

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Farnham (Chair), M. Chambers, B. Fearon, Goode, R. Pickett, J. Piercy, T. Rouse, Dr Sridhar (from 7:36 pm), B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13      Quorum: 5      Members of the public: 2      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 Knight and Cllr Stevenson (Civic duty).

No apologies were received from Cllr Dallimore.

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## **Declaration of interests and dispensations**

None.

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## **Parish Councillor vacancy**

Two applicants attended the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To co-opt Mr Stephen Swan onto Orton Waterville Parish Council. Mr Swan signed his Parish Councillor Declaration and joined the Parish Council for the remainder of the meeting.

191/02-23

## **Local police matters**

None.

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## **Ward Councillor reports**

1. Report submitted to the Clerk by Cllr Stevenson:

### **Community Leadership Fund**

Tonight, city councillors will vote to approve the council budget for next year. It includes a proposal to increase CLF from £1k to £3k per councillor per year and also to permit councillors to carry over any unspent budget to the following year.

### **Ortongate**

It has been reported in the local press that part of Ortongate is for sale.

The freehold of a single terrace is being sold in three separate sections:

- The space occupied/leased by the Co-op supermarket
- The space occupied/leased by Iceland and Card Factory
- The space occupied/leased by the Co-op Funeral Service

There have yet to be any offers and until it is sold it's not known what the new owner will do with the space.

2. Report submitted to the Clerk by Cllr Knight:

- Grass bunds along Brimbles Way: The quote from Aragon has come in and it's over 20k which the council haven't got. I got a load of top soil donated to cut the cost but unfortunately Aragon couldn't use it due to the upkeep. Because it wasn't their soil they didn't want to take responsibility for it.

So, I was thinking maybe trees could be grown all along there? I have spoken to the council and they have agreed it could be done, and would like councillor's thoughts on this. The damaged posts have all been replaced with new ones right now.

- Police are going to be working on the car speeds all along Goldhay way and have asked me to join them in talks to see what can be done to slow drivers down.
- We now have our very own graffiti removal kit, so please let Cllr Day or myself know if you spot any and we will go out and remove it.

193/02-23

**Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

194/02-23

**Clerk's update**

**84/09-22: Operation London Bridge** – Planting of commemorative purple copper beech tree at the Orton Centre has now taken place. Aragon planted the tree on one of the grassed areas between Ormiston Bushfield Academy and the Orton Centre. A small group of students from the Academy helped with the planting of the tree. It is hoped that once the tree is established, the students will help design a small memorial garden around the base of the tree. A photograph of the school children taken by the Academy will be posted on the Parish Council website.

195/02-23

**Correspondence received**

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

196/02-23

**The Gannocks**

No updates.

197/02-23

**Bulky waste**

The Clerk has now received the dates and prices for bulky waste collections in 2023.

**RESOLVED:** That bulky waste collections will be booked for April, September and January 2024 at the Orton Centre. Dates will be posted on the website and noticeboards when they have been confirmed by Aragon.

**Action:** Clerk.

198/02-23

**Parish Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman has been asked to attend several specific areas within the parish as they appear to be becoming litter hotspots.

199/02-23

**Coronation event**

**RESOLVED:** That a link will be posted on the Parish Council website directing residents to Peterborough City Council's website where information can be found relating to holding coronation events such as a street parties. Peterborough City Council is also offering grants to hold coronation events.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase a King's Coronation commemorative plaque for the village sign on the corner of Cherry Orton Road/Oundle Road. The plaque will be situated underneath the Queen's commemorative plaques.

200/02-23

**Addressing Climate and Nature emergency**

Cllr Warne reported that the working party is yet to meet. Cllr Swan agreed to join the working party.

**Action:** Cllr Warne.

201/02-23

**Reports from outside bodies**

1. Village Hall – no update. The next meeting is in April.
2. Parish Council Liaison – no update. The next meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and any councillor can attend.
3. No other reports.

202/02-23

**Cemetery**

The Clerk reported that loose chickens are still entering the cemetery which should be housed due to the current avian flu regulations. This has been reported to Peterborough Trading Standards who deal with such matters.

203/02-23

**Finance & Administration**

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

HSBC	January 2023 bank account charges	£8.00
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Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman February 2023	£2347.30
Wave	Water charges Cherry Orton allotments	£15.42
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works Feb 2023 incl. additional works	£1425.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary February 2023	£1345.88
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements February 2023	£68.50
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation Feb 2023 (employer/employee contributions)	£416.84
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI February 2023	£290.26
Secure Fast Hosting Ltd	Domain renewal (22/03/2023 – 21/03/2024)	£14.40

2. Income received

Cemetery fees	£1130.00
HSBC bank interest	£34.11

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

204/02-23

**Planning matters**

No planning applications were received for consideration.

205/02-23

**Maintenance**

1. The verge on the parkway between Orton Southgate roundabout and Lynch Wood Roundabout is strewn with litter and very untidy. The Clerk will report this to Highways.  
**Action:** Clerk.

2. There is a large pothole when entering Oundle Road from Wistow roundabout. The Clerk will report this to Highways.  
**Action:** Clerk.

3. Members of the public are parking on Wistow Way to avoid paying Ferry Meadow car park charges. Often vehicles are being parked on the bend which is unsafe for pedestrians and road users. Cllr Piercy will send the Clerk a map of the area of concern which the Clerk will forward to Highways and ask them to investigate the issue.  
**Action:** Clerk.

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**Future agenda items and announcements**

**March agenda item:** Bunds/trees on Brimbles Way.

207/02-23

**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.

208/02-23

**Allotments**

1. Update received on further legal correspondence relating to Rights of Way onto the site. (For details see confidential minutes folder).
2. Further to the request at the last meeting from a Cherry Orton allotment tenant to share half their plot with another person, the Clerk reported that the next person on the waiting list at Cherry Orton Road has agreed to do this. This person will remain on the waiting list until a full plot becomes available for them.
3. Fruit trees have been tied to the new boundary fence adjacent to the drainage ditch. The allotment tenant has been asked to remove the ties and to ensure that the boundary fence is kept clear.

209/02-23

**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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The meeting closed at 8:13 pm.