

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on
Wednesday, 21 January, 2009.

Present: Mr M Chambers (Chairman) Mrs J Farnham Mr P Froggitt Mr C Long
 Mr M Rowett Mr M Smith Mrs J Stokes Mr M Stone
 Mrs G Thornley

Members of the Public – none Ward Councillors – none PCSO Kyle Saunders & PCSO Joshua Coe

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr G Masters.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Item 10 – Mr C Long (member of Village Hall Committee)
 Item 10 – Mrs J Farnham (member of Village Hall Committee)
 Item 11a – Mr P Froggitt (allotment tenant)
 Item 11c - Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)
3. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – The PCSOs reported on the anti-social activity referred to in Mr Russell’s email. The graffiti culprits that are known to the police are being dealt with, the others are being visited at the schools by the Safer Schools Officer, and littering offenders will be ticketed. Due to a rise in car crime, Orton Malborne was targeted by the police. The culprits have now moved to Orton Waterville and are attacking cars parked out in the road. A biker was apprehended with a stolen motor bike and has been arrested. A house burglary took place in Chapel Lane and an old lady of 80 yrs old had her handbag snatched from her bicycle basket in New Road. A mobile surgery will be held at Napier Place and Church Drive on Saturday, 24th January, 2009 to allow members of the public to speak to the police about their concerns.
4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2008 – Mr Stone proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
5. MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2009 – Mr Stone proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (a) Freedom of Information Act (minute 5a).

The working party has not yet met to deal with outstanding matters but, in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a Publication Scheme was in place on 1st January 2009. It was agreed to delete the old wording from the website and substitute the following:
The Parish Council was required under the new Freedom of Information Act to adopt a Publication Scheme by 1st January 2009. This was passed at the latter end of 2008 as recorded in the minutes. The ‘Model Publication Scheme’ which was issued by the Information Commissioner’s Office, was adopted without amendment. Please click [HERE](#) for a list of things that are available under the Publication Scheme.
 - (b) New Councillors Training (minute 5b).

Due to having her leg in plaster, following an accident, Mrs Stokes was unable to drive. The Training Course had, therefore, to be deferred until another time.
 - (c) Environment Project (minute 5c).

The environment project with the bat and bird boxes is progressing, and a report from the pond/tree warden was circulated and noted.
 - (d) Vacancies (minute 6b).

The Chairman had not yet contacted Robert Maskill but promised to do so.
 - (e) Park Bench (minute 14b).

It was reported that the missing seat from Brimbles Way has now been replaced.
 - (f) Buckingham Palace Garden Party (minute 15).

Nominations for this will be requested in February by CPALC. Keep a look out in the Bulletin. This was noted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) My Allotment Plot – A letter was received from this company requesting to advertise at the allotment sites. It was agreed to allow it at the Gostwick and Cherry Orton Road allotments.
- (b) Neighbourhood Watch – Details of a Neighbourhood Watch Conference were circulated. This was noted.
- (c) PCC Support – The responsibilities within Democratic Services has been realigned. The changes have been noted.
- (d) Nene Valley Railway – Nene Valley Railway are proposing to build a museum at Ferry Meadows. They have offered to provide us with a presentation. It was agreed to invite them at 7pm prior to the next meeting.

8. PROCEDURES

Since the Chairman will be away in February, the working group arranged to meet on Monday 9th March to review procedures and standing orders.

9. BURIAL GROUND

The invitations to tender were sent out and the return date was 30th January 2009. It was agreed that the Clerk and Mr Froggitt should be present at the opening of the tenders. The Clerk will arrange this with the Architect.

10. VILLAGE HALL – There are no matters pending.

11. ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Wyman Way – nothing pending.
- (b) Cherry Orton Road
The fencing has been erected to stop the breach in the boundary. A email was circulated from City Services confirming that the tree will be removed by 30th January 2009.
- (c) Gostwick
As mentioned above (under Correspondence) the company ‘My Allotment Plot’ has been given permission to advertise on site since its products will be beneficial to allotment holders.

12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) The following payments were authorised

J Bradley (fencing contractor)	£149.50
M Russell (pond maintenance)	£40.00
Peterborough Office Supplies (stationery)	£76.94
Thompsons Quantity Surveyors (cemetery estimate)	£172.50
SLCC (membership fee)	£94.00
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax and NIC)	£104.30
Clerk’s Salary (for January)	£395.20

(b) Income received to date

Allotment rent	£12.00
J Hopper – shed rent	£140.00
M Lodge – shed rent	£100.00
Bank Interest on Saver Plus Account	£5.65

13. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New applications since last month – No new applications were received.

08/01329/FUL	Roof conversion at Royal & Sunalliance, Lynch Wood	No objection
08/01463/FUL	Extension at 28 Vetchfield, Orton Brimbles	No objection*
08/01456/FUL	Extension at 48 Sevenacres, Orton Brimbles	No objection

* Although there were comments on this plan, because of the Christmas holiday, time ran out.

(b) Decisions on previous applications

06/01863/FUL	Amendments to redevelopment of Orton Centre	Granted
07/01301/FUL	Alterations at Units A and B Gateway Park, Orton Southgate	Withdrawn
08/00837/FUL	Extension to toilet block at Caravan Site, Ferry Meadows	Granted
08/01277/FUL	Installation of teller machine at 27 Ortongate	Granted
08/01538/ADV	Illuminated sign at 27 Ortongate	Granted
08/01381/ADV	V-board panel (retrospective) near Loch Fyne Close, Orton Northgate	Refused*
08/01421/FUL	Extension at 2 Earlswood, Orton Brimbles	Granted
08/01315/NTEL	Installation of telecom mast total height 14.4m at Brimbles Way	Withdrawn
08/01219/ADV	Illuminated entrance totem at Ortongate	Granted

* This was refused on the grounds that it would be visually detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.

14. WEBSITE/PRESS – Amendment to website as mentioned above under Freedom of Information Act.

15. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to report the following:

- (a) It was noted that there was excessive deterioration to the recently surfaced Cherry Orton Road. It was agreed to ask the Highways Department to inspect this to see if it had been done properly.
- (b) The footpath in the vicinity of Don's Walk has become muddy and impassable.
- (c) The Bus Shelters at Rangefield have been vandalised and covered with graffiti.
- (d) The seat adjacent to the playing field near the sports centre on the Rangefield side of the road has been vandalised.
- (e) The Windmill wall is overgrown and causing an obstruction to pedestrian traffic.
- (f) Highways footpath is crumbling at the former Glebe Farm.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.54 pm.