

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, B. Fearon, J. Goode, K. Knight, J. Piercy, T. Rouse, B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13      Quorum: 5      Members of the public: 0      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.**

None.

**116/10-21**

## **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M. Barrows, J. Howell, R. Pickett, Cllr Dr Sridhar (all personal).

**117/10-21**

## **Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr J Piercy - agenda item 118/10-21.

**118/10-21**

## **Orton Counselling Service for Young People grant application**

The grant request for £1,500.00 towards helping the local charity provide much needed counselling for children attending Ormiston Bushfield Academy was discussed. The charity continues to provide this valuable service to pupils attending the school. Pupils are seen by volunteer counsellors who have trained at their own expense and only receive expenses for travel and clinical supervision. It was **RESOLVED** to award the full grant amount of £1,500.00 to allow the charity to continue providing the counselling service. Payment will be made in April 2022.

**119/10-21**

## **Local police matters**

None.

**120/10-21**

## **Ward Councillors**

Cllr Knight gave the following report:

- There has been Anti-social behaviour from Children in Beckingham and the area has seen large amounts of littering. The Lengthsman helped me clear up the litter.
- 12/14 year olds have been causing issues with stagecoach, by stopping the buses when they are at the bus stop. This affected a blind person getting home and Police have been involved.
- Re-surfacing of Oundle road should soon be complete. Works will then start on Goldhay Way from Collingham upwards.
- COVID 19 is spreading through the schools and Ormiston Bushfield Academy (OBA), has been informed to tell their students to wear masks when walking between classrooms. Primary schools are also being looked at.
- School Streets scheme – there are issues with St Johns school who are part of the scheme and I am waiting to hear back from the council officer.

Report sent by Cllr N Day (read out by the Clerk):

21 Cherryfields - we have still not yet heard back from the appeal made by 21 Cherryfields to the Secretary of State to keep the air conditioning units on the side of the house. People who made objections (like me) will be informed of the decision.

- 121/10-21 Minutes of previous meeting**  
The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
- 122/10-21 Clerk's update**  
None.
- 123/10-21 Correspondence received**  
**1.** CAPALC: Bulletins.  
**2.** CAPALC: Training.  
**3.** Cambridgeshire ACRE: Short briefing on the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 10.00 am – 10.45 am via Zoom.  
**4.** Road Victims Trust Remembrance Service, Great Saint Mary's Church, Senate House Hill, Cambridge at 4.00 pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021.  
**5.** The Good Neighbours-Rural Peterborough Trustees' Board meeting, 3rd November 2021 7.00pm, in the Cedar Centre, Castor.
- 124/10-21 The Gannocks**  
**1.** Three quotations for a piece of wooden play equipment for the cleared wooded area were discussed. As the quotations were all of a similar cost, it was agreed that Aragon are used to supply and arrange the installation of the equipment as they are experienced in this area and have their own grounds contractors meaning better value for money. It was also suggested that perhaps the existing slide on the hill could be somehow incorporated. A budget of £10,000 was agreed to be set aside for the project in the next financial year. The Clerk stated that she would try and source some external funding for the project. Permission to erect the new piece of play equipment will need to be applied for from the Planning Inspectorate as the area is Common Land.  
**2.** The meadow area has been cut and the pathways have been left in.
- 125/10-21 Play parks in the parish**  
The Fox play park at Ferry Meadows is now open.
- 126/10-21 Queens Green Canopy Initiative**  
The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".  
  
The following areas were suggested for planting trees:  
  - An avenue of trees leading to the cemetery.
  - A tree at the end of Don's Walk to replace the failed oak tree which was planted for the Millennium
  - Land outside the front of OBA
  - Wistow area
  - Field at Gostwick
  - On the field near St Johns school  
It was agreed that the Clerk will make enquiries as to where to purchase trees and will also talk to Peterborough City Council about the Parish Council's plan to plant trees.  
**Action:** Clerk.
- 127/10-21 Parish Lengthsman**  
No update.
- 128/10-21 Defibrillator at the Village Hall**  
Cllr Knight reported on her findings and stated that there are 5 defibrillators at the Orton Centre, 2 in Anytime Fitness and one in the Co-op, Orton Gate and OBA. The unit in the Co-op has been used once in 7 years. Anytime Fitness has stated that their defibrillators cannot leave the premises for insurance purposes and therefore can only be used by customers that are on their property.  
  
Oundle Town Council has 3 units and is in the process of purchasing another one. They are situated outside the sports centre, doctors and school. The units are checked weekly and the pads are replaced after every use or once a year even if they have not been used. The council pays the insurance. The

defibrillators have used them a few times but the council could not tell Cllr Knight the number of times that they have been used.

In view of the information received it was decided that the con's outweighed the pros of having a unit within Orton Waterville especially when the unit would need to be fetched from its housing unit which could take as much time as an ambulance to arrive and it was therefore suggested that the Parish Council could provide free CPR training for parishioners which would allow the lifesaving skill to be used anywhere. It was agreed that the Clerk will look for training providers and obtain costs.

**Action:** Clerk.

**129/10-21 Addressing Climate and Nature emergency**

The Clerk read out the following update from Ward Cllr Day:

'I approached the Climate Change Officer at Peterborough City Council about this, but have not heard back. I will keep pressing, but maybe they are not yet aware of other Parishes that have declared a climate emergency. I have approach Cllr Bull from Orton Longueville Parish Council to ask for a copy of their Climate Emergency. Once I have that, we can begin to look at Orton Waterville Parish Council locality and how we can produce an Emergency Declaration that will benefit the parish'.

**130/10-21 Bulky waste collections at the Orton Centre**

Next collection is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 10 am – 12 pm in the small car park at the back of the Orton Centre.

**131/10-21 Reports from outside bodies**

United Charities Orton Waterville – Cllr Goode reported that due to Covid-19, the charity is giving gift vouchers again instead of food hampers to 120 families within the parish to purchase their Christmas food. OBA provides the charity with details of the families who would welcome the vouchers.

**132/10-21 Allotments**

1. To ensure continued security of the Cherry Orton allotment going into winter as leaves falling from trees is leaving the site exposed, it was RESOLVED to erect a security fence on the northern boundary side of the ditch nearest the allotments, which is well within the registered Land Registry title of the allotments. The Parish Council contractor R Harding will carry out the works at a cost of £1160.00. Should the need arise; there is the option to install a gate in the fence line.

2. The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint that rats had been seen in residential gardens adjacent to Cherry Orton allotment site. According to the site representative, no rats have been seen on the site for a long time and tenants are encouraged to keep their plots tidy and to turn over compost heaps to prevent rats nesting in them. It was noted by the meeting that there is a city wide rat issue and it was agreed that the Parish Council will monitor the situation.

**133/10-21 Cemetery**

Chickens have been seen roaming the grounds. They appear to be coming in through a hole in the fence from a neighbouring property and are causing a mess in some flower beds. The Clerk has written to the property owner asking them to repair their fence.

The oak tree donated by Cllr Chambers and the Goldcrest Cypress donated by Cllr Fearon have been planted in the cemetery. The memorial plaque dedicating the oak tree to Cllrs Chambers late daughter Helen Chambers is also in place.

**134/10-21 Finance & Administration**

1. The following items of expenditure were approved:

Family Voice	Grant S137 LGA 1972	£500.00
Wave	Water charges – Gostwick	£145.13
Treasured Memories	Memorial Plaque – Hudson	£36.50
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Peterborough Office Supplies	Stationery	£78.85
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works Oct 2021	£1766.51
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman (October 2021)	£2314.92
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary (Oct 2021)	£1244.24
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements (Sept/Oct 2021)	£104.03
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (Oct 2021) employer/employee contributions	£387.39
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (Oct 2021)	£271.81

Peterborough Limited	Bulky waste collection 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	£818.50
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**2. Income received**

Allotment rents	£1370.50
Burial ground	£165.00
HSBC bank interest	£0.31

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

**135/10-21**

**Planning matters**

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

21/01597/HHFUL	Single storey rear extension at 47 Balintore Rise, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 6SP	No material observations
21/01547/HHFUL	Single storey front extension at 56 Beverstone, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5YN	No material observations
21/01502/LBC	Internal refurbishment works to ground floor at The Pearl Centre, Peterborough Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough	No material observations
21/01637/HHFUL	Single storey front extension at 6 Lyndale Park, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6FE	No material observations

**136/10-21**

**Maintenance**

None.

**137/10-21**

**Future agenda items and announcements**

Agenda item – Armed Forces Covenant.

**138/10-21**

**Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.