

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 19th June 2019 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), J. Goode, D. Sandles, B. Fearon, T. Rouse, R Proudfoot, M Chambers, and Mrs A Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 3

7.00pm Public Question Time

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

No members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

29/06-19

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Warne, Aitken, Howell, Moore, Stokes – all personal reasons. No apologies were received from Cllr Airey.

30/06-19

Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr Goode – 36/06-19 (Reepham play area).

31/06-19

Local police matters

None.

32/06-19

Ward Councillors

Cllr Aitken submitted the following report which the Clerk read out:

- The Pearl Centre planning application will be going to the July Planning Meeting.
- The Climbing Wall planning application is now planned for September I believe.
- The resident living next to RP Meats - Planning have confirmed they will not be putting a layby in due to the lack of room on the road once the HGV is parked however they are still looking at traffic regulations.
- I have now attended 3 Programme Planning meetings for: Adults & Communities Scrutiny Committee, Health Scrutiny and Growth & Environment. I will update on these committees at the July meeting.

33/06-19

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.

34/06-19

Clerk's report

No updates.

35/06-19

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: June 19 bulletin.
2. CAPALC: Cambridgeshire County Council - Innovate and Cultivate scheme.
3. CAPALC: Annual Conference - Share the vision, shape the future – 28th June 2019.
4. CAPALC: NALC newsletter.
5. NALC: Chief Executive Bulletins.
6. Cross Keys Homes latest news.
7. Complaint from resident re: City Fibre installations. The Clerk reported that she had referred the complaint to the City Fibre Project Manager.
8. Email from resident re: climbing wall application asking if the Parish Council can consider supporting them in their request to PCC Planning Authority for an Environmental Impact Assessment. The Clerk reported that Planning has confirmed that they are awaiting further information and that there are a number of assessments that they need to do including a Traffic survey. They will do a

further round of consultation when they have everything they need. It is anticipated the application will go to committee in September.

9. Parish meeting schedule June 2019 - May 2020.

10. Ormiston Bushfield Academy: Thank you letter for recent grant funding.

11. CAPALC: NALC Annual Conference 28th/29th October 2019.

12. CAPALC: Councillor and Chairman training dates.

13. Near Neighbours Small Grants information.

14. Peterborough City Council Highways: (Civic Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions and street Parking Places) Amendment No. 56 Order 2019 - Proposal to introduce new parking restriction in Svenskaby.

15. Parish Council Conference 12th November 2019.

36/06-19

New play equipment for Stagsden, Reepham and Pennington play areas

Paul Robertson at Peterborough City Council (PCC) has informed the Clerk that they are now in a position to go forward with refurbishing play areas within the Parish and use the funds with the Parish Council has set aside in their budget. He would like to refurbish Pennington and Reepham as they are the most pressing play areas in the Parish. Equipment ideas were suggested by Paul Robertson for Stagsden and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to contribute the following funds to the following play areas:

Reepham - Install 'Palon' multiplay and new roundabout. Total cost £4840. The Parish Council will contribute 50% towards the costs. Cllr Goode abstained from this vote.

Pennington - Install new 'Maliton' multiplay unit. Remove the existing slide / reshape the mound / remove the old wooden unit and replace with wetpour and paint existing swings. Total cost of this is £12,303.20. The Parish Council will contribute 50% towards the cost.

Wistow - Install 'Double Tower with Net Tunnel, Physical Plastic Slide' to replace the old pirate ship. Total cost £13,269.00. The Parish Council will contribute 50% towards the cost.

37/06-19

The Gannocks

1. Following the decision at the last meeting regarding the boundary hedge issue, the Clerk had asked the resident for a copy of the original letter and was provided with only a copy of the text via email.

The letter was from D J Williamson; Clerk to Orton Waterville Parish Council dated 18th November 1979. This was addressed to occupiers of properties at 49 to 67 The Gannocks (odd numbers).

Hedgerow Maintenance

There has recently been some disagreement over the ownership of the hedgerow between your property and the allotments.

The Parish Council has investigated the matter and has established that the hedge is jointly owned by the owners of the properties backing on to the allotments and the Parish Council. It is common convention that the centre of the hedge forms the boundary.

The Parish Council has therefore instructed me to the occupiers of the affected properties; reminding them that if any maintenance of the hedgerow is on the allotments' side, the Parish Council wish to be informed so that the necessary action can be taken.

Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated

D J Williamson.

Clerk.

The Chair pointed out that the text of the letter had been lifted straight out of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 1979. In view of this it appears that there is no law or evidence to show that hedgerow maintenance is written into any deeds. Vegetation is already growing back where the hedgerow was removed several years ago. It was **RESOLVED** that no action will be taken regarding the issue raised by the resident.

2. The Clerk reported that during the last bank holiday 4 youths which had started a small fire over at The Gannocks in the wooded area had been moved on. A den had also been made in a hollowed out area next to a residential fence which was well hidden from view of dog walkers. Also during the bank holiday, a play area gate had been pulled off its hinges and fly tip had to be cleared away by Richard Harding which included several beds and a burnt out motorbike. Tools taken from a nearby garden had also been found within the trees.

Following the incidents, Cllr Farnham, Cllr Goode and Clerk met with Richard Harding at The Gannocks and asked him to cut back some trees and bushes to open up the walkway to deter people from hiding in them. This was last done 2 years ago. The hollow will also be filled in to bring it up to the level of the garden on the other side of the fence which should stop anyone from hiding in it. The soil will come from dug out graves.

Cllr Proudfoot put forward a proposal to change the grass cutting regime at The Gannocks. He proposed that the meadow is only cut once a year in October and seeded with wildflower with perhaps a pathway being cut through one area for people to walk through. He further suggested that a volunteer day could be organised on the day of the cut to rake the grass and sow wildflower seed. He stated that he is able to obtain 1 kilo of seed for £45.00. Cllr Farnham asked Cllr Proudfoot if he could take this proposal forward and organise the volunteer day and inform her of the date so that it can be advertised in the Orton Oracle to which he agreed. Cllr Farnham also reminded the meeting that several years ago the Rotary Club asked if there was any project they could volunteer for. This was **RESOLVED** by everyone. The Clerk will inform Richard Harding of the change of date of the meadow cut and see whether it is feasible to cut through and additional pathway.

Action: Cllr Proudfoot and Clerk.

38/06-19

Enhanced green spaces

No update.

39/06-19

Parish Lengthsman

The Chair reported that she and the Clerk had met with the Yvette Grief from Aragon Direct Services to discuss the Lengthsman and were told that he is getting on well in the post. The current contract ends at the end of July. It was **RESOLVED** to renew the Lengthsman contract for a further year and review it again in June 2020.

Action: Clerk.

40/06-19

Crossing on Ham Lane

No update.

41/06-19

Speedwatch

No update.

42/06-19

Reports from outside bodies

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rouse reported that the committee has £20,000.00 in their bank account. The hall and Jubilee room have been redecorated and new tables are being purchased.

43/06-19

Bulky waste collection

The next collection date is on 29th June 10 am – 12 pm.

The Clerk circulated prices for a pop up banner and A' board to be displayed at collections stating that they have been organised by the Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase an 'A' board as it will be more stable. Two printed posters (one each side) fully weather proof are also supplied. Cost £62.00 + VAT.

Action: Clerk.

44/06-19

Cemetery

1. Health & Safety report – Cllr Farnham and the Clerk carried out the inspection with Richard Harding being present. Action points from the report:

- Access entrance and barrier – padlock to be replaced. Side wooden fence near red barrier needs replacing. Richard Harding will replace with green metal fencing which he already has. Consideration should be given to a new height barrier or security bollards. The Clerk will obtain quotations.
- Footpaths – moss to be removed.
- Noticeboard – to be re-varnished.
- Benches – washed down to remove bird droppings.
- Cremated remains areas – still to be gravelled and closed off.
- Ceramic and glass holders on graves – continue to monitor use of nonconformist/excess items. Richard Harding to remove items which prevent grass cutting.
- Rose garden – one rose bush may need replacing.

2. The fees working party are meeting again to finalise the new fees. These will be presented for adoption at the next meeting

45/06-19

Allotments

1. The Clerk reported that she has received a complaint from residents in Gostwick who state that rats are coming over from the allotments and into their gardens. The issue started last year and residents were able to manage the problem themselves however this year the problem is now a bigger issue. Rat poison is no longer keeping the rat population down. Residents have stopped putting out feed for birds and have even put netting around the bottom of their fences to keep the rat out. Rats are being seen in gardens on a daily basis and are regularly seen crossing the road from the allotments. Cllr Proudfoot stated that due to the recent heavy rainfall, rat hiding places are being flooded. He also stated that putting down rat poison can have a knock on effect on other wildlife and not just rats. In the first instance, it was agreed that the Clerk writes to allotment tenants and asks them to turn over their compost heaps on a regular basis and to tidy up their plots to deter rats from nesting on plots. If necessary the Clerk can order a bulky waste collection for tenants if they feel that they have a large amount of rubbish to dispose. Cllr Proudfoot stated that allotments tenants may wish to put humane rat traps on their plots which catches rats but does not affect other wildlife. He will send the Clerk information on how to make such a trap for circulation to allotment holders.

Action: Clerk.

2. Cllr Sandles reported that there is an allotment plot overgrown at Cherry Orton Road. The Clerk stated that the previous tenant has given up. In view of this it was agreed that the deposit will not be refunded to the previous tenant as the plot was cleared by Richard Harding prior to it being let and has not been given back in the same clear state. The plot will be cleared again by Richard Harding before it is re-let.

Action: Clerk.

46/09-19

Finance & Administration

1. The following items of expenditure were approved:

R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery, churchyard, The Gannocks landscape maintenance June 2019, remove fly tipping, strim around The Gannocks allotments and hedge, new hinges on play area gate, new padlock for The Gannocks gate	£906.58
Gatternero	Website security monitoring June 19	£10.00
The Orton Oracle	Parish Council news article July 19	£15.00
Peterborough Office Supplies	Black printer cartridge	£42.83
Treasured Memories Ltd	Memorial plaque	£32.51
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Allotments Software Annual Support	£145.20
Information Commissioner	Data Protection renewal	£40.00
wave	Cemetery water charges	£70.85
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary June 2019	£1190.34
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements	£68.80
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation employer & employee contributions June 2019	£585.77
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI June 2019	£255.61
Mark Hazlehurst	Internal Auditor 2018/19	£400.00

2. Income received

Cemetery fees	£2010.00
Bank interest	£1.02

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

47/06-19

Planning matters

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

19/00333/FUL	Installation of a single air-conditioning condenser externally to the rear (South) elevation at ground floor level of unit 7b- retrospective at 7B Commerce Road, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6LR	No material comments
19/00573/HHFUL	Re-consultation: Proposed rear conservatory to garage and garage conversion – retrospective at 49 Loch Lomond Way, Orton Northgate, Peterborough PE2 6SU	Material observation submitted to PCC: The Parish Council believes that there is a restrictive covenant on the house which forbids garage conversions, due to the lack of parking available on the estate. Furthermore, this was also included in the original

		<p>planning permission 12/01258/FUL for the property as condition C18:</p> <p>C18: Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), garages shall be retained for the parking of vehicles and not used for any other purpose.</p> <p>Reason: In the interests of providing adequate off street parking to serve the development in accordance with Policy CS14 of the adopted Peterborough Core Strategy DPD and Policy PP13 of the adopted Peterborough Planning Policies DPD.</p> <p>It is therefore unclear why planners have not already rejected this application as it contravenes this earlier condition which they placed on the property. It is believed that a number of properties in the area have had garage conversions already without planning permission, but this appears to be the first case where the homeowner has actually removed the garage door entirely. This in itself is not in keeping with the appearance of the estate, as it's quite unusual for a detached garage to have a glazed frontage, particularly one in such a visible location.</p>
19/00753/CTR	T1 - Holm Oak - reduce laterals by up to 2m and thin 10% to reduce loading in crown. Some rot at base of tree at 72 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH	No material comments
19/00778/CTR	Conifer (c1) - remove the group of conifers due to shading of other trees and they are a mess at 25 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough	No material comments
19/00826/HHFUL	Single storey side extension and car port at 49 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH	No material comments
19/00704/REM	Reserved matters approval relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of a B8 warehouse unit on Plot 210 pursuant to planning permission 09/01369/OUT	No material comments

	varied under 16/01644/WPP, varied under 19/00462/WCPP at Plot 210 Land To The East Of Alwalton Hill,	
19/00719/REM	Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of B8 warehouse unit with ancillary B1 (office) and welfare facilities, pursuant to planning permission 09/01369/OUT varied under 16/01643/WCPP at Plot 410 Land At Alwalton Hill East Of The A1 And South Of Fletton Parkway	No material comments
19/00777/FUL	Alterations to car park, single direction access road including new charging points at Arena House, 5 Commerce Road, Lynch Wood, Peterborough	No material comments

48/06-19

Maintenance matters

1. Pot holes on the Cherry Orton Road allotments access road need filling in. The Clerk will ask Richard Harding to do this.

Action: Clerk.

2. 'The Gannocks' road sign opposite the junction of Chapel Lane is unreadable. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

Action: Clerk.

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Future agenda items and announcements

Agenda item - Stagsden play area.

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Date of next meeting

Wednesday 17th July 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.24 pm.