

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 March 2022 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors T. Rouse (Chair), M. Barrows, B. Fearon, J. Goode, J. Howell, K. Knight R. Pickett J. Piercy, Dr Sridhar, B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk)

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 3 Member of the Press: 0

Public Question Time

Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 s 1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s 100.

The applicant for the Borthwick Park Jubilee street party grant spoke in support of their application - agenda item 221/03-22.

219/03-22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, and J. Farnham (personal).

220/03-22 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr R Pickett – agenda item 245/03-22.

221/03-22 Borthwick Park Jubilee street party grant application

The grant request for £250.00 towards a Jubilee street party at Borthwick Park was discussed. It was RESOLVED to award £50.00 on the proviso that the applicant contacts Justin Beaumont at Peterborough City Council to ensure that:

- The council is aware that the event is taking place
- The event conforms to the city council's requirements for street parties
- An appropriate risk assessment is undertaken to the satisfaction of the city council

222/03-22 Orton Wistow Under Fives grant application

The grant request under prior agenda item 171/01-22 was further discussed. Orton Wistow Under Fives have already secured £8,000.00 and are seeking £3000.00 from the Parish Council towards new play equipment at Orton Wistow Community Centre. The Clerk reported that PCC have stated that they are unable to help with any funding. Aragon has also said that they are not able to get a more favourable quote for the required piece of play equipment. Cllr Howell informed the meeting that she had spoken with the play group about approaching PCC again. Also, the majority of the funds are required for ground works. It was agreed to put the grant application on hold and ask that Orton Wistow Under Fives representatives further liaise with PCC as the community centre is their building and access to the play equipment is only for those attending the play group.

223/03-22 Local police matters

Cllr Dr Sridhar reported that recently there had been egg throwing incidents in Orton Northgate. Cllr Howell stated that the culprits had been identified and spoken to by the police.

Cllr Knight reported that a group of youths had been causing issues around Orton with graffiti (including Orton Wistow park). The police have made arrests and the criminal activity seems to have stopped or slowed down.

224/03-22 Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Howell gave the following report:

COVID

Cllr Howell was one of 20 people who caught COVID at the meeting of the full council on 3rd March. She has been out of action for most of the month because of it.

Council Budget

The budget for the forthcoming year was approved at a meeting of the full council on 3rd March.

Local Elections (City Council)

These will take place on Thursday 5th May. Cllr Howell is standing for re-election.

Drifting

At a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee on 8th March, an interim report of the Task and Finish Group to Examine Issues with Car Cruising in Peterborough was presented and approved. A full report is expected in June. She will provide the Clerk with the interim report for circulation to councillors.

Gostwick

Permanent anti-traveller defences have been installed in Gostwick in the form of a grass bund. The road has also been resurfaced, which unfortunately has led to a number of complaints (as it is not aesthetically pleasing).

Brackenwood

There is an ongoing problem with parked cars apparently due to a private residence being used as a commercial to fix vehicles. The council is investigating this.

Peterborough Unlimited Wins an Award

Peterborough Unlimited won the Community Contribution of the Year award at the Athene Communications 2021 Peterborough Regional Media & PR Awards. Peterborough Unlimited is Cllr Howell with Peterborough Telegraph, Joel Lamy and Julie Fernandez. The aim of the campaign is to make Peterborough better for disabled people.

Brown Bins

As of 1st May, the brown bin service will be reinstated, with brown bins now being emptied on the same day as black bins.

The meeting was asked if the Parish Council could raise the issue of the lack of toilets with PCC. It was suggested that the Parish Council writes to Wayne Fitzgerald, leader of PCC.

Cllr Knight gave the following report:

Debdale Pond

There have been issues at Debdale pond with anti-social behaviour. Trees have been burnt down and shopping trolleys thrown into the pond. PCC have cleared the area. Police are aware and have caught the gang.

Orton Library

Cllr Knight has met with PCC Officers and Cabinets member to discuss the future of Orton Library. There is likely to be one more meeting before the decision is made to either close or reduce the service.

Peterborough Limited

As from 1st April 2022, Peterborough Limited is taking over all leisure and culture services including libraries.

225/03-22

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 23rd February 2022 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

226/03-22

Clerk's update

180/01-22 - Winter flowers in tree belts

The PCC Wildlife Officer has provided the Clerk with the following statement regarding flowers in tree belts: 'As a general rule flowers cannot be planted within the shelter belts owned by PCC due to issues surrounding management responsibilities and difficulties in establishment. However it is PCCs aim to thin the woodlands to allow light to the forest floor and help the natural flower seedbank there grow without interference'.

227/03-22

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: Bulletins and updates.
2. CAPALC: NALC Newsletters.

3. CAPALC: Support for Ukraine. It was agreed to put on the website that the Council stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine due to the current situation there. Information will also be put on the website as to how local residents can help.
4. River Nene Community Information Day – Pledge2Recycle 18th May 2022.
5. Parish Council conference 8th June 2022.

228/03-22

The Gannocks

1. Aragon has quoted approximately £21,000.00 for installing the piece of play equipment chosen by the children. This does not include removal of the vegetation and tree stumps prior to installation. The cost is high because a stone base and the a wet pour surface is needed. If the piece of equipment is situated outside of the wooded area, then the cost would come in within the allocated budget of £10,000.00 as the wet pour surface is not needed. Due to the cost, it was RESOLVED to install the equipment outside of the play area subject to permission being granted by the Planning Inspectorate.

Action: Clerk.

2. An extra grass cut has been carried out at The Gannocks.

229/03-22

CAPALC membership renewal invitation 2022-2023

It was RESOLVED to renew the CAPALC affiliation and Data Protection Officer Membership for 2022-2023 membership – cost £1313.56.

230/03-22

Parish Lengthsman

Andrew Metcalf is the new Lengthsman and new wheels have been purchased for his trolley.

231/03-22

Bulky waste collection

Collections dates are 23rd April and 11th June 2022, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, small car park at the back of the Orton Centre.

Brown bin collections are due to restart on 1st May 2022. A link to PCC brown bin information will be put on the Parish Council website.

232/03-22

Non collection of green bins in Gostwick

Cllr Howell informed the meeting that Aragon had failed to empty the green bins w/c 7th March as Gostwick had been blocked by roadworks, and were unable to return to empty them until the next scheduled collection. This caused distress to residents whose bins were full. Aragon could however come back sooner at a cost of £195.39 + VAT. In her capacity as Ward Councillor, Cllr Howell consulted with Cllrs Farnham and Rouse and asked if the Parish Council could pay this one of cost because of the way residents were feeling. This was agreed as the Financial Regulations allow such expenditure for emergencies as it is under £500.00 - OWPC Financial Regulation 2017 clause 4.1. Aragon returned the next day and emptied the bins. It was RESOLVED to ratify the expenditure of £195.39 + VAT for the return collection of green bins at Gostwick on 15th March 2022. It was also agreed that Cllr Howell Council will write to PCC Adrian Chapman and Cllr Simons pointing out that residents have in effect paid twice for this service.

Action: Cllr Howell.

233/03-22

Lynch Wood – ‘Slow down children’ crossing signs

Ward Cllr Day addressed the meeting and informed the Parish Council that residents had contacted her with their concerns with trying to cross the road (from Northgate to Orton Wistow School) at the lower Lynch Wood roundabout. Cars tend to drive very fast down these roads and there has been a near miss. Cllr Day asked if the Parish Council could consider paying for the purchase and installation of ‘Slow down children crossing’ signs which might help make drivers aware as her CLF has been suspended. The signs cost £90.00 or £125.00 if a new post if needed. There are also associated traffic management costs which Cllr Day is trying to find out what these are. Cllr Howell stated that FI are developers starting up again at Lynch Wood and are putting in traffic measures and that Cllr Day should contact them in the first instance. Cllr Howell will give Cllr Day FI contact details.

234/03-22

Queens Green Canopy Initiative

The Clerk provided quotes for commemorative plaques to go alongside the new oak tree at the end of Don’s Walk and for the cherry blossom trees at The Gannocks. It was RESOLVED to purchase 2 European oak plaques with a ground spike from ‘The Workshop Aberfeldy’ at a cost of £43.00 each.

Action: Clerk.

235/03-22

Addressing Climate and Nature emergency

The first meeting of the working group is on 1st April 2022. Cllrs Barrows, Fearon and Warne to attend. Ward Cllr Day will also be attending.

236/03-22 Reports from outside bodies

No reports.

237/03-22 Allotments

No matters to report.

238/03-22 Cemetery

No matters to report.

239/03-22 Finance & Administration

The following items of expenditure were approved:

Columbaria	Sanctum plaque inscription	£109.20
CAPALC	Affiliation renewal fee including DPO membership 2022-22	£1313.56
HSBC	February 2022 bank account charges	£10.00
Land Registry	Title Registers request	£6.00
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman (March 2022)	£2314.92
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works Mar 2022	£1146.50
Cartridgesave	Printer toners	£98.15
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary (Mar 2022 incl. pay award April 21 back pay)	£1441.92
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements (Mar 2022)	£82.07
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (Mar 2022) employer/employee contributions	£468.95
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (Mar 2022)	£414.71
Peterborough Limited	Returning recycling collection at Gostwick	£234.47
Peterborough Limited	Bulky waste collection 15 Jan 2022	£1064.98
Secure Fast Hosting Ltd	Domain renewal 2022-2023	£14.40
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Additional grass cut The Gannocks & Churchyard, remove fallen branches	£400.00
Wave	Cemetery water charges	£14.77

2. Income received

Burial ground	£5603.00
Allotment rent	£20.00
HSBC bank interest	£1.09

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

4. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) national salary award 2021/22 was noted.

240/03-22 Planning matters

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

22/00165/FUL	Change of Use from E(c)(i) (previously A2) to Sui Generis Veterinary Clinic at 11 - 12 Ortongate Shopping Centre, Bushfield, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5TD	No material observations
22/00173/HHFUL	Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new outbuilding at 21 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	No material observations
22/00191/WCPP	Amendment to an existing Planning Permission: Variation of conditions C1 (approved plans) and C2 (materials) of Planning Permission 20/00846/HHFUL granted at appeal APP/J0540/D/21/3277604 at 21 Cherryfields, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5XD	No material observations
22/00174/LBC	Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new outbuilding at 21 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	No material observations
22/00249/CTR	Tree works: Plum (P1) repollard back to previous points at 6 New Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EJ	No material observations
22/00283/HHFUL	Single storey rear extension at 18 Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EN	No material observations
22/00284/HHFUL	Single storey front extension and single storey side extension and alterations to front elevation at 10 Dale Close, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5HB	No material observations
22/00310/CTR	Tree works: Fell prunus cerasifera nigra in rear garden and replace at	No material observations

	Hillside, 5A Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EF	observations
22/00383/CTR	Tree works: Cut back PCC trees to boundary, Reduce Chestnut tree, Remove Almond tree at 63 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH	No material observations
22/00321/HHFUL	First floor extension over garage to provide additional bedroom at 7 Martins Way, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5DY	No material observations
22/00329/HHFUL	Installation of first floor side window at 36 Chandlers, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5YW	No material observations

241/03-22

Maintenance

1. The lamppost on the traffic island opposite Svenskaby is still broken due to an accident.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways.

2. Flashing on a garage at the back of the shops on Church Drive is hanging down with sharp pieces which are a hazard.

Action: Cllr Howell to speak to the proprietor.

3. Another old stone wall on Cherry Orton Road appears unstable.

Action: Cllr Howell will raise this concern with PCC.

242/03-22

Future agenda items and announcements

Clerk to provide update on CPR training.

243/03-22

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.

244/03-22

Parish Landscape maintenance contract renewal

RESOLVED to renew the existing landscape maintenance contract with R Harding & Son Landscaping for a further 5 years as from 1st April 2022. This will be a fixed price contract subject to agreed yearly inflation increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The first year of the fixed contract will be £12,900.00 paid in 12 monthly instalments of £1075.00.

245/03-22

Village Green on Cherry Orton Road

Advice is being sort with regards to cars parking on the Village Green on Cherry Orton Road.

246/03-22

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be readmitted to the meeting

247/03-22

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 27th April 2022.