

Minutes of a meeting of the Orton Waterville Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, on
Wednesday, 20 October 2010, at 7.30 pm.

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

Members of the Public – none PCSOs – Matt Lauch Ward Councillors – as above

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were received from Mr M Chambers and Mr R Hammerton.
2. PUBLIC FORUM – There were no members of public present.
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Item 7(c) – Mr C Long (neighbouring the boundary)
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 – PCSO Matt Lauch reported that mini motos were on the increase, the DPPO was in progress and a few arson incidents had occurred. This was of concern since Bonfire Night was drawing near and there were many thatched cottages in the village. The Parish Council requested that, as in past years, the bottom part of Cherry Orton Road be coned on the night of the Firework Fiesta so as to prevent obstruction from parked cars at the narrowest part of the old village road. This request will be forwarded by Matt Lauch.
5. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS – Cllr Stokes reported that a baker's shop is to open at Ortongate, the DPPO has been recommended for approval and precautions are being put in place to prevent illegal camping by travellers. The planning application for the all weather pitch at Orton Longueville School has been withdrawn. It was agreed that the Parish Council should request to be consulted if a new application is made.

The Transport Plan was on display at the Neighbourhood Council meeting. However, there is to be a Customer Forum run by the City Council where the Local Transport Plan, among other things, will be explained. Mr Froggitt, Mrs Sandles and Cllr Stokes agreed to accompany the Clerk to this meeting. The importance to the City Council's budget of everyone completing their census return was also explained. It was reported that the cost of a crossing on Oundle Road was prohibitive. However, the Ward Councillors were pursuing this further.

A report from the Standard's Committee was circulated by Mr Froggitt in light of government changes to the Standards Board regime. It is not yet known how these changes will affect Parish Councils. Mr Froggitt will report more after the next Standards meeting.

Notes on the Training Session attended by three of the councillors were circulated by Mr Froggitt. There were several recommendations, some of which will be put forward as motions at the next meeting.

A report from the CPALC meeting was circulated by Mr Froggitt. It was recommended that Parish Councils be aware of what services will be cut by the City Council in order to consider whether they could pay for some of these services themselves.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2010 – Mrs Sandles proposed and Cllr Stokes seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (a) Procedure at Planning Committee meetings (*minute 7*).
Mr Farnham proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that the procedures, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, be adopted. This was carried. Mr Froggitt agreed to look at the existing policies to see whether these procedures could be added or whether it required a separate stand alone policy.
 - (b) Church Drive Shopping Parade (*minute 9a*).
No reply had been received from the owners of the Chinese Takeaway premises and flat. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

- (c) Allotment/Play Area Hedgerow (*minute 9d*).
The contractor agreed that work on the problem Ash tree will be completed by the end of the month.
- (d) Conservation Area matters (*minutes 9c and 10b*).
Mr Daley reported that the wall at 25 Cherry Orton Road had been repaired and was acceptable. Unfortunately, it has been decided that no further enforcement notices will be served on 37 Cherry Orton Road. This was received with disappointment by the Parish Council. The problem regarding heavy goods traffic on Cherry Orton Road is being investigated by the City Council.
- (e) Natural Environment – (*minute 9e*).
Beebys quotation for the planting of the extra hedgerow was £1,594. The City Council felt that this was excessive and requested two further quotations for the grant application. It was agreed to contact Landplan and City Services. Following the last meeting, Mr Smith offered to get some daffodil bulbs for the local girl guides to plant around the parish. This offer was accepted and thanks are recorded to him and the girl guides.
- (f) Fencing Repair – (*minute 9f*).
The fencing repair had been done by Bradley Fencing. The cost of £47 was accepted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- (a) Volunteer Award – A request was received from Mike Russell to nominate him for a Volunteer Award for the many voluntary services he performs for the parish. The awards will take place on 26 October 2010 at the Bull Hotel. It was agreed that Mrs Sandles would accompany Mr Russell to the award ceremony.
- (b) Orton Counselling Service for Young People – A request was received for funding assistance from the OCSYP. Mr Stone reported on the excellent service they provide and therefore Mr Froggitt proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that £500 be donated under section 137 of the Local Government Act. This was carried.
- (c) Royal Mail – A letter was read out from the CWU regarding the privatisation of Royal Mail. This was noted.

9. BURIAL GROUND

- (a) Risk Assessment – A risk assessment was carried out by Peterborough City Council and the following recommendations were made:
 - (i) Access road entrance and gate
It is recommended that the jagged wire fencing to the right of the gate is replaced or repaired at the earliest opportunity. *This has been repaired.*
 - (ii) Fencing
Monitor the hole in the west fence. Although it's not a health and safety issue it could present a problem if it increases in size allowing unauthorised access to the cemetery. *This will be monitored.*

The fence to the rear of No3 the Meadows should also be monitored. If it sways in high winds it is recommended that the owners of the property are contacted to advise them that a repair is necessary to prevent the fence falling into the cemetery possibly causing injury to cemetery users. *This will be monitored.*
 - (iii) Roads, footpaths and car park
The woodchip blowing onto the footpath should be swept back onto the planting area. *The maintenance contractor has been so instructed.*

It is recommended that provision is made to ensure all roads, paths and the car park are kept free from snow and ice during the winter months. Additionally, to prevent injury from slipping and falling, any oil spill from vehicles should be cleaned up immediately. *This will be monitored.*
 - (iv) Benches
It is strongly advised that the fixing nuts on the bench to the right of the entrance are tightened and the protruding bolts cut off just above the nut. The remaining bolt should then be hammer over to prevent the nut from being undone. Alternatively the bolts should be replaced with tamper proof fixings. *The bolts have been replaced.*

It was agreed to enquire about another litter bin next to the bench seat.

- (b) Official Opening – Cllr Marco Cereste, the Leader of the City Council, has agreed to officially open the new cemetery on Saturday, 13 September, at 11am. Mrs Farnham has agreed to do posters and a request will be made to the ET to advertise it in the Ortons page on the Friday before. A ribbon has been borrowed from the Village Show Committee. It was agreed to invite the Rev Hamilton and the Rev Pullinger.

10. ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Wyman Way – The mowing has been done. However, the spraying doesn't appear to have been done yet. It was agreed to give Landplan a reminder when next in correspondence with them.
- (b) Cherry Orton Road – There has been one new tenant since last month. The old security lock, which was worn, but still in working order, has been put back and is still working.
- (c) Gostwick – There have been two new tenants since last month. The security lock has been oiled and is working at the moment.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – It was agreed that maintenance on the Village Hall will be budgeted for in the next budget. Following the close of audit, Mr Stone proposed and Mrs Thornley seconded that an honorarium of £200 be paid to the Internal Auditor. This was carried.

(a) The following payments were authorised

E.ON (standing charge on water meter)	24.49
Beebys (cemetery and churchyard maintenance)	701.13
PCC (risk assessment)	150.00
Glinton Parish Council (councillors training)	270.00
Village Hall Management Committee (hiring charge)	200.00
Peterborough Office Supplies (stationery)	41.08
J Bradley (fencing)	47.00
Landplan (grasscutting)	282.00
Salary	620.25
Tax and NI	193.47
Expenses	51.16
Anglian Water	242.51

(b) Income received to date

Precept (second half)	13,436.00
Bank Interest	0.52

12. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

10/01135/FUL	Alterations at Evans Business Centre, Culley Court, Orton Southgate	No objection
10/01203/NTEL	Telecom mast at Paxton Road, Orton Centre	No objection
10/01078/FUL	Care Home at Former Arts Centre, Orton Goldhay	No objection
10/01176/FUL	Maintenance Depots at Bushfield School, Orton Goldhay	No objection
10/01281/TRE	Fell Horse Chestnut at 554 Oundle Road, Orton Waterville	No objection
10/1136/FUL	Alterations at 1 Arbroath Gardens, Orton Northgate	No objection
10/01348/CTR	Fell Ash Tree at 50 Chandlers, Orton Brimbles	No objection
10/01403/CTR	Raise crown of Yew Tree at 22A Cherry Orton Road, O/Waterville	No objection
10/01310/FUL	Change of use at Hobart Manufacturing, Southgate Way, O/Southgate	No objection

(b) Decisions on previous applications

10/01005/FUL	Outdoor installations at the Windmill Tavern, Orton Waterville	Refused**
10/01076/FUL	Extension at 18 Cherryfields, Orton Waterville	Granted
10/01031/FUL	Extension at 7 Shearwater, Orton Wistow	Granted
10/01018/FUL	Extension to Cafeteria and Information Centre at Ferry Meadows	Granted
10/00993/FUL	Installation of solar roof panels at 7 Chapel Lane, Orton Waterville	Granted
10/00962/FUL	Relocation of Garden wall at 33 Fallowfield, Orton Wistow	Granted
10/00973/FUL	Garage and boundary wall at 37 Wyndham Park, Orton Wistow	Granted
10/00915/FUL	Extension at 9 Arbroath Gardens, Orton Northgate	Granted

** Refused on the grounds that the decking and paving will result in an increased level of noise. The extraction equipment is producing noise, fumes and emissions which are noticeable from the street and have a detrimental impact on neighbour amenity.

(c) Appeals lodged

10/00664/FUL

Change of use at 48 Church Drive, Orton Waterville*

* Please Note: The applicant of the shop in Church Drive has lodged an appeal against the Planning Authorities refusal of his application. We are asked if we will stick by our decision or whether we want to withdraw our earlier objection.

Mr Froggitt proposed that, as long as the DPPO is passed and therefore the main objections dealt with, the Parish Council should withdraw its objection to this application. This was seconded by Mrs Farnham.

Mr Long proposed an amendment that, since there were other objections not dealt with by the DPPO, the Parish Council's objection to the application should stand. This was seconded by Mrs Sandles.

The result of the amendment was 4 for and 4 against. The Chairman's casting vote carried the amendment. The result of the original motion was, therefore, lost.

(d) Appeal Decisions

10/00356/FUL

Extension at 15 Everingham

Appeal allowed

13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS – There were none.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk will be away on the day of the next meeting. She will be able to send out agendas for the meeting but not be there to take the minutes. Cllr Stokes volunteered to take the minutes. Mrs Sandles also volunteered to help out. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.