

# **PARISH OF ORTON WATERVILLE**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
Held at the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, on  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 6.45 pm

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Present: Cllr Farnham (Chair and Chair of the Parish Council), 5 electors and Mrs A Brown (Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none were received.
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2018 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 6.48 pm.

## **ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Chairman's Report 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Membership: Following the resignation of Cllr Gavin Elsey, Luke Moore was co-opted onto the Parish Council giving us a full complement of 13 councillors.

The Parish Council has had another busy year. It agreed to continue the free bulky waste collections which are organised and funded by the Parish Council. These proved so successful that an extra one was arranged and held in April. The next one is scheduled for 29th June in the small car park at the back of Ortongate Shopping Centre. The vans arrive for 10am and are required to vacate the site at 12 o'clock. Sometimes it may be necessary to close the gates 15 minutes early to enable the men to load and clear the area by the 12 o'clock deadline. We would advise that residents try to arrive by 11.45am so not to be disappointed.

The Parish Council agreed to carry on employing a Lengthsman for a further year. We have noticed a huge improvement in the general look and cleanliness of the area. 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](mailto:clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk) to report any problems.

Orton Wistow residents' highlighted that school run parking continues to be a problem in their area. The Enforcement team are issuing Penalty Notices and Highways are surveying residents with regards to restricting parking in certain streets. Parish and City councillors are working with Highways on the serious problems associated with deliveries at R P Meats in Cherry Orton Road.

The Parish Council upgraded the play equipment at the Gannocks during the year at a cost of £25,800. We are also working with the City Council on improving the other play areas in the Parish. We have installed a bench in the play area at Beckingham.

Following a request from dog walkers we installed a bench by the Town Pond overlooking the playing fields and replaced other benches in the area.

The Parish Council has agreed to enhance some of the open green spaces within the Parish. Residents will be receiving a survey asking for their thoughts on how we can enhance a space. We would encourage residents to complete and return the survey to ensure that we do something that they really want. No good us putting in a pond if you wanted a rose garden or a picnic spot.

This year we opened a memorial rose garden within the grounds of the Parish cemetery.

Both Cherry Orton Road and Gostwick allotment areas have waiting lists but a few plots are available at The Gannocks.

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. Orton Friendship Club, the Bobby Scheme, Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust and Orton Bowls Club all received grants during the year.

We are 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