

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 20th March 2019 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), J. Goode, D. Sandles, M. Chambers, J. Howell, B. Warne, T. Rouse, A. Airey, L. Moore, K. Aitken, J. Stokes (from 8.15 pm) and Mrs A Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 11

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 expressed concerns against planning application 19/00347/FUL – agenda item 271/03-19.
2. An update was asked on previous agenda item 249/02-19 Parking issues on Wistow Way. Cllr Aiken stated that a meeting was being arranged with Peterborough City Council to obtain an update.
3. A representative from the Bushfield Bowls Club gave information to support their grant application - agenda item 272/03-19.
4. A resident asked if a zebra crossing could be put in on Ham Lane – agenda item 282/03-19.

268/03-19

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Fearon (personal) and Cllr Proudfoot (personal).

269/03-19

Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr Rouse – agenda item 272/03-19

Cllr Farnham – agenda item 280/03-19

270/03-19

Local police matters

The Clerk stated that the police will try and send in crime information reports when they are not able to attend meetings.

271/03-19

Planning matters

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

19/00218/LBC	Replacement windows at 43 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH	No material observations.
19/00236/FUL	Change of Use from A1 Retail to A3 Restaurant/Café at Unit 15 Ortongate Shopping Centre, Bushfield, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough	No material observations.
19/00347/FUL	Erection of 'Lakeside Activity Centre, which comprises an indoor climbing centre with climbing walls housed in a tower up to 34.25m high, indoor children's play area (D2), ancillary cafe (A3) and associated infrastructure, landscaping and car park at Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville	Material observations to be submitted to PCC Planning department after a majority vote with 3 abstentions. Cllr Stokes was not yet present at the meeting: 1. Concerns have been raised that the design and size of the building is not in keeping with the surrounding area and environment and detracts from being a country park. There are concerns that it may dominate and overshadow the existing building at lakeside. 2. There are concerns that the increase in the flow of traffic caused by increased visitor numbers will affect access to the park. It is

		not clear if any contingencies will be put in place should this become a problem. 3. There are currently no viable bus services to the park, and there do not appear to be any pledges or commitments to put a service in place in future. It does not appear that any enquiries have been made to Peterborough City Council to see if any service can be provided.
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272/03-19

Bushfield Bowls Club

A funding request for £1,150.00 towards remedial work to bring the bowls green surface up to standard was made by the club. The green has had no major work on it since it opened in 1982 and is in poor condition. To improve the green, the top needs to be scraped off and new soil and seeding put on top. The cost of these works will be approximately £2,500. The club would like to carry out the work at the end of the season and have it ready for May 2020. The club is an important part of the community and is open 7 days a week with turn up and play sessions. All ages are welcome at the club. There is a growing membership and a social events committee has been set up to run quizzes, barbeques, cream teas etc. to raise additional funds for the club. It was RESOLVED to award the full grant amount of £1,150.00 to Bushfield Bowls Club to be used towards the improvement of their green. The club will use their own funds to cover the remaining costs of the works.

273/03-19

Ward Councillors

No reports.

274/03-19

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 20th February 2019 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

275/03-19

Clerk's report

No updates.

276/03-19

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: March bulletin.
2. CAPALC: Making Tax Digital.
3. NALC: Funding and grants Bulletin.
4. NALC: Chief Executive Bulletins.
5. Parish Conference 2018 elevation feedback.
6. Planning Customer Forum: Presentations from recent forum and links to the Local Plan Consultation and the Minerals and Waste Plan.
7. Scope Charity: request for locations for clothes banks within the parish – it was agreed that there were no suitable locations within the parish for any clothes banks.

277/03-19

Production of a Neighbourhood plan for the parish

No update.

278/03-19

The Gannocks

1. The Clerk reported that Play and Leisure had agreed to reduce their invoice by £495.00, which is the amount which Richard Harding had quoted for levelling off the matting at the play area. The matting work will be carried out as soon as possible.
2. The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a resident in Pembroke Avenue complaining that the trees growing at the back of his fence in The Gannocks were pushing onto his fence and making it lean forward and had been to look at the issue with Cllr Goode and Richard Harding. The resident told the Clerk that he had previously spoken about this issue with the previous Clerk Mrs Hall. The Clerk stated that the resident had lodged the complaint in July 2011 and that it was recorded in the minutes. In September 2011, the Parish Council agreed to take no action in respect of the trees as there were no health and safety implications at that time. Since then, the trees and undergrowth has grown and is now pushing heavily on the resident's fence. The resident told the Clerk that he wanted the whole area behind his fence clearing right back, including the trees, as he stated that many years ago there was nothing there and that the vegetation which is now growing has sown itself. The Clerk stated that she had asked former Parish Councillor Paul Froggitt if he remembered the issue as he was on the Parish Council at the time. Although he did not remember this issue, he did say that another resident in Pembroke Avenue had extended their back garden out into The Gannocks with a new fence and that the Parish Council took action. At the back of Pembroke Avenue there was once an old farm track that ran along the entire fence line and because of the

encroachment, the Parish Council decided to try and determine the actual boundary of the Common Land and the farm track to prevent other residents from extending their gardens too far into The Gannocks. Metals markers were put in on what could be definitely assumed as being the boundary of the Common Land and the boundary of the farm track. In 2011 Peterborough City Council also came to look at the area and stated that although the Land directly behind the Common Land may not belong to the Parish Council, it had a duty of care to look after the trees. In view of this information it was RESOLVED that a 1m strip of land is cleared at the back of the resident's fence on the side of The Gannocks clearing away any trees or vegetation which are leaning against their fence. The Clerk will ask Richard Harding to carry out these works.

Action: Clerk.

3. Cllr Howell stated that a motorcycle had been burnt out and left in the trees at The Gannocks and that the police were aware of this. The Clerk has asked Richard Harding to remove the bike and remove the burnt tree if it is unsafe.

279/03-19

Enhanced green spaces

Cllr Airey circulated his draft survey. Each area in the parish will receive its own survey with a map. The survey will ask residents what enhancements they would like to see in their area. Any enhancements agreed will need approval by Peterborough City Council as the Parish Council only owns land in the Waterville area. Several changes to the survey questions were suggested and agreed. Cllr Airey will re-draft the survey and circulate it prior to the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Airey.

280/03-19

Parish Council financial support for a Counsellor at Ormiston Bushfield Academy

A funding request of £10,000.00 for a Counsellor at Ormiston Bushfield Academy (OBA) was received from Leigh Drew, Assistant Principal and Safeguarding Lead. The Academy wants to engage the services of Young Peoples Counselling Service (YPCS) to offer up to 5 hours of counselling per week x 39 weeks (between 9 am to 4pm). In addition, there will be a link for OBA to CAMHS to aid referrals, telephone assistance for the welfare team with a dedicated mental health professional, staff training on mental health – a minimum of 2 sessions per year, 10 hours of PSHE support in order to improve the mental health and wellbeing in the curriculum. This will be a valuable service for the Academy to have as the current service being provided by the Orton Youth Counselling Service is not enough. Cllr Airey stated that he was concerned that the service would not be sustainable as the grant application did not state where future funding was going to be obtained from as the caveat for Parish Council funding is that ongoing commitments to award grants in future years will not be made and that a fresh application will be required each year. Cllr Farnham stated that she was aware that Mr Drew was actively seeking other sources of funding. It was agreed that Cllr Farnham asks Mr Drew to provide this information for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Farnham.

281/03-19

Parish Lengthsman

The Clerk reported that the Street Orderly Truck requires new tyres as the tread on the current tyres has nearly worn out and has received numerous punctures. The cost of new solid tyres is £108.24 + VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk purchases these tyres. The Clerk also stated the current Lengthsman is called Vengris and that he is enjoying his role.

Action: Clerk.

282/03-19

Zebra crossing on Oundle road towards Ham Lane

Cllr Howell stated that a resident had approached her about the possibility of a zebra crossing being installed on Ham Lane as during busy periods it is difficult for pedestrians to cross the road. It was agreed that the Clerk puts a query into Highways and asks if a crossing audit can be carried out.

Action: Clerk.

283/03-19

Landscaping on corner of Cherry Orton Road/Oundle Road

The Clerk reported that Liam Vincent from Tree Services at Amey has contacted her regarding a plan of action which he has to help maintain the new Oak tree as he believes that there's plenty of vigor in the stem itself, and so over time he is hoping that it will produce a new leader and return to its expected growth shape/form. Liam has suggested planting a couple of Birch around the Oak in order to 'nurse' it while it reforms its crown as apparently Birch can be used to 'nurse' groups of oak and other species on the more fertile soils to promote good quality stems of these species. The Birch will be removed when the Oak has improved so that it is not adversely affected by the presence of the Birch (this will take a number of years). In the meantime, a specimen Holm Oak (evergreen, naturalized tree) will be planted as it is currently looking for a good home since the site which it had been earmarked for has been landscaped and is now a building site. This tree is already 4-5m tall and will improve the appearance of this corner. It was agreed that Amey Tree Services should go ahead with this plan of action. The Clerk will inform Liam Vincent at Amey of their decision.

Action: Clerk.

284/03-19

Venues for future Parish Council meetings

The Clerk reported that she had asked Lapwing Apartments and the Wistow Tesco store if it was possible to hold meetings on their premises. Lapwing Apartments do not have the room to accommodate more than 15 people. Tesco stated that they only a training room and there would be issues if members of the public were at the meeting as it is above the store. Several councillors questioned whether there was any value in holding meetings in other venues as when this was tried last year, not many members of the public actually attended. After further discussion, it was agreed not to consider the matter any further and keep meetings in the present location. It was however noted that holding a meeting in a different location will always be considered should there be a need.

285/03-19

Reports from outside bodies

Parish Council Liaison: next meeting is on 10th April 2019.

286/03-19

Bulky waste collection

An additional collection has been arranged for Saturday 20th April 2019, 10 am – 12 pm in the small car park at the Orton Centre.

287/03-19

Cemetery

It was agreed that the working party to review the cemetery fees will take place on 29th March 2019.

Action: Cllrs Farnham, Chambers, Goode and Clerk.

288/03-19

Allotments

1. The Clerk reported that Richard Harding has repaired two taps at Gostwick.

2. The Clerk stated that she had received a request from an allotment tenant at Cherry Orton for permission to erect a 3m Hops frame. It was agreed that this was permissible.

289/03-19

Finance & Administration

1. The following items of expenditure were approved:

Play & Leisure	The Gannocks play equipment installation	£24,006.00
Wave	Cemetery water charges	£17.26
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance	£529.16
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Tree works at CO allotment, turn on water at allotment sites, site new bin at Matley, finish hedge at Wyman Way	£520.00
Gattonero	Website security monitoring March 19	£10.00
Enterprise Managed Services Ltd	Parish Council Lengthsman service – March 2019	£2290.55
The Orton Oracle	Parish Council news article April 2019	£15.00
Orton Waterville Village Hall	Hall hire charges April 2018- March 2019	£221.00
Cartridgesave	Black toner cartridge	£29.47
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary (March 19)	£1159.77
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements	£53.35
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (March 19) employer & employee contributions	£550.56
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (March 19)	£255.61

2. Income received

Cemetery fees	£1845.00
Orton Longueville Parish Council	£6.14
Bank interest	£1.02

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

290/03-19

Maintenance matters

Wooden posts on the grass opposite 5 Debdale are rotted and broken. These posts are to prevent cars mounting the verge. The Clerk has reported this to Highways

291/03-19

Future agenda items and announcements

None.

292/03-19

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 17th April 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.