

PARISH OF ORTON WATERVILLE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
at the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville
on Tuesday 31st May 2022 At 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Farnham (Chair and Chair of the Parish Council), 8 electors and Mrs A Brown (Parish Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – M. Barrows, J. Goode, J. Howell, and Dr. D. Sridhar.
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 27th April 2021 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 7.09 pm.

Orton Waterville Parish Council

Chairman's Report 31 May 2022

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

Due to the COVID19 pandemic we held our meetings via Zoom returning to face-to-face meetings in the Village Hall in May 2021.

Our new website continues to be updated and we are looking at ways to improve this further. We are still endeavouring to set up Parish Council email addresses for all Councillors.

The free bulky waste collections which are held in the car park at the back of Ortongate shopping centre have recommenced. 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. My sincere thanks to Kirsty and her husband for organising signage and directing traffic. Thanks to the many Councillors and friends who came to help act as Covid marshals. Without them we could not have restarted the collections.

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.

A working group has been set up to look at Addressing Climate and Nature emergency. The long-term plan is to see what the Parish Council can do to improve the parish environmental impact and carbon footprint.

The burial ground enhancements have been completed. The new benches are in place and existing benches were all cleaned and re-varnished. The rose garden is proving a popular place of remembrance. We have received many compliments from families for the excellent service we provide. My thanks to Richard and Brett for their help, advice, and care of the burial ground.

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 have been completed.

The new play equipment at Reepham is installed but has brought some problems of anti-social behaviour and Julie is consulting with PCC regarding the matter and hopefully we can address this.

It has been agreed to purchase a further piece of play equipment for the Gannocks following a request made by a group of young people living in the area. PCC is being consulted regarding the project.

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. Grants were also made to Magpas, Family Voice, Up the Garden Bath, Frog Life, CAMSAR, and Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Poppy Wreath)

It was agreed as part of the Queens Green Canopy Initiative a new oak tree would be planted at the end of Don's Walk and the cherry blossom trees at The Gannocks. The oak tree will be planted by Aragon in the autumn. The cherry blossom trees are due to be planted by Richard soon at The Gannocks. Commemorative plaques have been purchased for placing next to the trees.

We also agreed to purchase a Queens Platinum Jubilee commemorative plaque to place underneath the Queens Diamond Jubilee plaque sign on the village sign on the corner of Cherry Orton Road/Oundle Road.

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 and support during the year as we continue to endeavour to make it a place to be proud of.

Jenny Farnham
Chair