

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the virtual Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday 20th May 2020 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), J Goode, M. Barrows, M. Chambers, B. Fearon, T. Rouse, B. Warne, J. Howell (from 7.39 pm), and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 4

Public Question Time

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

None.

01/05-20

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Sandles and Dr Sridhar (personal reasons). No apologies were received from Cllr Proudfoot.

02/05-20

Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

03/05-20

Parish Councillor Co-option Resolution

It was RESOLVED to pass the following motion: *‘That the newly co-opted Councillor shall sign their ‘Declaration of Office’ during the remote meeting and be given to the Clerk at the first meeting back after government restrictions have been lifted. The Register of Members’ Interests form shall also be completed and submitted to the Monitoring Officer at Peterborough City Council, either by post or email, within 28 days of co-option. A copy shall also be given to the Clerk’.*

04/05-20

Co-option of Parish Councillor

Two applicants attended the meeting to fill the two vacancies. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Samuel Dallimore and Kirsty Knight onto Orton Waterville Parish Council. Cllr Samuel Knight and Cllr Kirsty Knight signed their ‘Declarations of Office’ and joined the Parish Council for the remainder of the meeting.

The Chair used her discretion and moved agenda item 21/05-20 forward for discussion.

05/05/20

Local police matters

None.

06/05-20

Ward Councillors

Cllr Howell gave the following report:

1. Council meetings are starting to resume using Zoom video conferencing technology. However, the June 2020 meeting of the Full Council has been cancelled (due to lack of urgent business and in availability of council staff to provide support for motions). The next meeting of the Full Council will be 29th July 2020.
2. The council has created a stopping place for travellers at Fengate, with toilet facilities and running water.
3. For three weeks in a row, bins in Ledham could not be emptied due to poorly parked cars. We arranged for an additional visit from the council’s green bin lorry and wrote to all Ledham residents, advising them to drag their bins to the street entrance in order for them to be emptied on this one occasion. We also advised the residents that if the bin lorries cannot drive through Ledham safely in future then they may be asked to drag their bins to the street entrance every week in order to have them emptied. We also asked residents to park more considerately. The letter had the desired effect and the bin lorries have been able to access the street on all further occasions.
4. Owing to a technical problem, some streetlights in the city are burning during the day. The council is working with the technology company concerned to get this fixed but it is proving to be a slow and complex process.

5. Residents of Orton Northgate complained to the police about a motorcyclist driving dangerously along Oundle Road every day (doing wheelies and speeding). As a result, the police spoke to the motorcyclist (a resident of Alwalton) and the antisocial behaviour has ceased.
6. We have noticed an increase in some petty crimes during lockdown, including an increase in fly-tipping of black bag rubbish and complaints about excessive cannabis-smoke from residential properties. Many people have been in touch with councillors to complain about people breaking lockdown rules. However, there is nothing the council can do about this (and nothing the police will do either as they no longer have the powers).
7. The council is to invest £50k in alterations to the road at Stapledon Way in Orton Southgate to prevent the anti-social use of cars there, which has been a problem that has kept Goldhay residents awake for many years.

07/05-20

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 15th April 2020 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting subject to the following amendment: ‘To record Cllr J Howell present at the meeting’. The minutes were signed by the Chair and will be given to the Clerk at the earliest opportunity.

08/05-20

Clerk’s update

218/04-20 – The Windmill Public House – Asset of Community Value – The completed form has been signed and submitted to Peterborough City Council. Acknowledgement of the form has not yet been received.

201/02-20 – Traffic in general on Cherry Orton Road

Highways has stated that many points would need to be considered if the Parish Council wanted to introduce a one way traffic system in the village to protect the verges on Cherry Orton Road. These being:

- The bus service would need to be re-routed and would affect residents.
- There would be more traffic using Lady Lodge and Church Drive.
- A number of one-way illuminated signs would need to be funded by the Parish Council, the cost being £15,000.00 and £20,000.00.
- A formal consultation can only take place if there is local support for the scheme.

In view of these points it was agreed not to pursue the matter further.

233/04-20.1. Trees overhanging footpath at Linnet – The Peterborough City Council/Aragon tree team has stated that the area has been inspected as part of the Shelterbelt survey and works have already been identified to crown lift the trees over the footpath and cycleway. Works schedules are currently being raised for the contractor.

09/05-20

Appointments confirmed to outside bodies:

- Orton Waterville United Charities – Cllr Goode.
- Parish Council Liaison Group – Cllr Chambers.
- Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Rouse.
- Orton Counselling Service for Young People – Cllr Sandles.

10/05-20

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: Monthly Bulletin.
2. CAPALC: NALC Chief Executive Bulletin.
3. CAPALC: Councillor training sessions.
4. CAPALC & NALC: Coronavirus updates.
5. CAPALC: Annual Conference 26th November 2020.
6. CAPALC: Penny Bryant is new CEO following Ian Dewar’s departure.
7. CAPALC: ‘Drop in Hour’ – bi-weekly sessions with CAPALC by remote access.
8. Peterborough Highway Services: Oundle Road, Alwalton Highway Improvements – Return to site.
9. Peterborough City Council: Highlights from the HUB.
10. Peterborough Local Community Resilience Group (CRG)/Hub.
11. CAPALC: Press release – Companies House have approved CAPALC’s incorporation as a company limited by guarantee.

- 11/05-20** **Bat box placements near village ponds**
 A request was received to purchase bat boxes for placement near Cherry Orton Pond and Debdale ponds to support bat conservation. At the previous meeting, Cllr Proudfoot, who requested the agenda item, stated that he is in contact with someone who has expertise in this area and is willing to put the boxes up. It was RESOLVED to purchase 6 bat boxes for placement near Cherry Orton Pond and Debdale Ponds (3 at each). The Clerk will ask Cllr Proudfoot to arrange the purchase and placements of the bat boxes.
Action: Cllr Proudfoot and Clerk.
- 12/05-20** **Planters and flower bed improvements in Brudenell and Kilham**
 A request was received from Ward Cllr Nicola Day regarding an initiative which she is involved in. Cllr Day is working with 'Up The Garden Bath' to tidy up and improve one or two planters and beds in Brudenell and Kilham to enhance the area. Peterborough City Council will arrange the necessary licence to transfer the ownership of these areas. 'Up the Garden Bath' has sourced volunteers and plant donations and although the work may be completed at zero cost, it is thought that a small fund would be useful.
 It was RESOLVED that £200.00 for the project will be set aside from the 'Green Enhancements' budget. 'Up The Garden Bath' will need to provide a plan of how the money will be spent on the planters/bed if the funds are required by them to complete the works.
- 13/05-20** **The Gannocks play area**
 The grass is being cut as usual. The Clerk received a complaint that trees and bushes are overgrowing from the field and into the garden of 55 The Gannocks. The Clerk has asked Richard Harding to have a look at the issue and trim back as needed when the birds have finished nesting.
- 14/05/20** **Parish Lengthsman**
 The Lengthsman is doing his rounds as usual. Cllr Farnham stated that she had recently spoken with the Lengthsman whilst he was doing his round and was told that he is really busy and finding a lot of rubbish especially around Stagsden and Mandeville. The Clerk was asked to could bring this to the attention of Orton Longueville City Councillor Graham Casey as these areas are within his Ward.
Action: Clerk.
- 15/05-20** **Parish Council website**
 3 quotations obtained by the Clerk for a new website were discussed and it agreed that 'Parish Councils Transparency Compliant Websites' appeared to offer the best value for money as they can also provide .gov.uk email addresses for Parish Councillors. Cllr Goode agreed to ask other Parish Councils who have purchased their website from this company for their opinion. She also asked councillors to submit any questions to her which they would like asking about the website. Cllr Goode will report back at the next meeting.
Action: Cllr Goode.
- 16/05-20** **Reports from outside bodies**
 Orton Waterville United Charities - Cllr Farnham reported that the charity is still supporting local families in need with food boxes. Their funds should last until the end of June 2020 before money needs to be transferred into this fund again. Cllr Farnham also stated that some key workers children are attending Ormiston Bushfield Academy and that all children who are entitled to free meals at school are able to attend school however the uptake has been low.
- 17/05-20** **Bulky waste collection**
 It was agreed to cancel the provisionally booked collection on 30th May 2020 in view of the current lockdown restrictions as the safety of residents, councillors and contractors attending cannot be guaranteed. Orton Longueville Parish Council has already cancelled their collection on 6th June 2020. It was noted that the household recycling centre at Fengate is now open again.
- 18/05-20** **Cemetery**
 None.
- 19/05-20** **Allotments**
 The Clerk reported that she had received complaints that adults and children at Gostwick were not keeping to their own plots thus breaking social distancing rules and putting others attending the site at risk. The Clerk has written to the tenants at Gostwick and stated that anyone attending the site must stay

on their own plot when on site. If this is not adhered to the Parish Council has the right to review the rules regarding who can and cannot visit the site whilst government restrictions are in place.

20/05-20

Finance & Administration

1. The following payments were approved:

Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman service April 2020	£2290.55
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wave	Water charges – Cherry Orton Allotments	£9.62
wave	Water charges – Gostwick allotments	£12.39
Zoom remote meeting platform	Monthly upgrade May 2020	£14.39
Peterborough Office Supplies	Black printer toner and filing folders	£57.29
Gattonero	Website security monitoring May 2020	£10.00
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery, Churchyard, The Gannocks, allotment maintenance	£656.51
Mrs A Brown	Clerk’s salary (May 2020)	£1199.10
Mrs A Brown	Clerk’s expenses and reimbursements	£14.40
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (May 2020) employer/employee contributions	£369.50
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (May 2020)	£242.96

2. Income received

Orton Longueville Parish Council – Contribution to Zoom subscription	£5.99
HSBC Bank interest	£9.56

3. The end of month accounts and bank reconciliation were RESOLVED.

4. The Cooperative Bank savings account has now been closed and the funds have been transferred to the HSBC savings account.

5. The end year accounts should be ready for signing off at the next meeting.

21/05-20

Planning matters

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

20/00449/HHFUL	Extension of existing bungalow including internal works and roof works at 7 Debdale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5HS	Material observations to be submitted to the Planning Department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed design, appearance and materials being used for the build are not in keeping with the local area especially as it is a conservation area. This will also have an effect on listing buildings which are nearby. The proposed build will be overlooking the neighbouring property and will cause a loss of privacy. The visual amenity is also of a concern for the neighbouring property.
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22/05-20

Maintenance matters

None.

23/05-20

Future agenda items and announcements

Agenda item – website.

24/05-20

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 17th June 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.