

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 26th January 2022 at 7.00 pm.

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

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 2 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.

Representatives from Orton Wistow Under Fives spoke in support of their grant application agenda item 171/01-22.

169/01-22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J. Howell, (Civic Duty), K. Knight (Civic Duty), M. Barrows (personal), R. Pickett (personal). Cllr Dr Sridhar was absent from the meeting.

170/01-22 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr J. Piercy – agenda item 171/01-22.

171/01-22 Orton Wistow Under Fives

The grant request for £3,000.00 towards new outdoor play equipment was discussed. The total cost of the project is £14,600.00 and funding of £8,000.00 has already been secured from the Lottery Youth and Community Fund. The group is based in Wistow Community Centre and as it belongs to Peterborough City Council (PCC), it was agreed that in the first instance, the Parish Council will contact PCC and ask if they are able to help with funding the project and whether they are able to obtain a more competitive price for new equipment. It was noted that in the past, PCC has only carried out repairs and quick fixes which is no longer feasible. Cllr Farnham stated that she is aware of another local charity which may be able to help with some funding. The Clerk will report back at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk.

172/01-22 Local police matters

It was reported that girl football teams playing on the astro-turf pitches near Ormiston Bushfield Academy (OBA) had been hassled by a group of teenagers which resulted in the police being called. Councillors felt that police presence in general should be increased in this area especially when teams are training between 6 pm and 8pm. Because of this issue, the girl football teams now practice elsewhere in the city. It was agreed the Clerk will contact the police and ask if they can increase their presence in this area during the early evenings.

Action: Clerk.

Drinking in the Parish Council cemetery has also been reported to the police as the area which it is in is subject to a Designated Public Order which means the following action can be taken by police:

- A person continuing to drink alcohol in a designated area when asked to stop by a police officer can be arrested and fined £500.00 if convicted.
- The police can arrest any person failing to surrender alcohol in the area when asked to do so.

173/01-22 Ward Councillor reports

Report submitted to the Clerk by Cllr Knight:

- 4 Debdale is being sold and they are not appealing. This is a verbal decision at this present time because it was only made at 2pm today by Zoom.
- Selective licencing - the consultation started last Thursday and it will run for 12 weeks to collect information on rented properties in the ward. The map of the whole area is not very clear and I have asked for a better quality one. But it should be Goldhay in our ward and half of Brimbles. If anyone has any questions or concerns please let me know.

It was noted that there was no Ward Councillor update regarding the new showground development. Cllr Howell will be asked to provide an update on this matter as she has had dealings with this matter.

174/01-22

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meetings held on 24th November 2021 and 11th January 2022 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

175/01-22

Clerk's update

152/11-21 Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for parishioners

The Clerk is waiting for CamSAR to come back to her with what training they are able to offer.

176/01-22

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: January bulletin
2. CAPALC: NALC Newsletters
3. CAPALC: Household support fund
4. CAPALC: Sent on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council - Celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
5. Peterborough City Council: Constitution update – amendments made
6. CAPALC: Nimble E-Learning
7. CAPALC: Chief executive's bulletin
8. CAPALC: January drop in sessions open to all Clerks Staff and Councillors
9. Education Appeals Panel Officer: Independent Review Panel members required for school exclusions process
10. CAPALC: OFCOM Review of Postal Regulations
11. CAPALC: January and February Training - Councillor, Chairmanship and Elections
12. Nene Park Trust– New year message
13. CAPALC: Village halls week 24th - 30th January 2022
14. Peterborough City Council: Consultation on proposed new selective licensing scheme of private landlords - www.peterborough.gov.uk/SLconsultation
15. CAPALC: Finance training

177/01-22

The Gannocks

The Clerk presented several ideas from Aragon for the new piece of play equipment for the wooden area. It was agreed to ask the children who requested the equipment are asked to choose which piece they would prefer.

Action: Cllr Goode and Clerk.

The Clerk reported that Aragon has carried out a play equipment inspection and found that the ground around the roundabout has sunk. Aragon will inform the Parish Council of the repair cost.

178/01-22

Parish Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has been asked to:

- Add to his weekly route, the woods adjacent to the service road near Tesco Express on Wistow Way. It is being assumed that alcohol purchased from Tesco is being consumed in the woods and the bottles are being left behind which accumulates over the course of a week.
- Trim some overhanging branches on the path that runs between 49 and 50 Sunningdale in Orton Waterville as it is extremely overgrown to the point of being impassable, particularly for wheelchair users.

The Chair and Clerk have their regular review meeting with the Lengthsman's manager next week.

179/01-22

Bulky waste collection

The recent collection was attended by a steady stream of residents. It was agreed to have the next collection on Saturday 23rd April 2022 subject to the date being available.

Action: Clerk.

180/01-22

Winter flowers in tree belts

Cllr Fearon asked the meeting to revisit the idea of winter flowers in the tree belts within the Parish as she is concerned that there is a lack of flowers for the early pollinating insects. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact PCC with this request.

Action: Clerk.

181/01-22 Village Green on Cherry Orton Road
Item in abeyance.

182/01-22 Metal detecting on parish council owned land
A request from local resident Jon Parsons to carry out metal detecting on Parish Council owned land was discussed. The resident and his colleague Steve Barnes are members of the National Council for Metal Detecting, which gives them public liability insurance and they follow their code of conduct. They are simply interested in researching any finds and understanding how they fit into the local history of the area. They would also be happy to pass on any finds to a local school if they would be useful to use in history lessons. Any finds would legally be the property of the Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED to allow Jon Parsons and Steve Barnes to carry out metal detecting on the recreational field at The Gannocks. Any finds must be reported to the Parish Council and any disturbed land must be restored and left in the condition that they had found it. Any metal debris found must be cleared.

183/01-22 Queens Green Canopy Initiative
The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Farnham had met with Paul Robertson (PCC), and the Aragon Tree Officer to discuss the locations for planting trees as agreed at the November 2021 meeting.

Aragon has agreed that an oak tree can be planted at the end of Don's Walk and several outside the front of OBA. The cost of a 10-12ft. high tree is £200.00 - £250.00 excluding watering. Aragon is also able to supply and plant the avenue of trees leading to the cemetery. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain the watering costs from Aragon for the next meeting before preceding further this matter. A quotation for the avenue of trees will also be obtained from the Parish Council contractor Richard Harding.
Action: Clerk.

184/01-22 Addressing Climate and Nature emergency
No update however Cllr Warne will ask Ward Cllr Day if she has any updates from PCC.
Action: Cllr Warne.

185/01-22 Reports from outside bodies
Village Hall - Cllr Rouse reported that the Village Hall is being well used and its finances are in a healthy state as ground source heat pumps are helping save costs. The Committee is discussing planting trees on land outside of the village hall and are looking to improve the footpath and car park. They are also looking into the purchase of more comfortable seats. It has been noted by the Committee that there is land on the other side of the building which may belong to the Parish Council as the bushes there are not being maintained. The Clerk agreed to look through her maps to determine the boundary. Cllr Goode asked Cllr Rouse to raise Wi-Fi provision in the Village Hall at the next Committee meeting.
Action: Cllr Rouse.

Orton Counselling Service for Young People – Cllr Piercy reported that she had attended the recent meeting and that the charity appreciated the Parish Council donation which had been agreed for April 2022. Two new Counsellors have been taken on however there is still a massive backlog of young people waiting to be seen. The next meeting is in April 2022.

186/01-22 Allotments
All allotment tenants have been notified of the new rent charges as from 1st October 2022.

187/01-22 Cemetery
The western boundary fence has been repaired however some chickens are still flying over the fence into the cemetery and scratching up flowers beds. As part of the 2022/23 precept, the Clerk has submitted the quotation for a new higher fence for this boundary which may deter the chickens.

188/01-22 Finance & Administration
1. The following items of expenditure were approved:

Wave	Water charges – Cemetery	£28.36
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman (December 2021)	£2314.92
Froglife	Grant S137 LGA 1972	£500.00
Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR)	Grant S137 LGA 1972	£230.00
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works Dec 2021	£1385.50

Cartridgesave	Black/colour printer toners	£92.04
Zoom communications	Monthly upgrade Dec 2021 – Jan 2022	£14.39
The Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreath	£19.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary (December 2021)	£1244.24
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements (Dec 2021)	£75.69
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (Dec 2021) employer/employee contributions	£387.39
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (Dec 2021)	£271.61
Land Registry	Copy of Title Register	£6.00
Zoom communications	Monthly upgrade Jan-Feb 2022	£14.39
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman (January 2022)	£2314.92
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works Jan 2022	£1801.50
R Harding & Son Landscaping	The Gannocks walkway improvements (CLF – Cllr Howell)	£350.00
Treasured Memories Ltd	Grave space 'Reserved' markers	£545.88
Wave	Gostwick allotment water charges	£19.52
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary (January 2022)	£1244.24
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements (Jan 2022)	£70.80
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (Jan 2022) employer/employee contributions	£387.39
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (January 2022)	£271.81
HSBC	December 2021 bank account charges	£10.00

2. Income received:

December 2021

Burial ground	£800.00
HSBC interest	£0.31

January 2022

Allotment rents	£56.00
Burial ground	£1990.00
Community Leadership fund – Cllr Howell	£350.00
HSBC interest	£0.32

- 3.** It was RESOLVED to approve the end of month accounts and bank reconciliations.
- 4.** HSBC has changed the Parish Council Current Account to a Business Account and there are now charges for using the account and depositing cheques. Fee for maintaining the account is £8.00 per month and £2.00 per cheque deposit. HSBC no longer has Community Accounts and the Parish Council does not qualify for any of their charity accounts. It was noted that most banks now charge for account provision and it is often a difficult process to change banking providers. It was RESOLVED to stay with HSBC as the Parish Council bank account provider.

189/01-22

Planning matters

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

21/01502/LBC	Internal refurbishment works to ground floor at The Pearl Centre, Peterborough Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough	No material observations
21/01677/FUL	Proposal: Existing 17.5m CU PHOSCO 4.5 Monopole to be removed and replaced with proposed 20.0m CU PHOSCO Phase 4.5 Monopole to be installed on existing concrete base at Communication Station Site 3531 Bakewell Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough	No material observations
21/01825/FUL	Minor alterations to the external appearance of the building including glazed doors and installation of 3x wall mounted HVAC Units at Kingdom Hall, 1A Brudenell, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE25SX	No material observations
21/01968/CTR	Tree works: 2 x Mature lime trees one remove and other crown lift at Tree Shelterbelt, Orton Waterville, Peterborough	No material observations
21/01765/HHFUL	Single storey rear extension at 22 Church Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5AF	No material observations
22/00008/CTR	Tree works: 1 x Cherry Tree- prune back to previous growth points all over to produce balanced crown. 1 x Cedar Tree-reduce height by 2m and reduce lateral branches by no more than 1m all over to produce balanced crown at Rosemary, 38B Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	No material observations

190/01-22

Maintenance

The Clerk has asked Aragon to look at the line of trees on Oundle Road verge opposite Ham Lane. The trees are growing out towards the road and reducing the visibility for pedestrians crossing the road from Orton Brimbles towards Ferry Meadows.

191/01-22

Future agenda items and announcements

None.

192/01-22

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 23rd February 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm.