

Minutes of a meeting of the Orton Waterville Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, on  
Wednesday, 18 January 2012, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mr M Chambers (in the chair) Mrs J Farnham Mrs B Fearon Mr P Froggitt  
Mrs J Goode Mr R Hammerton Mr C Long Mrs D Sandles  
Cllr Mrs J Stokes Mr S Warren Mr S Watts

Members of the Public – two

PCSO Amanda Butler

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were received and accepted from, Cllr Mrs S Allen and Cllr G Elsey.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interests were declared on the following agenda items:

Item 7(a)	Mrs Farnham, Mr Hammerton, Mr Long, Mrs Sandles	Members of Village Hall management committee
Item 12(a)	Mr Froggitt	Allotment tenant
Item 12(b)	Mrs Sandles	Allotment tenant
Item 12(c)	Mrs Fearon	Allotment tenant

3. PUBLIC FORUM – The members of public present were observers only.
4. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – PCSO Amanda Butler reported that there had been no reported crime in our parish since last month. There were arrests for fire raising but they were for the Bifield allotment site which is not in our parish. She also informed the meeting that there is to be a change in the police structure. A new team is to be set up to deal with anti-social behaviour and Sgt Mick Thorpe is being moved to head that team. A new sergeant will be appointed to replace him. There is also a new Inspector, Andy Bartlett. There will be a change in shift patterns which should make attending our meetings a little more frequent. While the changes are in progress, the contact should remain as Amanda Butler.
5. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS – Cllr Stokes reported that the tree in Chisenhale is to be inspected within the next week. She also reported on the revised bus timetable, and the change to half-hourly buses was noted. She also gave Cllr Elsey's apology and read out his report. He had reported that negotiations were ongoing with PCT regarding a new purpose built doctor's surgery. A new supermarket is proposed for the site of the present practice and the car park will then be finished in due course. Wistow Way, near the school, is to be remodelled.
6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011 – Mr Hammerton proposed and Mrs Sandles seconded that these minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - (a) Village Hall (minute 7a).  
It was agreed that if the work was not started by Peterborough Tree Services as they had promised, then the contract should go to Messrs Hall & Son as being the next lowest tender.
  - (b) Proposed Crossing on Oundle Road (minute 7b).  
There was nothing further to report.
  - (c) Tree Maintenance (Minute 7c)  
Invitations to tender had gone out to Peterborough Tree Services Ltd, R J Warren Ltd and Jeff Rowlett. To date no replies had been received. It was agreed to also invite Beebys Landscaping Ltd to tender as they are already contracted by us to do landscaping maintenance work.
  - (d) Fencing (Minute 7d)  
Tim Starmer of J Bradley Fencing has confirmed that the work will be done by the end of January.
  - (e) Vacancy for Clerk (Minute 7e)  
Over 40 applications have so far been received for this post. The interviewing team agreed to meet to draw up a short list.

The Parish Council approved the Chairman's action in advising the Clerk that it was the Council's intention to award her a gratuity, upon her retirement, in recognition of her years of dedicated service and as some recompense for the many unpaid hours that she had spent in pursuit of the Council's interests.

  
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(f) Maintenance Matters (Minute 7f)

Cllr Eley, who had agreed to look into this matter, was not present having given his apologies. Cllr Stokes agreed to find out about it.

8. GRANTS – Although the Grants Policy is on the website, it was thought by some to be a long and complicated document. A short Question and Answer page was circulated as being a simpler document to put on the website. This was agreed.
9. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – The Web Master is looking to expand the community website and offered to talk to us about expanding our part on it as well. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting to give us a presentation on it.
10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

(a) Pond/Tree Warden – A letter from the Warden to the Woodland Trust regarding a hedgerow pack for the Parish Council was noted.

(b) Bus Times – Following the receipt of the new bus timetable it was agreed to notify the company that notice was too short to provide publicity to the general public, and therefore the uptake is likely to be inadequate.

11. BURIAL GROUND – There was nothing to report.

12. ALLOTMENTS – It was agreed to amend clause 9 of the Policy on Structures as follows:

“Only two structures from the list above (see clause 2) shall be permitted on an allotment plot and in total shall not cover more than a further one quarter of the whole allotment plot. Polytunnels may also be permitted but shall not cover more than a further one quarter of the whole allotment plot.”

Mr Long proposed a change to the charging structure as follows:

“That from April 2013, the sizes of allotment plots be allocated to a banded schedule of

- Band A – plots of up to 100 sq.m in area  
 Band B – plots from 101 to 200 sq.m in area  
 Band C – plots from 201 to 300 sq.m in area  
 Band D – plots of 301 sq.m and above in area and

That for the year commencing April 2013, the rents for allotment plots be set at

	Cherry Orton Road and Gostwick	Wyman Way
Band A	£30 p.a.	£15 p.a.
Band B	£40 p.a.	£20 p.a.
Band C	£50 p.a.	£25 p.a.
Band D	£60 p.a.	£30 p.a.

And that any individual increase over £10 should be phased in over a two year period.”  
 This was seconded by Mr Hammerton and carried.

(a) Wyman Way – nothing further to report.

(b) Cherry Orton Road – Mr Froggitt reported that the resident at 40a Cherry Orton Road, who wanted to move his boundary fence, had sent maps to support his argument. One map was from the Land Registry Title Number CB72658. It was clear from this map that the boundary fence is exactly in the correct place and should not be moved. It was agreed to notify the resident of this.

(c) Gostwick – nothing further to report.

## 13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) The following payments were authorised

Beebys Landscaping Ltd	Cemetery maintenance	£273.00
Anglian Water (Wyman Way)	Water rates	£21.27
Anglian Water (Gostwick)	Water rates	£123.80
Anglian Water (Cherry Orton Road)	Water rates	£70.98
M Russell	Pond maintenance	£40.00
Clerk's salary (for January)	Salary	£620.45
HM Revenue & Customs (for January)	NI & Tax	£180.80
Johnston Publishing Ltd	ET Job Advertising	£581.38

  
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(b) Income received to date

Bank Interest	£0.50
Interment Fees	£600.00

## 14. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

11/01974/ADV	New signs at E of E Showground, Oundle Road, Alwalton	Objection*
11/01989/HHFUL	Extension at 50 Beverstone, Orton Brimbles	No objection
11/01995/HHFUL	Extension at 65 Church Drive, Orton Waterville	No objection
11/02041/HHFUL	Extension at 60 Overton Way, Orton Waterville	No objection

\* There was no objection to the new proposed signs around the exhibition centre. However, there was objection to the proposed new signs marked A B and C on the planning application for the following reasons. These signs are situated at the main entrance to the Showground, off Oundle Road at Joseph Odam Way. The objection was not to the siting of the signs but to the lettering. The East of England Showground is an important landmark in East Anglia and important to the economy of Peterborough as well as locally to the Parish. There are many events held at the Showground, especially in the main arena, and everyone knows the venue as the East of England Showground. It is therefore imperative that people come from far away should know by the signage that they have arrived at the entrance to the East of England Showground. The lettering of this must, therefore, take precedence and be more prominent than the new name. The Parish Council strongly maintains that the top part of sign C should remain as existing with 'Welcome to the EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND' being the most prominent feature. There is no objection to the new name replacing the word 'exec'. Similarly, with signs A and B, the East of England Showground should, preferably, be more prominent.

(b) Decisions on previous applications


11/01822/HHFUL	Extensions at 30 The Orchards, Orton Waterville	Refused**
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\*\* This was refused on the grounds that the proposed extension would result in an unacceptable impact on the amenities of the neighbouring occupiers in terms of it being overbearing and causing overshadowing. Also the proposed extension would cumulatively result in a significant increase to the size of the original dwelling house, leading to a development that is out of proportion with the character of the host property to the detriment of the character of the area.

## 15. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

- The footpath alongside Brimbles Way is seriously cracked. It was agreed to report this to Highways.
- The cemetery footpath, either side of the new path, is now seriously uneven caused by tree roots. It was agreed to obtain a list of approved contractors from the City Council.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.



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