

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 25th January 2023 at 7.00 pm.

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

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 0 PCC Ward Councillor: 0

Public Question Time

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

None.

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Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Goode and Cllr Dr Sridhar (personal); and Cllr Stevenson (Civic duty).

The Chair informed the meeting that she had accepted Cllrs Barrows resignation from the Parish Council.

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Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

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Parish Councillor vacancy

Peterborough City Council (PCC) has been informed of Cllr Barrows resignation and has issued a vacancy notice which expires on 31st January 2023. After this date, if no election is called, the Parish Council can advertise the post for co-option.

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Local police matters

None.

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Ward Councillor reports

1. Cllr Knight gave the following report:

- The grass bunds along Brimbles way will be starting soon and we have a meeting on Friday to discuss this.
- The Orton Library has the highest footfall increase than all the other libraries in Peterborough and the council are looking to put a council officer in there to assist people with the cost of living crisis and get them more help. The Cross Keys hub there is successful.
- The pine trees have all been cut around Napier place (private property) but residents are complaining. The cones are falling and there's been an accident where an elderly person has fallen over on them, I have spoken to Accent homes and they have agreed to replace them with more suitable trees.
- Rangefield residents have asked for a defibrillator to put near as the closest one that it available for public use is in Orton Southgate and the Goldhay centre. Cross keys have agreed for one to be put on the communal building and will pay for the electric for it, but would need to come up with £1500 and then the yearly upkeep costs. Nicola and I will be meeting them this week to discuss and some of the residents will get together for fund raising.
- CLF fund of £1000 – Nicola and I have put ours together and a bench will be put in at the back of the Shops at Napier. There's a big green area and nowhere for anyone to sit, has £500 gone to Christ church in Orton Goldhay for the new carpets.

2. Report submitted to the Clerk by Cllr Stevenson:

Anti-social use of cars

Cllr Stevenson continues to work with Cambs Police and the council as they prepare their application to the court for an injunction to prevent anti-social use of cars in our ward, including providing a witness statement that will form part of the application to the court.

Community Leadership Fund

Cllr Stevenson intends (subject to approval) to distribute her portion the fund as follows:

- £450 for signage and floor markings at Lynch Wood to improve road safety for pedestrians
- £200 to Orton Counselling Service (promotional materials to advertise service)
- £200 to CamSAR (dry suit to aid in water rescues)
- £150 Peterborough Cat Rescue (traps to rescue feral cats for rehabilitation and rehoming).

3. Report submitted to the Clerk by Cllr Day:

- I've been working residents regarding AEPG planning proposals.
- We are continuing our Meet On The Streets sessions and picking up casework.
- For CLF details - please refer to Cllr Knight's report.

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Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 21st December 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

171/01-23

Clerk's update

1. 206/02-22: Queens Green Canopy Initiative – Planting of oak tree on Don's Walk.
This has now been planted by Peterborough Limited.
2. 84/09-22: Operation London Bridge – Planting of commemorative copper beech tree at the Orton Centre.
Peterborough Limited has ordered the tree and is awaiting delivery. Planting is likely to be late January/early February.
3. 139/11-22: Parking of vehicles on corner of Church Drive/Cherry Orton.
PCC Highways will be adding this to the next Legal Order to see if there is something which they can do to alleviate this problem. No timescale for the consultation was given.

172/01-23

Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: Bulletins and updates
2. CAPALC: NALC Newsletters
3. PARISH.UK Network: New network launched to provide a consistent and recognisable framework on which to display open-source data about parishes across England and Wales. CAPALC has informed the Parish Council that they have never worked with this organisation and that they have no links to the Government and there is no obligation to respond to their communication.

173/01-23

Warm hubs within the parish

Cllr Farnham reported that Christ Church has increased its Friday afternoon Coffee Connect Warm Hub to twice a month. This is free and open to anyone however numbers were down last time possibly due to the severe weather.

174/01-23

The Gannocks

No updates.

175/01-23

Bulky Waste

The Parish Council has received a request for the bulky waste service to continue at the Orton Centre. It was noted that the Parish Council is waiting for the dates which can be booked in 2023 and that the service has not been cancelled. The Clerk will book a collection date as soon as one becomes available.

Action: Clerk.

176/01-23

Parish Lengthsman

No updates.

177/01-23

Addressing Climate and Nature emergency

Cllr Warne agreed to take over as lead for the working party due to the resignation of Cllr Barrows, and to set up a meeting of the working party with himself, Cllr Fearon and Ward Cllr Day. It was noted that PCC now have a dedicated Climate Change Officer - Hannah Swinburne.

Action: Cllr Warne.

178/01-23

Reports from outside bodies

1. Village Hall - Cllr Fearon gave a verbal report from the recent committee which she had attended. The Village Show plant sale is being moved to the week after the King's Coronation. The next committee meeting is on 29th July 2023 and will be the AGM.
2. Parish Council Liaison – No update.
3. Reports from other bodies – None.

179/01-23

Cemetery

1. The Health and Safety report completed by Cllr Farnham, Cllr Goode and Clerk was circulated. It was agreed that the following actions highlighted in the report will be addressed:
 - Children's area - to add more shrub or hardy perennial to add colour.
 - Treat moss on footpaths where necessary.
 - The clerk will write and ask the grave keeper on file to remove the excessive grave memorabilia
 - Richard Harding to address the sinking/unlevel headstones and reseed grass after.
 - In future to plant taller roses in the middle of the rose garden to create different depths.
 - To lay flat any unsafe headstone in St Mary's churchyard.
2. No other matters of concern.

180/01-23

Finance & Administration

1. **RESOLVED:** That the following items of expenditure are approved:

HSBC	December 2022 bank account charges	£10.00
Columbaria	Sanctum plaque	£109.20
Wave	Water charges Gostwick allotments	£20.32
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman January 2023	£2347.30
Society Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership renewal	£139.50
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works Jan 2023 incl. additional works	£1385.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary January 2023	£1345.68
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements January 2023	£75.75
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation Jan 2023 (employer/employee contributions)	£416.84
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI January 2023	£290.46

2. Income received

HSBC bank interest	£28.64
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3. **RESOLVED:** That the end of month accounts and bank reconciliations are approved.

181/01-23

Planning matters

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

22/01778/HHFUL	Erection of porch canopy to front entrance door at 68 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH	No material observations.
22/01785/FUL	Change of use from Police Station (Sui Generis) to Office use E(g)(i) at Unit 38 Ortongate Shopping Centre, Bushfield, Peterborough	No material observations.
22/01793/FUL	Erection of 27x employment units (Class E (g)) with ancillary Class E uses, associated access works, parking and landscaping at Land To The North Of Lynch Wood, Peterborough	Comments to be submitted to PCC Planning: Lynch Wood Business Park advertises itself as providing high specification office accommodation. The existing office buildings, whilst differing in style, have been designed to be architecturally attractive. The proposal does not fit in with the other buildings as the meeting felt the design to be functional with limited architectural appeal. The Parish Council would request that the exterior elevations are redesigned to be more visually attractive and

		complement the existing development.
23/00040/CTR	Tree works: Beech (T1 and T2) reduce crowns, prune trees by 4m and shape at The Nook, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, Peterborough, PE2 5EN	No material observations.

182/01-23

Maintenance

1. A 'Restricted Parking' sign is down opposite Svenskaby.
2. The turn left sign on Oundle Road opposite the exit from Cherry Orton Road is down.
3. One street name sign in Ferryview is down on the left hand side of the road.
4. Road surface in Debdale is poor and requires attention.

Action: Clerk to report to PCC Highways.

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Future agenda items and announcements

- Lynch Wood farm is to become a centre for Culture and Arts.
- February agenda item: Coronation event.

184/01-23

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

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.

185/01-23

Allotments

1. Update received on further legal correspondence relating to Rights of Way onto the site. (For details see confidential minutes folder).
2. A request has been received from a Cherry Orton allotment tenant to share their plot and proposed a person. It was noted that there is a waiting list for allotments plots and it would be unfair to those people for someone to jump the queue. Plot sharing is at the discretion of the Parish Council and in the past people has been permitted to share as there had been no waiting list.
RESOLVED: That the allotment tenant may share their plot with a person from the Cherry Orton allotments waiting list. If no-one from the list wants to allotment share, then the person proposed by the tenant will be permitted to share.
3. It was reported that the ditch at Cherry Orton allotments requires clearing as it has overgrown again. Cllr Rouse agreed to meeting with Richard Harding to discuss the required works.
4. No other matters

186/01-23

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

RESOLVED: That the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be readmitted to the meeting

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Date of next meeting – Wednesday 22nd February 2023.

The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.