

PARISH OF ORTON WATERVILLE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held virtually via Zoom on
Wednesday 27th April 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Farnham (Chair and Chair of the Parish Council), 10 electors and Mrs A Brown (Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Barrows and Proudfoot.
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 17th June 2020 were read, approved and signed by the Chair.
3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – The Chairman gave her report, a copy of which is attached.
4. LOCAL MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH ELECTORS – No matters were raised.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – There was none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report 27th April 2021

Membership: We currently have a full complement of 13 councillors.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic we have held our meetings via Zoom. This has been challenging at times, but business still needs to go on. The meetings will return to the Village Hall from May unless advised differently.

Our new website is up and running and my thanks to Judith, Trevor, and Alison for their work on this.

We have missed the free bulky waste collections which are held in the car park at the back of Ortongate shopping centre. These are organised and funded by the Parish Council. The vans arrive for 10am and are required to vacate the site at 12 o'clock. Due to the pandemic we had to cancel these, but the good news is they will be recommencing shortly. Unfortunately, fly tipping continues to be dumped by mindless individuals who have no respect for the area in which they live.

The Parish Council agreed to carry on employing a Lengthsman for a further year. The Lengthsman patrols the streets Monday to Thursday and targets specific areas on Friday. Residents are asked to contact Alison Brown the Parish Clerk on 01733 346483 or email clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk to report any problems.

We have ordered benches for the children's area and the closed cremated remains section of the cemetery and we have agreed to enhance these parts with flower beds. There are a few reserved plots remaining in the cremated remains section of the cemetery. Sanctum units are available for the burial of cremated remains. My thanks to Richard and Brett for their help and advice on the burial ground enhancements.

We have agreed to enhance the grass bunds around the Parish and hopefully planting will take place later in the year. We have supported Up the Garden Bath who have embarked on a project in Brudenell Orton Goldhay this has given the area a new lease of life and the residents an area they can be proud of. Also, thanks to Roger for arranging for bat boxes which are now up in the trees around Debdale Pond. My thanks go to Kirsty and the rest of the Knight family who discovered a whole new meaning of pond dipping when they removed about 10 toilet seats dumped in the pond.

All three allotment sites, Cherry Orton, Gannocks, and Gostwick have remained open during lockdown to enable the plots to be attended with the 2 metres social distancing rule in place. All the security measures recommended by the police are in the process of being completed. An extensive clean-up operation took place on Cherry Orton and Gostwick sites. It is now down to the allotment holders to ensure that there is not an accumulation of rubbish on sites and that they are clearing their plots of rubbish regularly.

Unfortunately, the new play equipment at Reephams is still waiting to be installed but we hope this will happen soon.

We continue to work with the residents and Peterborough City Council on the serious problems associated with deliveries at R P Meats in Cherry Orton Road.

We have continued to support Orton Counselling for Young People. The Bobby Scheme, Orton Wistow Guides and CamSAR, Up The Garden Bath and Parkside Athletic Football Club, also received grants during the year.

We were elected to serve Orton Waterville Parish and I would like to thank all Parish Council Councillors and Alison our Clerk for their help during the year as we have endeavoured to make it a place to be proud of.

Jenny Farnham
Chair of Orton Waterville Parish Council