

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on
Wednesday, 15 July, 2009.

Present: Mr M Chambers (in the chair) Mrs J Farnham Mr P Froggitt Mr C Long
Mr G Masters Mr M Rowett Mrs J Stokes Mr M Stone
Mrs G Thornley

Members of the Public – none Police – none Ward Councillors – none

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr M Smith and Cllr Mrs S Allen.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Item 9 – Mr G Masters (friend of the solicitor)
Item 10(a) - Mr P Froggitt (allotment tenant)
Item 10(c) - Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)
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3. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – There were no police present.
4. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS – There was none.
5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2009 – Mr Stone proposed and Mr Masters 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 6a*).
This is still in progress.
 - (b) Boundary Fences (*minute 6b*).
Mr Smith was not present to report on the boundary between the residents and the car park.
7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
 - (a) Tree Planting Grants – Various grants are available for tree planting. It was agreed to review these after the road works to the cemetery have been completed.
 - (b) Recycling Bins – A complaint was received from a resident because another recycling bin had been placed adjacent to the shops. This particular recycling bin was for clothes and the Parish Council agreed that this was a useful amenity. However, the other three bins were for glass and it was agreed to look into the possibility of removing one of these since householders can now put glass in their household recycling bins.
8. BURIAL GROUND

The installation charge for the water connection to the new cemetery was paid and a receipted invoice received.

Minutes of the meeting at the Architects premises was received and circulated. At this meeting the Clerk was satisfied that the appointment of a Construction Design and Management (CDM) co-ordinator was necessary. The appointment of Mrs Woodward of Anglia Project Safety Limited was made.

Confirmation has now been received of the Discharge of Condition 4 of the Planning Consent. Notification has therefore been received that work will commence on site on 3 August 2009 for approximately 8 weeks. During this time it will be necessary for the access from Wyman Way to be blocked off. A diversion will be signposted along the existing footpath between the new cemetery and the allotments. It was agreed to notify the residents by placing notices on the notice boards, on lampposts and placing a notice in the Evening Telegraph. Unfortunately, the closing date for the Orton Oracle has passed. The nearest neighbours will be notified by letter.

Regarding the registering of the boundary, apparently the neighbouring owners wish to clarify a discrepancy which occurred because the boundary was registered as a curved arc. Obviously, a fence being a solid object, it is not capable of being manoeuvred into a curved shape and so a narrow area between a straight line and a curve has come into question. The Parish Council has agreed to allow this narrow piece of land to be transferred to its neighbours on condition that when the

temporary fence, which is there at present, is taken away the neighbours will be responsible for erecting and maintaining a permanent fence.

9. STORAGE SHEDS

Confirmation was received that the electricity supply to the former storage shed has been disconnected and made safe. The meter has been removed and the junction box replaced with a secure, lockable, waterproof box. It has been done in this manner because the remaining shed has its supply from this feed. The armoured cable can be removed completely when the second shed is demolished.

Following the return by cheque of the tenant's rent by Standing Order, a letter was received from the tenant's solicitor's to inform us that his client would not be cashing the cheque. This letter was forwarded to the Parish Council's solicitors. Buckles Solicitors, acting for the Parish Council, then formally responded to the Section 26 Notice by confirming that the Parish Council was opposing the tenant's request for a new tenancy. Having set out various reasons and clauses as reported under last month's Confidential Minute, £140 per month was offered for the residue of the lease from the date when the tenant vacates the premises provided that he has vacated by 10 July 2009. Since the 10 July has now passed, the Clerk was asked to contact the Council's solicitor to ascertain if there had been any response.

10. ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Wyman Way – Peterborough Tree Services have completed their work on the boundary hedge. Some discussion took place on further landscaping but it was decided to defer this until the cemetery work has been completed.
- (b) Cherry Orton Road – Complaints had been received about the state of some of the allotments. The tenants were written to. One had been working abroad for a while but has now returned and will tidy up his allotment. The Clerk will follow up the others. All rents have been paid.
- (c) Gostwick – Mr Rowett agreed to speak to the owner of the hosepipe. At the moment it is not causing any problem. The tenant of the overgrown allotment has not responded to the letter sent to him last month. It was agreed that he had breached his tenancy agreement and that the allotment should be re-let. As it is quite a large allotment, it was agreed to instruct a fencing contractor to halve the allotment.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a)	<u>The following payments were authorised</u>	
	PCC – Tall Ships Project (s.137 LGA)	£250.00
	PTS (Tree felling)	£345.00
	Buckles solicitors (interim fee)	£575.00
	P J Thory (demolition work)	£1,836.95
	D L Kirk (notice board maintenance)	£128.99
	HM Revenue & Customs (Tax and NIC)	£101.10
	Clerk's Salary (for July)	£395.20
	Expenses (for July)	£27.62
(b)	<u>Income received to date</u>	
	J Hopper – shed rent	£140.00
	Allotment rents	£60.00
	Bank Interest on Saver Plus Account	£1.61

12. PLANNING MATTERS

(a)	<u>New applications since last month</u>	
09/00564/FUL	Extension at 1 Church Drive, Orton Waterville	No objection
09/00565/FUL	Extension at 8 Loch Fyne Close, Orton Northgate	No objection
09/00573/FUL	Extension at Unit A Harrier Park, Orton Southgate	No objection
09/00469/FUL	Wind Turbine at 4 Milnyard Square, Orton Southgate	No objection*

* In reviewing the application Mr Froggitt wrote:- *Reluctantly I record no objection. Visually the impact will be very obtrusive. The turbine will be twice the height of the highest point of the adjacent building and almost three times the height of the general line of the surrounding buildings. But, to be effective in generation of power, it would probably be necessary to clear the surrounding roof and tree lines to gather the wind. It should not be necessary for an individual business to build a wind turbine, or provide any other sort of renewable energy themselves, as a sustainable energy source should be provided by the local authority as part of the development. Unfortunately, despite their claims to wish to become the sustainability city of the UK, PCC continue to expand the city without giving any consideration as to from where continued, sustainable*

sources of food, energy and water will come. Therefore, if the responsible authority will not guarantee an adequate energy source for the business, then I cannot see that the PC can have any objection to the business providing it for itself.

(b) Decisions on previous applications

09/00244/FUL	Extension at 39 Farleigh Fields, Orton Wistow	Granted
09/00443/FUL	Extension at 20 Burswood, Orton Goldhay	Granted
09/00461/FUL	Extension at 17 Pembroke Avenue, Orton Waterville	Granted
09/00498/TRE	Tree work at 39 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville	Granted
08/01381/ADV	V-board at Orton Northgate verging onto Oundle Road	**see below

*** This application, to which the Parish Council had objected, was refused by the City Council. Subsequently, Persimmon Homes took it to appeal. The Inspector has upheld the City Council's decision and dismissed the appeal. He considered the main issues to be the effect of the boards on the character and appearance of the area and on the living conditions of the occupiers of nearby dwellings. Persimmon Homes claimed that there was a commercial need for the proposed advertising panel in the current economic climate. The City Council claimed that the panel would contribute towards the spread of advertisements outside the City Centre. The Inspector considered that the issue of the visual amenity was the decisive factor in his decision. Persimmon Homes argued that the panel would be situated within a landscaping strip. The Inspector judged that because of its size, location and urban character, the advertisement would unacceptably impose into the essentially well vegetated aspects of the landscaping strip. The display would be intrusive, detracting from the verdant character and appearance of the area. In addition, in this location, he considered the panel would intrude unacceptably into the outlook from adjacent dwellings, resulting in harm to the living conditions of the residents.*

13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS – It was reported that following some recent electricity works, the footpath at the junction of Gostwick with Brimbles Way had not been properly reinstated. It was agreed to report this to the City Council.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Chairman reported on the 3 new area structures which arose from the Liaison meetings. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.