

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), J. Goode, D. Sandles, B. Fearon, B Warne, J Howell, L Moore, K Aitken and Mrs A Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 5

7.00pm Public Question Time

Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 s 1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s 100.

Questions were taken from members of the public. This is not part of the formal meeting of the Council and only the subject matters raised have been noted below:

1. Residents raised concerns that anti-social behaviour was occurring in the wooded area at The Gannocks which was keeping them awake at night. The police were called to the area and moved the people on. Agenda item 60/07-19.
2. A resident raised a concern that a leaflet with information relating to the Climbing Wall application has caused confusion and has misleading information on it. The name of the group which issued leaflet was not stated. Agenda item 54/07-19.

51/07-19 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chambers, Stokes and Proudfoot - all personal reasons. No apologies were received from Cllr Airey.

52/07-19 **Local police matters**

None.

53/07-19 **Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**

None.

54/07-19 **Nene Park Trust climbing wall application and impact on trees**

At the end of the last meeting, a document with written matters of concern was received from two residents regarding proposed the climbing wall at the Nene Park Trust. This document was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The residents are concerned that if the planning application is approved by Peterborough City Council Planning Department, healthy mature trees will be cut down unnecessarily which may have an adverse impact on the environment.

Cllr Farnham reported that she, Cllr Stokes and the Clerk had met with Andrew McDermott of the Nene Park Trust to discuss the issues which were being raised. Andrew explained that as a country park, one of the Trust duties is to manage its trees and that it goes without saying that they are well aware of the benefits which trees have on the environment. No trees of any significant value or important are being cut down as part of the development and new trees will be replanted. Andrew suggested we contact the City Council Tree Officer as they had been working with him on this subject.

Andrew also explained the present situation with regards to the planning application. The planning department has requested further information from the Trust and there are a number of assessments that they need to do including a further traffic survey. There will be another consultation when they have everything they need. It is anticipated that the application will go to committee in September.

Cllr Farnham also stated that she had asked the question which one of the residents had previously raised about minutes of Trust meetings etc., and it was explained that the Trust does not publish minutes of their Trustees meetings apart from giving them to those who attend as these are private, confidential and commercially sensitive. Andrew explained that they are exempt from FOI like other charities and private businesses. The Trust was set up as a charity and private limited company. Andrew's understanding is, the only charities that are subject to FOI are those who receive large amounts of government funding or contracts and as they do not receive any of these, this does not cover them. Their annual report is available online.

The Clerk asked the City Council Tree Officer to attend the Parish Council meeting but unfortunately he was unable to, however he sent the following statement: ‘I can reassure the Parish Council and its residents that the arboricultural implications of this application are being considered as an integral part of the application as a whole, and are an important material consideration in the process’.

It was also noted that on the social media site ‘Orton Sellers’ abusive comments are being posted and being directed at City Councillors. This anger is being directed at the wrong individuals.

55/07-19

Ward Councillors

Cllr Howell reported the following:

- **Climate emergency** - The council will debate a motion on whether or not to declare a climate emergency for Peterborough at full council next week. This motion has full cross-party support. PECT, Peterborough in Transition and Extinction Rebellion Peterborough have also been involved. It has been tabled by the Conservatives and will be seconded by the Greens.

Essentially, the council is resolving to undertake various measures to make the council’s activities net-zero carbon by 2030. A Citizens’ Assembly will be convened to involve the wider community. A climate change partnership group will be set up including councillors, residents, young people, climate science and solutions experts, business and other relevant parties. This group will consider strategies and actions the council and other organisations can develop in line with the target of net zero emissions by 2030 in sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy.

- **Drifting** - Drifting petition 212 signatures and press coverage BBC Radio Cambs and Peterborough Today. Many people came forward with information. Rob Hill, Prevention and Enforcement, prevention measures working with the landowner. However, the petition alone has done much to curb activity as the drivers now fear arrest.
- **Lynch Wood** - The planning committee met in June to decide the revised application from FI for development of the Pearl Centre at Lynch Wood. Notably, the revised application does not include a proposal for an access road. However, I spoke on behalf of residents concerned about additional traffic at the site and also the impact new retail units may have on Lunch Wrapped Up. Outline planning was approved. There was some discussion of a ‘Grampian condition’ that would prevent the start of the development until the council had undertaken works on the roads with regard to pedestrian safety.
- **Fly-tipping guidelines** - The council’s fly-tipping task and finish group will present their second set of recommendations to full council. A key recommendation is that all residents will benefit from one free collection per year:
 - 1 item free
 - 1-3 £15
 - 4-6 £30
 - 7-10 £45

Cllr Aitken reported the following:

- **Health Scrutiny Committee** – The committee is looking at the Dental Practices report from NHS England and NHS Improvements as to why there is a lack of urgent and routine dental appointments for adults and children. Since 2006 people do not know that formally registering with an NHS dental practice is no longer a possibility. Cllr Aitken wants people to contact her if they have ever had any issues with an NHS dental practice to feed back into the committee.
- **Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)** – The CCG which funds the NHS Peterborough needs to make serious savings (in the millions). Services which can be decommissioned are being looked at and to achieve this, a consultation will take place. Members of the public, services who receive grants from the CCG and the charities whom they support will be invited to comment.
- **Air quality task and finish group** – The group is looking at how transport affects air quality and will be meeting with Stagecoach. Any feedback is welcome. Cllr Fearon stated that the taxi’s at the train station never turn off their engines whilst waiting for pick-ups.

- **Nene Park Trust** – In her capacity as Ward Councillor, Cllr Aitken is taking over from Cllr Stokes as Trustee for the Nene Park Trust.

- 56/07-19 Minutes of previous meeting**
The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2019 were agreed and **RESOLVED** as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
- 57/07-19 Clerk's report**
No updates.
- 58/07-19 Correspondence received**
1. CAPALC: July bulletin.
 2. CAPALC: NALC newsletter.
 3. CAPALC: Chief Executive Bulletins.
 4. Consultation on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Local Transport Plan.
 5. Update on Stanground closed landfill energy project.
 6. Latest news from Cross Keys Homes.
 7. Email from resident re: fly tip and graffiti in the parish. The Clerk has reported this to Peterborough City Council.
 8. Highways England: Works on A47 between Wansford and Sutton. Works expected to begin around late August and will last approximately 2 weeks, dependant on the weather.
 9. Persimmon Homes: Notification that the brick gateway at the entrance of the Loch Lomond development by the Showground will be demolished as Peterborough Highways do not want to adopt this feature.
 10. Peterborough City Council: Planning forum presentations.
- 59/07-19 Stagsden play area**
Play equipment and a shelter for the Stagsden play area were considered. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will pay for the installation of a shelter on a base, 3m goal, basket swing, change one existing swing to a baby swing and a bench at a cost of approximately £20,000.00. As this play area belongs to Peterborough City Council, Aragon Direct Services will install and maintain the equipment.
Action: Clerk.
- 60/07-19 The Gannocks**
1. Several incidents of anti-social behaviour have occurred in the wooded area at The Gannocks over the last few weeks including the one which was raised in the earlier public forum. The area has been cleared several times as empty alcohol bottles were left behind. It is not clear if drug use was also occurring. The Clerk has informed Peterborough City Council Enforcement Team, PCSO Wilkinson and reported the incidents via 101. The Gannocks is covered by a Designated Public Protection Order and is enforceable by the police. The Clerk has ordered signs which will be put up in the area. Any further incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police.
 2. Travellers have been in the parish again and it was agreed to increase security at The Gannocks. As an emergency measure, it was **RESOLVED** that a height restriction barrier will be added to the existing red gate at a cost of £500.00. This will be installed by Richard Harding. Other security measures will be considered at a later date.
 3. The play area gate has been broken off its hinges again. This will be re-hung with steel hinges.
 4. Cllr Farnham stated that she has received a request for some benches to be installed on the field for dog walkers who like to meet up as the bench near the play area is very often taken. It is thought that Richard Harding is already storing a couple of benches which were previously in other areas. It was **RESOLVED** to install and purchase (if necessary) two benches for field at The Gannocks.
Action: Clerk.
- 61/07-19 Enhanced green spaces**
No update.
- 62/07-19 Parish Lengthsman**
The Clerk reported that she had informed Aragon Direct Services that the Parish Council wishes to extend the Lengthsman contract for a further 12 months until 31st July 2020.
- 63/07-19 Crossing on Ham Lane**
Cllr Howell reported that she still waiting to speak with the resident who originally raised the request for a crossing on Ham Lane and inform them that Highways has stated that it will not be possible to put in a crossing and whether better signage in the suggested location may be beneficial to pedestrians

trying to cross the road at this point. Cllr Farnham stated that the Nene Park Trust will be looking at the traffic issues on Ham Lane as part of their application for the Climbing Wall.

Action: Cllr Howell.

64/07-19

Speedwatch

Cllr Howell reported that suitable equipment will cost £2795.00 + VAT. Not having your own equipment is the main reason as to why Speedwatch sessions are not taking place. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk asks Orton Longueville Parish Council if they want to purchase the equipment as a joint venture.

Action: Clerk.

65/07-19

Reports from outside bodies

None.

66/07-19

Bulky waste collection

The recent collection was very busy. The next collection is on 12th October 2019.

67/07-19

Cemetery

1. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised burial fees – see Appendix 1.
2. There were no other matters of concern.

68/07-19

Allotments

1. The Clerk reported that an allotment tenant had set two rat traps on their allotment and none had been caught. The Clerk has asked all allotment tenants to turn over their compost heaps and to tidy up their plots. There have been no other reports of rats.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that allotment rent is paid pro-rata when a plot is taken on during the allotment year.
3. An allotment tenant has asked if the Parish Council will consider paying for their plots to be rotivated if they are struggling to turn them over and prepare their plots as new tenants are now receiving clear plots making it easier for them to start cultivating. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will pay for allotment tenants to have their plots rotivated once. These will be done by Richard Harding.

69/07-19

Finance & Administration

1. The following items of expenditure were approved:

R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery, Churchyard, The Gannocks landscape maintenance July 2019 including seeding 10 graves; allotments maintenance	£1451.58
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Supply and fit height barrier at The Gannocks	£500.00
Gattonero	Website security monitoring July 19	£10.00
Rollerbanners UK	'A' board for bulky waste collections	£74.40
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary (July 19)	£1190.34
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements	£61.00
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (July 19) employer & employee contributions	£585.77
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (July 19)	£253.51
The Orton Oracle	Parish Council news article Sept 19	£15.00

2. Income received

HMRC VAT refund	£8855.54
Cemetery fees	£150.00
Bank interest	£0.99

3. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the end of month accounts and bank reconciliation.

70/07-19

Planning matters

It was **RESOLVED** to submit comments where appropriate on applications as below:

19/00705/FUL	Construction of access road (not for adoption) with landscaping and foul water pumping station at Access Road Between Plots 210 And 400 Land To The East Of Alwalton Hill, Fletton Parkway, Peterborough	No material comments
19/00775/FUL	Erection of a single storey rear extension at Rangefield Community Centre, Rangefield, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5UN	No material comments
19/00848/FUL	Erection of a single storey mobile classroom at St Johns Church Of England School, Riseholme, Orton Goldhay,	No material comments

71/07-19

Maintenance matters

None.

72/07-19

Future agenda items and announcements

Cllr Aitken gave her apologies for the next meeting in September.

73/07-19

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th September 2019 (no meeting in August).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48 pm.