beds area. Dog mess puts the children who work on the allotment at high risk of contracting toxocarasis, a potentially lethal disease that can lead to blindness. It was felt that there is sufficient signage displayed asking dog owners to clear up after their pet and more signs would not make the minority of dog owners who fail to take notice of the signs, clear up their dog mess. It was agreed that there are no excuses for not picking it up and placing it in the bin that is provided. The Phoenix School also asked Mr Chambers asked if the play area facility could be updated and also include equipment that disabled children could use. The Parish Council will look into this as part of next year's budget.

- 129/12-12 Norman Cross Area Road Safety Committee**
The Clerk circulated minutes of previous minutes. It was generally felt that the issues that were being looked at were general road matters and not specific to the Ortons. Mr Froggitt suggested that it may be more beneficial to try and form links with the neighbouring parishes of Orton Longueville and Hampton and send a joint representation to the committee. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Froggitt will take the lead on this and contact the other Parishes.
- 130/12-12 Motorbikes being ridden over the field near Kilham / Brudenell**
Mr McLaughlan raised concerns that motorbikes are being ridden over the field near Kilham and Brudenell and that it is putting children at risk that play there. He said that he had emailed his concerns to the Peterborough City Council Orton and that Cllr Stokes had passed this information onto the police. PCSO Knighton also informed the meeting that the public should continue to report this to the police every time it happens and they will send an officer out to investigate.
- 131/12-12 Purchase of segregated waste bin**
The Clerk circulated a number of segregated bin styles and prices to replace the waste bin that is near the burial ground. It was generally felt that the purchase of such a bin would not solve the current problem of littering in this area and that the money would be better spent on purchasing a larger bin for inside the burial ground which is now proving too small. The Clerk will investigate the cost of a larger bin for the burial ground.
- 132/12/12 PALC meeting.**
Mr Froggitt circulated the report from the recent Peterborough Associations of Local Councils. There were no matters of concern.
- 133/12/12 Methodist Chapel**
The Methodist Chapel have approached Mr Froggitt for help from the Parish Council. They would like to have a finger sign erected on the corner of Chapel Lane pointing to the church. Although they have some funds available for the purchase, they would like the Parish council to organise the purchase and installation of the sign. The Clerk has agreed to do this on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 134/12/12 Ormiston Bushfield Academy**
Mr Froggitt attended a meeting with the Headmaster of Ormiston Bushfield Academy to find out how much community involvement the Academy students take part in. It was unanimously agreed to invite the Head Boy and Head Girl to give a presentation at the next Parish Council meeting. Mr Froggitt will contact the Academy and organise this.
- 135/12-12 Burial Ground**
The Clerk asked the Parish Council if a set of burial ground keys can be given to Mr Reed of GD Services of Thorney - the contractor who digs most of the graves. This would enable him to access the site convenient to him rather than having to wait for the Clerk to open the gate for him each time. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk can arrange a set of keys for Mr Reed.
- 136/12-12 Allotments**
- 1. Wyman Way** – no matters were raised.
 - 2. Cherry Orton Road** – the matter relating to the pest problem and the boundary encroachment were discussed earlier in the meeting and no further matters were raised.
 - 3. Gostwick** – the Clerk informed the meeting that two requests have been received from tenants asking to swop plots because of constant water logging. It was agreed that the tenants should be moved and that these plots not re-let for the time being. Mr Froggitt mentioned a planning proposed which was made by Peterborough City Council several years ago which involved them taking part of the Gostwick allotments (the area which is prone to water logging) for a development in exchange for a piece of land at the other end of the allotments, which could potentially solve this problem. The Clerk will contact Peterborough City Council to see if this is still part of their plans.
 - 4. New Tenancy agreement**
Mr Chambers withdrew this item following clarification from Mr Froggitt that it is already Parish Council policy to only allow one plot per household; however the Clerk can use her discretion and offer a plot on Wyman Way if there is no waiting list. The Clerk will withdraw those already on the waiting list that have been entered in error and offer them a plot on Wyman Way.

137/12-12 Finance & Administration**1. To authorise the following payments:**

Stile Fencing & Construction Ltd	Gates at Gostwick Allotments	£1128.00
Magpas	S137 Grant LGA 1972	£250.00
Peterborough Pest Control Services	Pest treatment at Cherry Orton Road allotments	£150.00
Dean Moore Plumbing and Heating	Allotments water shut down	£40.00
Beebys Landscaping Limited	Cemetery maintenance (Dec) and laying of turf	£363.60
Clerk's expenses 21 st Nov – 18 th Dec	Reimbursements	£101.58
Clerk's salary (<i>for Dec</i>)		£812.39
HM Revenue & Customs (<i>for Dec</i>)		£106.96

2. To note any income received.

Cemetery fees	£1100.00
Interest	£0.50

3. Precept – Mr Froggitt proposed the pass the following motion:

'The Council grant a general dispensation to speak and vote to all Members who may have a Disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to the functions of the authority in respect of:

Setting a budget and a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The period of the dispensation is for Members' remaining period of office in their current elected term.

Resolved: to pass the motion as above.

4. To discuss next year's budget proposal.

The budget proposal was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed to increase the precept because of the projects that the Parish Council wish to carry out.

Resolved: to increase the precept for 2013/14 by approximately 25%.

138/12-12 Planning Matters**1. To comment on new applications as follows:**

12/01139/FUL	Change of use to create 9 residential apartments at Peveral Management Services, Homenene House, Bushfield, Orton Goldhay	No objection
12/01796/HHFUL	Construction of single storey side extension at 10 Shearwater, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6YW	No objection
12/01820/FUL	Construction of new vehicular access at Royal Mail Group, Newcombe Way, Orton Southgate, Peterborough	No objection
12/01852/HHFUL	Rear single storey extension to replace a conservatory at 17 Sunningdale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5UB	No objection
12/01867/HHFUL	Ground floor side extension at 51 Chandlers, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5YW	No objection

2. To note decisions on previous applications - none.**3. To note decision from the Planning Committee hearing - none.**

139/12-12 Maintenance Matters – the footpath from New Road leading to the Orton Centre needs cleaning and the hedge at the Windmill Public House is overgrown, were items raised that require attention. The Clerk will deal with these matters.

140/12-12 Future agenda items and announcements – the Cemetery Regulations require amending regarding the cremated remains tablet size to bring it in line with the previously amended cremated remains plot size.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9: 45 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th January 2013 at 7:30 pm in St Mary's Church, Church Drive, Orton Waterville.