

# 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 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), M. Barrows, M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, B. Fearon, J. Goode, R. Pickett, J. Piercy, T. Rouse, Dr Sridhar, J. Stevenson (previously Howell), and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13      Quorum: 5      Members of the public: 3

## **Public Question Time**

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

All members of the public raised the same concern regarding anti-social behaviour coming from a rental property in Orton Northgate whereby the tenants are constantly changing. They have complained to the landlady of the property and to the police however nothing is being done. Cllr Stevenson stated that she had already written to the police about this matter and suggested that the Parish Council should do the same.

All members of the public left the meeting.

## **29/06-22      Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs K. Knight and B. Warne (personal).

## **30/06-22      Declaration of interests and dispensations**

None.

Cllr Farnham congratulated Cllr Howell on her recent nuptials and is now known as Cllr Stevenson.

## **31/06-22      Magpas Air Ambulance grant application**

Magpas (Mid Anglia General Practitioners Accident Service), air ambulance grant application for £500.00 to help with the funding of the free public service. The funding sought is just a small part of a larger grant being sought as the charity is looking for a total funding amount of £2,555,849.00. Magpas does not receive regular state funding and relies on donations from the public, parish and town councils and their own lottery and also apply for grants, trusts and foundation support.

**RESOLVED:** to award Magpas air ambulance a grant of £500.00.

## **32/06-22      Local police matters**

The matter raised in the public forum was discussed. Cllr Stevenson stated that she has written to the police with her concerns that this residential property is being rented out through Airbnb and other platforms and that no-one is being accountable for the tenant's behaviour. Residents are at the point where they are frightened to leave their property.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council (PC) will write to the Police and Shailesh Vara, Member of Parliament for North West Cambridgeshire, highlighting the concerns raised by the members of the public in the earlier public forum. This will also be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Action:** Clerk.

## **33/06-22      Ward Councillor reports**

Report submitted to the Clerk by Cllr Knight:

- There's a small encampment between Vetchfield, Chandlers, Sunningdale and Chisenhale. The council have issued a section 77 on Monday, their waiting on a court date for the eviction notice. That should be early next week. 4 caravans so far.
- Cross Keys Homes have said they will help at the next bulky waste in September and collect bulky items from residents that can't physically get it there.
- Wistow park - there's a new roundabout that's been installed, which has replaced the old one
- There are 2 new benches that have been installed at the Orton centre, their called chatty benches. Their bright yellow which is good for partially sighted people. They have back rests.
- Work has started at Stapleton road in Orton Southgate to try and stop the drifting.

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

- As stated earlier in agenda item 32/06-22, Cllr Stevenson has been dealing with the rental property issue.
- The encampment at Vetchfield broke into the site and has received a Section 77 notice from the council.
- The Showground developers AEPG have announced to the trade press that a business decision has been made that from July 2023 there will no longer be any large outdoor events at the site. AEPG are measuring the volume of traffic on Oundle Road and Brimbles Way as their biggest challenge will be to manage traffic on Oundle Road to and from the new housing development.
- Cllr Stevenson has been working on the drifting issue at Orton Southgate industrial estate for the past 6 years and as a result of the Peterborough City Council Task and Finish group of which she is Chair, £50,000 is being spent to implement measures to prevent this from continuing to happen. The works will take 3 weeks to complete. She also stated that over the years there have been a number of serious accidents which were not recorded in the press, and following a Freedom of Information Request to the ambulance service, she has since found out that there have been 6 call outs to serious incidents in the last 12 months.
- Cllr Stevenson has received a number of complaints regarding sight lines which have been interrupted on Goldhay Way between Kinnears Walk and Collingham. This is a result of the verges being dug up for utility works and weeds then growing tall at a rapid rate. Although the utility company will be back at some point to dig up the verges again, PCC and Aragon will deal with the issue of restoring the verges.

**34/06-22**

**Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 were agreed and **RESOLVED** as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**35/06-22**

**Clerk's update**

26/05-22: Village Green on Cherry Orton Road

The Clerk is in the process of drafting the letter to residents.

**36/06-22**

**Correspondence received**

1. CAPALC: Bulletins and updates.
2. CAPALC: NALC Newsletters.
3. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority: Public consultation on a developing plan for better transport in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. More information and a simple survey form is available via [www.yourltcp.co.uk](http://www.yourltcp.co.uk) reminder survey closes 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**37/06-22**

**The Gannocks**

1. The Clerk has not yet received the quotation from Richard Harding (RH) for the new play equipment.
2. Cllr Dallimore reported that he is due to meet with RH next week to discuss the installation of solar security lamp and CCTV camera. It is envisaged that a new post may not be required as it might be possible to mount the equipment on a metal plate and be attached to the post which is already in situ.
3. A concern was raised that the new planted cherry trees were not being watered enough in the recent warm weather. The Clerk confirmed that RH is watering the trees every two weeks. Cllrs Dallimore and Goode agreed to monitor trees in between RH visits and water them if necessary.

**Action:** Cllrs Dallimore and Goode.

**38/06-22**

**Reepham play area**

No update however Cllr Stevenson is continuing to deal with the matter.

**39/06-22**

**Parish Lengthsman**

1. The Lengthsman contract renewal was discussed. The annual cost for the service (1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023) is £25,061.00 (excl. VAT). Aragon has stated that unfortunately there have been increases larger than they would normally have expected, however it is wholly influenced by an increase in unavoidable staffing and operating costs. The precept this year was also increased to help pay the cost of the Lengthsman.

**RESOLVED:** to renew the Lengthsman contract for a further 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

2. The meeting was asked if the Lengthsman could empty 2 small bins on posts outside the shops at Napier Place, Orton Wistow, as they are constantly overflowing and Peterborough City Council (PCC) does not empty them. It was suggested that if the bins were removed, it would encourage the public to

use the larger bins nearby which are emptied by PCC. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask Crown Estates if they have any objections to the PC removing the bins.

**Action:** Clerk.

**40/06-22**

**Bulky waste collection**

The next collection date is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Cllr Stevenson asked what was happening with the Parish Council tip permit scheme. Cllr Pickett will ask for an update on the scheme at the next Parish Council Liaison meeting.

**Action:** Cllr Pickett.

**41/06-22**

**CPR training**

The Clerk reported that she had sent an enquiry to the charity Gemma's Hearts asking if they offered any CPR training but had received no response. In view of the no response and the previous high costs received for CPR training from other providers, it was agreed not to pursue this matter any further and remove from the item from the agenda.

**42/06-22**

**Addressing Climate and Nature emergency**

Cllr Barrows will be organising the next working party meeting to discuss what the PC's next steps are. Cllr Fearon reported that she had attended the recent Parish Council conference and that a PCC Officer gave a presentation on Climate Change. The Clerk stated that slides from the presentations at the conference will be made available to everyone.

**Action:** Cllr Barrows.

**43/06-22**

**Reports from outside bodies**

Village Hall Committee (VHC) – The Clerk confirmed that the VHC are happy to have 2 PC representatives. Cllr Rouse reported that he is hoping to be elected as a Village Hall Trustee at the AGM. If this is the case, Cllr Fearon will continue to be the PC representative.

Cllr Farnham stated that she had been approached by a VHC member who asked if the PC could help with funding towards fencing in the grassed area at the back of the hall to make it more secure for children that attend play sessions. It was agreed that Cllr Fearon will bring this up at the next VHC meeting.

**Action:** Cllr Fearon.

**44/06-22**

**Cemetery**

No update.

**45/06-22**

**Finance & Administration**

**RESOLVED:** The following items of expenditure were approved:

Wave	Water charges Cemetery	£37.47
HSBC	May 2022 bank account charges	£8.00
Screwfix	Padlock Gostwick allotments	£18.69
Screwfix	Solar security light	£69.29
Amazon	Security bullet camera	£14.44
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman June 2022	£2347.30
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works June 2022	£1075.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary June 2022	£1255.27
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements June 2022	£73.70
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation June 2022 (employer/employee contributions)	£394.19
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI June 2022	£295.63
Mark Hazlehurst	Internal Auditor service	£400.00
Peterborough Office Supplies	Stationery	£29.45
Peterborough Limited	Bulky waste collection 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	£976.84

**2. Income received**

Allotment rent	£10.00
Cemetery fees	£950.00
PCC Community Infrastructure Levy	£1874.15
HMRC VAT refund	£5563.87
HSBC Bank interest	£1.62

**3. RESOLVED:** That the end of month accounts and bank reconciliations are approved.

46/06-22

**Planning matters**

**1. RESOLVED:** To submit comments where appropriate on applications:

22/00706/HHFUL	Proposed First floor extension over garage to provide enlarged bedroom & ensuite at 7 Martins Way, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5DY	No material observations
22/00803/ADV	Proposal: 1no. non-illuminated fascia sign and vinyl signage to be applied to the existing glazed shopfront at Unit 11 - 12 Ortongate Shopping Centre, Bushfield, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5TD	No material observations
22/00804/FUL	Change of use from A1 Retail to Sui Generis: Performing and Visual Arts Learning Centre (Registered Charity) at Units 34-36 Ortongate Shopping Centre, Bushfield, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough	No material observations
22/00882/CTR	Tree works: Cedrus deodara - fell to ground, Salix alba - fell to ground at Stone Lea 5B Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EF	No material observations

47/06-22

**Maintenance**

Bushes are growing out into the footpath near the village hall making wheelchair access difficult. The Clerk will investigate.

The corner of Cherry Orton Road/Oundle Road is looking untidy as Aragon does not cut the ditch as part of their cutting regime. As a one off, Richard Harding will be asked to cut the high weeds along the top of the ditch and trim back where necessary.

48/06-22

**Future agenda items and announcements**

Due to a supplier issue, there is a shortage of PCC food caddy bags which is unlikely to be resolved until August.

49/06-22

**Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

Item not required as there were no members of the public present.

50/06-22

**Allotments**

1. No update on legal correspondence relating to Rights of Way onto the site and resolve action
2. No other matters.

51/06-22

**Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Re-Admittance of the Press and the Public**

Item not required as there were no members of the public present.

52/06-22

**Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm.