

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), T. Rouse, M. Chambers, D. Sandles, B. Fearon, J Howell, B. Warne, M Barrows, K. Knight, Dr. Sridhar and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 6

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 matter raised has been noted below:

1. A local resident from Arena Drive informed the meeting of their concerns regarding the change to the layout plan for planning application 21/00164/ - agenda item 206. They explained how the proposed changes by the Developer will have a detrimental effect on their property.
2. A local resident from Debdale voiced his objects for planning application 21/00345/FUL – agenda item 206.
2. Local resident Ms Tiplady stated that she may have comments to make depending on the contents of agenda item 207/03-21.1.

204/03-21

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Goode. The Clerk received apologies from Cllr Dallimore after the meeting. No apologies were received from Cllr Proudfoot.

205/03-21

Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr Howell – agenda item 206/03-21, planning application 21/001648REM.

206/03-21

Planning matters

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

21/00164/REM	Reserved matters approval relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 130 dwellings pursuant to planning permission 15/01106/OUT at Land South Of Oundle Road, At East Of England Showground, Oundle Road, Alwalton, Peterborough	Material observations to be submitted to PCC Planning: The Parish Council was not against the original outline planning application however the changes which have been made to it are cause for concern. These are as follows: 1. The Parish Council is concerned that current speed limit on this part of Oundle Road is often not adhered to and we request that it is reduced to 30 mph in keeping with the rest of Oundle Road speed limit which has recently been reduced due to safety as this area will see more local traffic and pedestrians. 2. The Parish Council is concerned about the potential negative impact on number 5 Arena Drive, including loss of light and privacy into this property if the new layout plan is permitted. Please refer to the comments made by these residents regarding the proposal to cite new buildings close to their property boundary. The solution to this proposal would be to either revert to the original layout plan or replace the houses with bungalows; this means
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		<p>that no-ones privacy would be impacted.</p> <p>3. The Parish Council fully supports the concerns which Cllr Howell has with regards to what the impact will have on the local area by constructing a temporary works access that will run along the back of 1-4 Arena Drive. This turning would be very close to the turning into the two newly build houses and to Arena Drive, and it is easy to imagine that site traffic could take a wrong turning and then struggle to turn around.</p> <p>4. The Parish Council is concerned about the impact of the development on the listed cottage at 5 Oundle Road. In particular, the position of lighting behind this property and its impact on the property.</p>
20/00846/HHFUL	<p>Proposal: Installation of external wall insulation with grey render at ground floor level and buttercream render at first floor level, mosaic tile at first floor level to the rear, and the installation of 7no. new AC units located within acoustic housing and the removal of 2no. existing AC units, and associated alterations (Part-retrospective) at 21 Cherryfields, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5XD</p>	<p>No material observations.</p> <p>Application is going to the planning committee meeting on 20th April 2021 and Cllr Day will be speaking on behalf of residents.</p>
21/00265/HHFUL	<p>Replacement and extension to front porch, rear extension and two dropped kerbs at 2 Charles Cope Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5ER</p>	<p>No material observations</p>
21/00329/FUL	<p>Temporary installation of a portable cabin to allow for COVID-19 testing at 12 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 6TE</p>	<p>No material observations</p>
21/00374/HHFUL	<p>Two storey extension and detached garage at 553 Oundle Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5UX</p>	<p>No material observations</p>
21/00343/CTR	<p>Tree works: (L1 & L2) Laurels reduce in height to around 6ft, (H1) Holly tree fell, (H2) Holly tree reduce to 6ft and (TG1) fell x2 Cypress trees at 74 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH</p>	<p>No material observations</p>
21/00345/FUL	<p>Change of use from dwelling (Class C3a) to a Residential Institution Use (Class C2) at 4 Debdale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5HS</p>	<p>Material observations to be submitted to PCC Planning: The Parish Council objects to the application for the following material observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This appears to be a commercial venture in a residential area which is also a conservation area making it inappropriate and out of keeping with the area. 2. Triple glazing is being proposed at this property. This implies that there will be higher noise levels coming from the property in a normally quiet small residential street and may cause distress to neighbouring properties which has been

		<p>seen in a neighbouring street from a similar scheme which has been set up in a residential property.</p> <p>3. There will be more traffic from employees and visitors to the property which will have an impact on neighbouring properties especially as Debdale is a narrow cul-de-sac.</p>
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207/03-21

Allotments

1. Cllr Farnham informed the meeting that the Rights of Way' matters onto Cherry Orton Allotment has been referred to their solicitors and the Parish Council will revert once the solicitors have advised the Parish Council accordingly.

2. Cllr Sandles informed the meeting that tenants are concerned that there is one plot in particular on the Cherry Orton site which is not being cultivated. The Clerk stated that she will write to the tenant.

Action: Clerk.

208/03-21

Local police matters

Cllr Howell reported that there are no longer any PCSO's assigned to the Ortons.

209/03-21

Ward Councillors

Cllr Howell gave the following report:

Bushfield

With regard to adults playing on the courts during lockdown, the advice now is that the rules on outdoor sports are relaxing so no further enforcement action will be taken.

Napier Place Vaccination Centre

Following severe traffic congestion on days when the vaccination centre and the primary school and the pre-school are open, the council has decided to suspend the clearway on Lynch Wood and to direct people attending the vaccination centre to park there.

Stagecoach 1 Orton Wistow

From 12th April, the number 1 bus will pause at the stop by Paulsgrove, following complaints about it stopping for extended periods at Linnet and obscuring the view.

Debdale pond

The pond and surrounding area have been subject to anti-social behaviour. Toilets seats were thrown in to the pond and evidence of nefarious activities were discovered in the woodland.

Ham Lane

It has been noted that there is currently no litter bin on Ham Lane. Cllr Howell will pay for one from her Community Leadership Fund in the new municipal year.

Climbing Wall

Permission has been granted for a new activity centre, including climbing wall, at Gunwade Lake in Ferry Meadows.

Graffiti

A large amount of graffiti has appeared on private property in Orton Brimbles. If residents wish the council to remove this there will be a charge payable.

Brudenell

Up the Garden Bath has installed six new planters with permission from the City Council.

130 news homes in Orton Northgate

Cllrs Howell and Day have met with Bellway (developer) twice, and convened a meeting with local residents. Cllr Howell is concerned that cars are speeding in the 40mph zone by the development and has asked the city council to perform a traffic survey to prove this is the case.

Cllr Nicola Ward gave the following report:

Regeneration of Kilham/Brudenell

Cllr Day thanked everyone on the Parish Council for supporting the project and said that residents will be taking ownership of the new planters.

Planning application 20/00846/HHFUL 21 Cherryfields

The application is going before the planning committee on 20th April 2021 and Cllr Day will be attending and speaking on behalf of residents.

210/03-21

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 23rd February 2021 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

211/03-21

Clerk's update

None.

212/03-21

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: Bulletins.
2. CAPALC & NALC: Coronavirus updates.
3. Peterborough City Council: Highlights from the HUB and Communities updates.
4. CAPALC: Code of Conduct – Training on the revised Code for 2021.
5. CAPALC: Parish Council borrowing updated guidance.
6. Launch of the Initial Recommendations Report from Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate (CPICC).
7. Nene Park Trust letter to Parish Councillors: Update regarding Lakeside Activity Centre Plans.

213/03-21

The Gannocks play area

The meeting was informed that during the weekend there had been a deliberately lit fire and anti-social behaviour in the wooded area of the field and that the police had been called out. The mess has since been cleared up by the Parish Council contractor. It was stated that this area needs to be checked on a regular basis.

The bi-annual tree survey is due to be carried out at the end of April.

214/03-21

Parish Lengthsman

The meeting was asked 'what value return is the Parish Council getting from the Lengthsman' as a number of residents in Orton Southgate, Oundle Road and Orton Brimbles are seen doing large amounts of litter pick. The Clerk stated that Aragon think that there are a lot of people out litter picking all over the city as they have given out a number of litter pickers and some are doing land that is not PCC and others just to get some exercise in their own areas. Cllr Howell stated that this seems to be the correct conclusion as more people are out litter picking and feels that people are more proud of the area in which they live and as they are more at home and when they see the litter, they do something about it.

The Lengthsman starts Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the astro turf and area and knows where the more needed areas. What he does not get finished one day he tries to pick up the following day if the area needs it. It was agreed that the Lengthsman service is a benefit to the parish as he will always attend a site which has a litter problem and is able to trim back bushes and clear leaves from paths if required.

215/03-21

Grass bunds within the parish

The Clerk reported that she has spoken with Dave Poulter from Up the Garden Bath and he is willing to help with the planting if the Parish Council supplies the bulbs.

Paul Robertson, PCC, has come back with a cost of £800-£1000 for planting the bulbs over an area of 40-50m in length. This would be carried out by a specialist contractor as Aragon does not tend to plant bulbs. The benefits of using a specialist machine is that a large quantity of bulbs are planted at the correct height which means you should be a good display – the second year is normally better than the first. The cost is based on the lowest cost mix of bulbs at £18 meter square (Inc. VAT) and based on last year's prices however this could be subject to change. There are other various mixes of bulbs, e.g. ones aimed specially at attracting bees/butterflies etc. Machine planting of bulbs would begin in mid-September - depending on the weather.

Cllr Knight stated that 3 different types of bulbs could be chosen so that there are flowers during every season. It was agreed that Cllr Knight will take photographs of flowering areas in the parish to help make a discussion at the next meeting as to what bulbs should be planted.

Action: Cllr Knight.

216/03-21

Parish Council website

The Clerk is still trying to set up new email addresses for all councillors.

Action: Clerk.

217/03-21

Addressing Climate and Nature emergency

Cllr Barrows reported that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Change Action guidance can be replicated on the Parish Council website. He will prepare a document which he will circulate to everyone for their comments.

Action: Cllr Barrows.

218/03-21

Wildlife Flowers in tree belts

The meeting was asked whether the City Council could be asked to consider sowing wildflowers into tree belts to make them look brighter which would also help insects. PCC are currently looking at ways to rejuvenate areas of the city. Cllr Howell stated that she is currently in talks with PCC regarding complaints from residents regarding tall trees in tree belts and agreed to add in to her conversation the sowing of wildflowers to rejuvenate the tree belts in Orton Waterville.

Action: Cllr Howell.

219/03-21

Parish Council meeting dates in the village hall

As from May 2021, it was RESOLVED to move all Parish Council meetings to the last Wednesday of the month (except in August when no meeting is held) which will allow the Village Hall Committee to maximum their rental opportunity.

220/03-21

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections take place on 6th May 2021. The deadline for nominations is 4pm on 8th April 2021.

221/03-21

CAPALC membership renewal invitation 2021-2022

It was RESOLVED to renew the CAPALC membership for 2021-2022 at a cost of £1285.90. This includes the additional fee of £50.00 for the Data Protection Officer Membership scheme.

222/03-21

Reports from outside bodies

1. Cllr Howell reported that she had attended a training session on how to apply for funding grants using specialist software paid for via a subscription.
2. Cllr Rouse reported that the Village Hall Committee are considering many requests which it has had for parties after the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted in June.

223/03-21

Cemetery

1. The cemetery health and safety report completed by Cllr Farnham and Cllr Goode was circulated prior the meeting. The actions identified in the report will be addressed by the Clerk. Due to poor weather on the day, it was not possible to carry out a health and safety assessment of St Mary's churchyard. Cllr Farnham and Cllr Goode will carry this out as soon as possible.

Action: Cllr Farnham, Cllr Goode and Clerk.

2. No other matters of concern.

224/03-21

Finance & Administration

1. The following items of expenditure were approved:

Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman service March 2021	£2314.92
Wave	Water charges – Cemetery	£28.46
Cartridgesave	Black printer toner	£22.82
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery/general landscape maintenance works Mar 2021	£926.50
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Drainage ditch clearance at Cherry Orton allotments	£2000.00
Zoom remote meeting platform	Monthly upgrade March 2021	£14.39
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary (March 2021)	£1223.55
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements (March 2021)	£55.10
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (Mar 2021) employer/employee contributions	£379.47
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (March 2021)	£259.84

2. Income received

Burial fees	£2030.00
HSBC interest	£0.45

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

225/03-21

Maintenance

1. Cllr Howell stated that she had received a report of a homeless man begging near Napier Place. There have been no other reports of this nature.

2. The Principal Built Environment Officer at PCC has been notified that there are several drystone walls which are of a concern in Orton Waterville and may require attention to ensure that they do not collapse.

226/03-21

Future agenda items and announcements

None.

227/03-21

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 27th April 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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