

PARISH OF ORTON WATERVILLE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held virtually via Zoom on
Wednesday 17th June 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Farnham (Chair and Chair of the Parish Council), 20 electors and Mrs A Brown (Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Sandles.
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2019 were read, approved and signed by the Chair.
3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – The Chairman gave her report, a copy of which is attached.
4. LOCAL MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH ELECTORS – No matters were raised.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There was none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report 17th June 2020

Membership: Following the resignation of Cllr June Stokes, Cllr Luke Moore, Cllr Alex Airey and Cllr Kim Aitken the following were co-opted onto the Parish Council Matthew Barrows, Dr Dharshana Sridhar, Sam Dallimore and Kirsty Knight giving us a full complement of 13 councillors.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic there was no meeting in March and we are presently holding our meetings via Zoom. This has been a new experience for us all, but business still needs to go on.

We agreed to continue the free bulky waste collections in the car park at the back of Ortongate shopping centre. These are organised and funded by the Parish Council. The vans arrive for 10am and are required to vacate the site at 12 o'clock. However, due to the pandemic we have had to cancel these for the time being. Unfortunately, fly tipping continues to be dumped by mindless individuals who, when challenged, advised they did not care!

The Parish Council agreed to carry on employing a Lengthsman for a further year. The Lengthsman patrols the streets Monday to Thursday and targets specific areas on Friday. Residents are asked to contact Alison Brown the Parish Clerk on 01733 346483 or email clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk to report any problems.

Stagsden play area equipment and shelter are now in place. The new play equipment at Reepham will be installed soon.

We are working with Peterborough City Council on the serious problems associated with deliveries at R P Meats in Cherry Orton Road.

Orton Waterville Parish Land at the Gannocks has had a new height restriction barrier installed. The meadow area is being transformed into a wildflower meadow and the work on this has started.

We now only have sanctum units available for cremated remains unless you have a reserved plot in the original cremated remains section. Sadly, we have had to open the children's section of the cemetery.

All three allotment sites, Cherry Orton, Gannocks, and Gostwick have remained open during lockdown to enable the plots to be attended with the 2 metres social distancing rule in place.

We have continued to support Orton Counselling for Young People. We have also supported Ormiston Bushfield Academy with a grant towards a counsellor for the academy. The Bobby Scheme and Orton Bowls Club also received grants during the year.

We were elected to serve Orton Waterville Parish and I would like to thank all Parish Council councillors for their help during the year as we have endeavoured to make it a place to be proud of.

Jenny Farnham
Chair of Orton Waterville Parish Council