

Minutes of a meeting of the Orton Waterville Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, on
Wednesday, 20 April 2011, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mr M Chambers (in the chair) Mrs J Farnham (from 7.50pm) Mr P Froggitt Mr C Long
Mr M Rowett Cllr Mrs J Stokes (from 7.35pm) Mrs D Sandles Mrs G Thornley

Members of the Public – One PCSOs – None Ward Councillors – as above

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Sgt M Thorpe, Cllr Mrs S Allen, Mr M Stone and Mr M Smith. These were accepted.
2. PUBLIC FORUM – There were no matters brought up.
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
 - Item 7(a) – Mr C Long and Mrs D Sandles (members of the Village Hall Committee)
 - Item 7(c) - Mr C Long and Mrs D Sandles (members of the Village Hall Committee)
 - Item 10 (a) - Mr P Froggitt (allotment tenant)
 - Item 10(b) - Mrs D Sandles (allotment tenant)
 - Item 10(c) - Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)
4. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – In sending his apologies, Police Sergeant Mick Thorpe wrote that at this current time crime and anti social behaviour incidents are going down. The only thing of note was reports of a male flasher along the cycle path between Orton Brimbles and Orton Waterville. Extra patrols have been in place for over 10 days and will continue for the foreseeable future.
5. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS – Cllr Stokes reported that a meeting was being held on 9 May between the Stagecoach company and the ward councillors of the Neighbourhood Council regarding the route and frequency of buses. Mr Froggitt asked if parish councillors could attend and it was agreed that either he or Mr Long would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 March 2011 – Mr Froggitt proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (a) Village Hall (*minute 7b*).

It was reported that plans are being drawn up by an architect for submission to the Planning Authority. Following this there will be a consultation meeting to present the plans to members of the public. This project will be reported on by the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee at the AGM next Wednesday, 27 April 2011. Mr Chambers proposed that the Parish Council could further help the Village Hall Committee by submitting the plans and paying the planning fee from the budget which has been set aside for this project. This was seconded by Mrs Thornley and carried.
 - (b) Listed Building Survey (*minute 8a*).

An acknowledgement was received from Mr Jim Daley. It was noted that he would ‘gently’ chase up the owner of No.25 to see if he has made any progress in his repair of this listed building.
 - (c) Queen’s Diamond Jubilee (*minute 9*).

Various designs and pricings were received and circulated to members. It was reported that the Village Hall Committee were including another room in their plans called the Jubilee Room, and that it was hoped that it would be paid for by public subscription. Since the Village Hall is there for the benefit of all areas of the parish, it was considered more appropriate than a sign in the village. It was agreed to abandon the idea of a sign and to support the Village Hall project.
 - (d) Elections (*minute 10*).

Notification was received that there were not enough nominations and, therefore, no election would be necessary. The uncontested results are as follows:

Village (ORW1)	Brimbles (ORW2)	Goldhay West (ORW3)	Wistow (ORW4)	Goldhay East (ORL4)
M Chambers	B Fearon	J Farnham	P Froggitt	(vacant)
C Long	J Stokes	R Hammerton	D Sandles	(vacant)
(vacancy)	S Watts	-	(vacancy)	-

It was agreed to put Co-options on the next agenda and to advertise these vacancies in the interim. As well as on the website and on the noticeboard, it was agreed to put an article in the ET. A letter was read out from Malcolm Smith explaining why he was unable to stand again for the Village seat. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter of thanks to all the councillors standing down.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Precept – Various emails were received regarding the increase in this year’s precept. The Clerk has responded to all of these and this was noted.
- (b) Proposed Crossing on Oundle Road – A copy of an email was received from a resident addressed to an officer of the City Council. It was agreed that, since the email was not addressed to the Parish Council, the Clerk need not reply. A response to the Parish Council’s request for a crossing was received from the Transport Planner. It informed the Parish Council that further surveys require to be carried out and that this cost would be borne by the Parish Council. It was agreed to request a meeting with the Highways Department to discuss this. As well as the Clerk and the Chairman, Mr Froggitt, Mr Long and Cllr Stokes expressed an interest to be present at the meeting.
- (c) Insurance – This year’s quotation has been received. It was noted that the population quoted for was up to 10,000. A projection of population from the previous census suggests that Orton Waterville parish might be slightly more in 2011. The Clerk was asked to inform the Insurance Company of this.

9. BURIAL GROUND

- (a) The plaque is still not fixed. The Clerk to chase up.
- (b) A six monthly Risk Assessment Inspection took place. Action required was to monitor the hole in a neighbouring fence, monitor the woodchip on the path, check grave markers and consider access to the back row of cremated remains. This has been done.

10. ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Wyman Way – Water has now been laid on but the standpipe has not yet been installed. There were 3 people on the waiting list which the Clerk asked Mr Froggitt to contact. One of those has taken up one of the allotments. The Clerk will contact the others in due course. Mr Froggitt will continue to promote the allotments and pass on to the Clerk any names he gets of interested parties.
- (b) Cherry Orton Road – The breach in the fence has been attended to. It was reported that there were other possible smaller breaches but it was agreed that to replace the whole fence would not be cost effective. Only one rent remains outstanding and this will be followed up. The combination lock will be changed at the end of the month. An actual meter reading was taken and the Parish Council is in credit.
- (c) Gostwick – A break in had occurred at this allotment site where bolt cutters were used to get onto the site and polytunnels slashed and hens let loose. The police were called out by the allotment holders and it was reported that fingerprints were taken at the entry point. New locks were purchased but found to be faulty when some tenants found themselves locked in. New locks are now in place and the combination will be changed at the end of the month.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) The following payments were authorised

Beebys (cemetery maintenance)	£273.00
Beebys (churchyard maintenance)	£354.00
Anglia Water (cemetery standing charge)	£12.20
Aqua Main (plumbing repairs)	£350.00
Peterborough Office Supplies (stationery)	£41.37
CPALC (subscription)	£674.85
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI)	£180.80
Clerk’s salary	£620.45
Expenses	£118.56

(b) <u>Income received to date</u>	
Bank Interest	£0.47
PCC (<i>capital grant on cemetery</i>)	£7,913.25
Allotment rents	£240.00

(c) Annual Accounts

The unaudited annual accounts had been circulated. The books were with the internal auditor for inspection. The Clerk answered any queries that were raised. It was agreed to transfer £30,000 from the general reserve to earmarked reserves for the purpose of the Village Hall project, as was previously approved.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

11/00340/FUL	Canopy at R & A Meats Ltd, 55 Cherry Orton Road	No objection
11/00266/FUL	Conservatory at 8 Ferry View, Orton Wistow	No objection
11/00194/FUL	Wall around 562 Oundle Road, Orton Waterville	Permissible dev.
11/00346/ADV	Signage at 37 Ortongate	No objection
10/01490/FUL	Revised extension at 29/31 Church Drive, Orton Waterville	No objection
11/00413/FUL	Paving and decking at the Windmill, Orton Waterville	No objection
11/00314/FUL	Log cabin & change of use at 36 Cherry Orton Road	No objection
11/00466/FUL	New facade to shops at 32, 33, 44 & 45 Ortongate	No objection

(b) Decisions on previous applications

11/00044/FUL	Office block at Flo-Mech House, Paxton Road, Orton Goldhay	Granted
11/00118/FUL	New sidings at miniature railway, Ferry Meadows	Granted
11/000124/CTR	Tree work at 51 Cherry Orton Road	Granted

13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS – One of the bollards in the grass verge outside 25 Cherry Orton Road has been knocked down. It was agreed to notify the City Council.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.