

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 30th June at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, B. Fearon, J. Goode, J Howell, K. Knight, Dr Sridhar, B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 4 Member of the Press: 1

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:

Local children presented their ideas for developing the cleared wooded area at The Gannocks and stated that they would like equipment to suit those that are 11 years of age and older.

38/06-21

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Barrows, Cllr Piercy and Cllr Rouse (personal).

39/06-21

Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

40/06-21

Co-option of Parish Councillor

One applicant attended the meeting. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Roland Pickett onto Orton Waterville Parish Council and joined the Parish Council for the remainder of the meeting.

41/06-21

Local police matters

Cllr Knight reported that there had been 3 thefts of garden furniture in the Waterville area in the last week. See agenda item 42/06-21.1.

42/06-21

Ward Councillors

Cllr Knight gave the following report:

1. A few thefts of garden furniture have happened in Waterville - 3 in the same week. Police are aware and apparently there are signs to look out for. These are normally made from sticks and stones. Police have confirmed that signs are being used.

2 Street light at Napier place - the council came out 2 hrs after it was reported and made it safe. They believe it was vandalised as the glass bowl was in one piece and stuck in a tree a little way from the post. With that the leaves and sticks from the tree got into the light and exploded all over the bench. As it was one of the old lights the council have no responsibility for it and have asked Crown Estates to sort out a new light.

Vaccination @ halls – 1 complaint re: the parking, but every time I have been there, the volunteer parking attendants have it well controlled, even on the walk in's like last Friday.

3 The Gannocks – there's been a new camp set up at the top of the hill, Jo and I found a new campfire. I contacted the police and met with PC Ben Warner on Tuesday, and he suggested that we clear some of the growth at the top of the clearing, so people can see through. PC Warner also mentioned that he found a couple being amorous with each other at that location.

The wildflowers are coming through; Roger Proudfoot is coming out at some point this week to check.

4. The showground and Halls Chemist are doing walk-in vaccination sessions for Covid- 19 and the information is on their website showing the times and what vaccination being used.

5. Gostwick field in Orton Brimbles – hedgehogs are nesting in the long grass and I have asked Aragon not to cut the grass and they have agreed. I will be meeting up with Shaun from Aragon tomorrow at 1.00 pm to discuss this further as the residents would like to keep the long grass sections for nature.

6. We are concerned that a company called Mixology has applied for a license to hold all-day music events under the underpass in Thorpe Meadows, which is land owned by NPT in Orton Longueville ward/parish. The parish council can make comments on the application (114244) up until 9th July 2021. To comment on the licence application:

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/comment-on-a-licence-application>

Grounds for objection are limited to:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder,
2. Public safety,
3. Prevention of a public nuisance,
4. Protection of children from harm.

7. On 21st June we have scheduled a ward walk around streets in Orton Brimbles and Orton Goldhay with council officers to discuss urban decay.

43/06-21

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 26th May 2021 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

44/06-21

Clerk's update

1. **128/11-20 Enforcement of restrictions on Oundle road layby** – Highways have completed the works to rectify the incorrect restrictions in the layby and just have some small works to change the lining next to the bus stop.

2. **24/05-21 Bird boxes for deployment within the parish** – Roger Proudfoot has been asked to purchase 6 bird boxes for the Parish Council.

45/06-21

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: Bulletins.
2. CAPALC & NALC: Coronavirus updates.
3. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority: The Combined Authority Update: Issue 1
4. Peterborough City Council: Invitation to Sharing Stories, Sharing Life online event - 20th July 2021, 1.00 - 2.30 pm free online event. To register, please email: sharing_stories@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
5. Peterborough City Council: Peterborough Local List Project.
6. Cornerstone: Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at CTIL 11381024 TEF 69965, Lynch Wood Road Streetworks.
7. Cornerstone: Proposed base station upgrade CTIL_118776 24 TEF_70006 at Paxton Road, Orton, Goldhay, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE2 5LD (NGR: 514977, 295449).

46/06-21

The Gannocks

1. The wooden play equipment ideas for the cleared wooded area suggested by the children in the earlier public forum were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain quotations for wooden play equipment to suit children between 11 and 15 years of age to get an idea of the costs involved.

Action: Clerk.

2. Wild meadow area - It was reported that some complaints have been received about the long grass and it has also been asked when will it be cut down. Several paths have been cut through the long grass to enable members of the public to walk through and there are several patches of wild flowers now growing.

It was however noted that everyone needs to be mindful of ticks when walking through the long grass and it was suggested by Cllr Howell that perhaps a risk assessment should be carried out. Former Parish Councillor Roger Proudfoot will be attending the site to provide maintenance advice as how best to manage the meadow. The Clerk will look into this further.

Action: Clerk.

3. The Clerk reported that Cllr Howells CLF funds have been approved for the field walkway improvements and that Aragon have replaced the Covid-19 signs on the play area which have disappeared.

Action: Clerk.

47/06-21

Play parks in the parish

The removal of the old pirate ship at Wistow is under way and is being replaced with a new climbing frame by PCC.

48/06-21

Outdoor gym equipment for Orton Northgate

Following a resident's suggestion, Cllr Howell asked if the Parish Council would consider help with funding an outdoor gym at the Northgate play area which has now been adopted by PCC. It was deemed a good idea and agreed that Cllr Howell will investigate the types of equipment available and obtain quotes for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Howell.

49/06-21

Parish Lengthsman

1. The Clerk stated that her records show that the Lengthsman contract ends on 31st August 2021. The renewals costs were discussed and it was asked if it would be more cost beneficial to employ the Lengthsman direct as General Reserves are now being used towards the costs. The possibility of increasing the precept was also discussed as there has been no increase in the precept since 2015. It was noted that the Lengthsman was employed in the first place as a result of the resident's survey several years ago and the parish looks cleaner as a result. It was agreed that the Clerk will discuss the contract renewal with Aragon and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk.

2. It was noted that the Lengthsman has dealt with rubbish which has been left by the side of several damaged bins. He has also made extra trips to empty bins near the sports centre.

There has been an increased amount of litter at Napier Place, most probably due to the vaccination centre and although PCC, do empty the bins in this area, the Lengthsman has been asked to visit the area more often whilst the centre is open.

It was asked if second bins can be put in locations which require them. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask PCC if there will be any charge for emptying a second bin in the same area.

Action: Clerk.

50/06-21

Community litter pick

A Local resident is looking to do a community litter pick on 10th August and has asked the Parish Council if there any particular areas in Orton Waterville that could use a group effort. It was agreed that the following areas would benefit from a litter pick: Orton Southgate Industrial area, area around Dunblane Drive and Newcombe Way, Lynch Wood where it borders Nene Park and the area around the courts at Bushfield sports centre. The Clerk will inform the resident of these areas.

Action: Clerk.

51/06-21

Bulb planting on grass bunds within the parish

It was agreed that this idea is still going ahead as planned however it still needs to be decided at a later date as to who will be planting them.

52/06-21

Addressing Climate and Nature emergency

No update.

53/06-21

Bulky waste collections at the Orton Centre

Cllr Knight was thanked for organising volunteers to help on the day of the recent collection. It was agreed that the Clerk will book another collection date for September and revert back to a two hour session. Cllr Knight will again organise volunteers to help on the day.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Knight.

54/06-21

Parish Council meeting dates

Changing the day of Parish Council meetings was discussed again as often Parish Councillors which are also PCC Ward Councillors are unable to attend meeting due to PCC meetings which have priority. It was agreed to approach other venues as the village hall is not available any other evening, only the smaller Jubilee room is vacant.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Farnham.

55/06-21

Overgrown bushes at Napier Place

This matter was raised under maintenance at the last meeting 32/05-21.3. Bushes are growing out and obstructing the view of pedestrians crossing the service road which leads to the back of Wistow Way Tesco. Cllr Howell is under the impression that the hedge is the responsibility of PCC and is meeting with Aragon to discuss the matter. Cllr Howell will report back at the next meeting.
Action: Cllr Howell.

56/06-21

Yellow lines on Church Drive

The Clerk reported that she has spoken with Highways about the prospect of double yellow lines on Church Drive. Highways have no complaints logged regarding any difficulties on bin day. This being the case and as it is costly to go through the procedure for double yellow lines, Highways have said that they will monitor the situation for the time being.

57/06-21

Speedwatch

Cllr Howell stated that she is still waiting for a revised quotation for Speedwatch equipment.

58/06-21

Reports from outside bodies

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Fearon reported that she had attended a recent meeting and that the committee had said goodbye to Pam Froggitt who was moving away from the area but was retaining her role as Treasurer and Bookings Clerk.

59/06-21

Allotments

Cllr Farnham gave the following update which has been received from the Parish Council solicitor in respect of the Rights of Way issue at Cherry Orton Road allotments:

The allotments are classified as agricultural land and for someone to have acquired the land by adverse possession, change of use from agricultural to leisure would need to have been granted before prescription started to run and it does not appear that there are any grounds for the erection of the gates and bridges no matter how long they have been there.

Allotment land is held in trust in perpetuity for the residents and therefore it is not possible to acquire adverse rights over the land.

The entire ditch/easement falls, which is a drainage system and not a stream, falls wholly within the title of the allotment area as shown on the Land Registry Title plan and therefore riparian rights can be permanently excluded. As it is a drainage system and not a stream, it is regarded as a statutory easement. The solicitor is in the process of identifying the statutory provider.

The resident of the neighbouring property on the northern boundary has been asked to arrange for their fence to be moved back to the original position as indicated in the plan as it is encroaching on allotment land. If assistance with the mapping of the fence line is required, a surveyor can be arranged to meet with them and the Clerk to show where the fence line should be.

As the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the drainage ditch which is now overgrown, it was agreed to instruct its contractor to clear it and remove the bridge which is across the drainage ditch and on Parish Council land as it was deemed unsafe by a PCC surveyor in January 2021 and there is no Right of Way into the allotments at this point in the boundary.

60/06-21

Cemetery

A concern was raised that the layout of parking bays may be causing an issue for hearses turning in the car park. The Clerk stated that she has never received a complaint relating to this. It was noted that the raised bed in the parking area has been tidied up with gravel replacing the overgrown shrubbery.

61/06-21

Finance & Administration

1. The following items of expenditure were approved:

Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman service June 2021	£2314.92
Peterborough Limited	Bulky waste collection 29/05/2021	£1064.40
Magpas	Grant S137LGA 1972	£500.00
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Allotments annual software support and licence	£148.80
Information Commissioner's Office	Data protection fee	£35.00
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works June 2021	£1011.50

Mark Hazlehurst	Internal Auditor services	£400.00
Zoom remote meeting platform	Monthly upgrade June 2021	£14.39
Columbaria	Sanctum plaque ORD0133379	£83.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary including back pay to Apr 21 (Jun 2021)	£1282.68
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements (including home office from Apr 21) (June 2021)	£99.94
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (Jun 2021) employer/employee contributions	£403.25
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (June 2021)	£299.49

2. Income received:

Burial fees	£2090.00
HSBC Bank interest	£0.49

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

4. It was RESOLVED to move £20,000.00 of General Reserves from the Savers account to the Treasurers account to cover payments until the September precept is received. It was noted that an increase in the precept for the next financial may be required as big spends in recent years has depleted General Reserves.

62/06-21

Planning matters

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

21/00247/FUL	Proposal: Single storey side extension to existing toilet block to include changing places facility, erection of a new canopy over the parking machines with information boards and landscaping including new pathway, changing surfaces, planting, archways, tree planting, cycle stands and rain garden at Ferry Meadows, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough	No material observations
21/00374/HHFUL	Re-consultation: Two storey extension and detached garage at 553 Oundle Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5UX	No material observations
21/00770/HHFUL	Two storey rear and single storey front extension at 46 Carradale, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5XQ	No material observations
21/00798/HHFUL	Proposed single storey rear extension at 11 Borthwick Park, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6YY	No material observations
21/00783/HHFUL	Extend existing garage to form workshop at 30 Church Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EZ	No material observations
21/00918/CTR	Fell Willow tree at 61 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH	No material observations
21/00962/CTR	Fell Sycamore tree at 45 Cherry Orton Road. Orton Waterville. Peterborough PE2 5EH	No material observations
21/00815/FUL	Siting of pre-fabricated building for use as ancillary offices (Class E) and storage container providing ancillary storage (B8) at Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough	No material observations

63/06-21

Maintenance

It was noted that the recently collapsed wall on Cherry Orton still appears unsafe. Cllr Howell agreed to raise the matter with PCC as an ongoing concern.

64/06-21

Future agenda items and announcements

Cllr Dr Sridhar stated that there had been a suspicious caller at her house purporting to carry out a survey on behalf of Peterborough City Council and asking questions about the layout of her property. She has reported the incident to the police.

Cllr Howell and Cllr Knight gave their apologies for the next meeting due to Civic duties.

65/06-21

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 28th July 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.