

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 26th April 2023 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors T. Rouse (Chair), M. Chambers, B. Fearon, J. Goode, R. Pickett, J. Piercy, Dr Sridhar, J. Stevenson S. Swan, B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 2 PCC Ward Councillor: 0

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A resident raised a concern that e-scooters are speeding on the footpaths when they should be using the road making it dangerous for pedestrians.

239/04-23

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Dallimore and Farnham (personal).

240/04-23

Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Pickett – agenda item 250/04-23.

241/04-23

Parish Councillor vacancy

Two applicants attended the meeting and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

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

242/04-23

Local police matters

Cllr Stevenson informed the meeting that the police will be attending the next meeting to discuss the drifting issue in Orton Southgate. The Clerk was asked to contact the police with regards to the e-scooter problem raised in the earlier public forum.

243/04-23

Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

- AEPG held a meeting with Orton Northgate and Orton Southgate residents on 17th April to outline the planning application that has been submitted to the city council to redevelop the Showground. However, the 2.5 hour meeting didn't cover much of the detail as a lot of the discussion was about current problems with operations at the site specifically relating to AEPG's retrospective planning application to use the site for temporary car storage with partner DHL. Cllr Stevenson has raised residents' concerns with the city council and will refer the decision on this part-retrospective planning application to the planning committee if necessary.
- Residents of Orton Southgate are very concerned about the number of car transporters that are failing to identify the showground entrance and erroneously driving up Dunblane Drive. AEPG is working with DHL to resolve this matter.
- The anti-social use of cars continues to be a problem at Tresham Road, Orton Southgate. However, at a recent 'meet' police attended and made several arrests. It is hoped that repeated action by the police will make the area undesirable for unauthorised car meets. The city council is also working towards a Public Space Protection Order for the whole industrial estate to assist the police in their actions.

Cllr Day submitted the following report to the Parish Council:

- Continuing 'Meet On Your Street' sessions and picking up lots of casework and issues for residents.

- We helped arrange a meeting with AEPG and ONRA and OSRA on the 17th April. Residents are concerned about the proposed development, particularly traffic issues and infrastructure. I am working with PCC surrounding NHS services - although the development does include a Primary School. People are understandably concerned about GP services - AEPG explained that they can build a surgery but cannot make the NHS provide the services, although they are willing to work on solutions with residents.
- DHL - residents have been concerned about the retrospective planning application from AEPG to turn part of the Showground into Car Storage. AEPG have said that planning was retrospective as it was commercially sensitive and has helped save 140 jobs. Residents have been frustrated with large car transporter trucks missing the Showground entrance and having to turn around in Southgate, causing traffic issues and damage to grass and lampposts. I contacted AEPG about better signage for DHL trucks and by the end of next week new signage is arriving which will hopefully be clearer and should help mitigate the issues that have arisen. In the long term I do feel something needs to be done about the positioning of the Dunblane Drive entrance - this is something we have discussed with AEPG.
- We have raised the issue about lack of policing in the Orton's; particularly with regards to the car cruising events (there was a large event over Easter Weekend). Police have now stepped up some operations with this and we are meeting with the police to raise these issues.

244/04-23

Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 29th March 2023 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

245/04-23

Clerk's update

None.

246/04-23

Correspondence received

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

247/04-23

The Gannocks

The Clerk reported that graffiti had been sprayed on the signs at The Gannocks and that Cllr Stevenson had not been able to remove all of it, using her Peterborough City Council graffiti kit as she did not have a ladder with her. Cllr Hogg stated that he had a ladder which she could use. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should buy its own graffiti removal kit.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will purchase a graffiti removal kit for Parish Council use.

248/04-23

Bulky waste

The recent collection was well attended and Ward Cllr Kirsty Knight had enlisted Cross Keys Homes to collect items for the collection using their vehicles. The Clerk stated that the POPs collection truck (furniture items with foam and soft fillings) was filled and had to go back to the depot to be emptied and as a result both refuse collection vehicle were under half full. She suggested that the next collection should have 2 POPs trucks and only one refuse collection vehicle.

RESOLVED: That the September bulky waste collection will have 2 POPs lorries and one refuse collection vehicle.

249/04-23

Parish Lengthsman

No update.

250/04-23

Speeding traffic on Cherry Orton Road

Introducing a 20 mph speed limit and speed bumps to reduce speeding traffic on Cherry Orton Road was discussed. It was noted that with speed bumps, there is a greater use of petrol as cars speed up and slow down which can also send vibrations into nearby properties. A 20 mph speed limit would reduce the overall high speeding. Cllr Hogg suggested that the Parish Council could purchase a Speed Indication Device (SID), which could be sited around the parish - these cost approximately £3,500.00. He stated that Gamlingay Parish Council were selling their SID as they had purchased one and never used it and that it would be cheaper than buying a new one. Cllr Stevenson stated that Cherry Orton Road and Church Drive had both been assessed and approved for Speedwatch sessions and that in the past the police have told her that SID's do not make much of a difference. Cllr Hogg explained that a SID collects data which can be given to the police to analyse for any trends and then attend at the times when there is an issue.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will use Community Infrastructure Funds (CIL) to purchase a SID which will be moved around the parish. Cllrs Hogg and Stevenson agreed to be responsible for moving the SID and

collecting the data. It was further resolved that a 20 mph speed limit will be progressed with Highways for Cherry Orton Road, Church Drive and Lady Lodge Drive. Cllr Stevenson agreed to take this forward.

251/04-23

Members of the public parking on Wistow Way to avoid paying Ferry Meadow car park charges

The Clerk informed the meeting that Highways have looked at this issue in the past and said that residents were not keen on any further parking restrictions in this area. However, should the Parish Council wish to pursue the matter further, then Highways will require further evidence of the times as to when vehicles are parking on Wistow Way. It was noted that the Parish Council needs to be mindful not to push the issue further into the estate.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Piercy and Swan will monitor the situation and obtain the required evidence for Highways.

252/04-23

Parking of vehicles on corner of Church Drive/Cherry Orton Road

The Clerk reported that Highways have also looked at this issue in the past, and once again, residents were not in favour of any parking restrictions, and that should the Parish Council wish to pursue this matter further, then further evidence of the problem is required. It was noted that the double-yellow lines are only on the actual corner of the junction and that it may help the issue if they were extended to the minimum distance which cars are allowed to park from a junction as stated in the Highway Code.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask Highways if the double-yellow lines on the corner of Church Drive/Cherry Orton Road can be extended to the minimum distance which cars are allowed to park from a junction as stated in the Highway Code.

253/04-23

Solar speed signs for the parish/Oundle Road

The Clerk reported that Highways have not come back to her with ideas as to how to enforce the speed limit on Oundle Road.

254/04-23

Addressing Climate and Nature emergency

Cllr Fearon informed the meeting that she had been in touch with the Royal Horticultural Society and that they had given their permission to use their advice to gardeners on what plants to grow to attract pollinating insects and other insects into our gardens. A copy of this document has been sent to the Clerk for putting on the website. Cllr Warne stated that the Climate Working Party will be meeting again before the next Parish Council meeting.

255/04-23

Bunds/trees on Brimbles Way to improve security

The Clerk informed the meeting that the cost for Aragon to install bunds on Brimbles Way was £23,869.00 ex. vat. and that Peterborough City Council (PCC) do not have the funds. If the Parish Council wanted to use another contractor, PCC would need to get this agreed with Aragon and the specification of what is being installed. It was agreed that PCC should be asked to reconsider installing the bunds and to make an allowance in their budget for them as this will save clearance charges in the future should the area be breached again.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk will contact PCC and ask them to reconsider installing the bunds and allocate funds in their budget.

256/04-23

Reports from outside bodies

1. Village Hall – Cllr Fearon reported that the committee had appointed a new treasurer/bookings secretary. In order to accommodate the problems being experienced with party bookings, the Committee is looking into the production of a virtual tour, an external key box and a non-returnable deposit.

Cllr Swan left the meeting.

2. Parish Council Liaison - Cllr Pickett reported that there had been no further meetings.

3. Reports from other bodies – None.

Cllr Swan re-joined the meeting.

257/04-23

Allotments

No update.

258/04-23

Cemetery

1. The Clerk presented a proposed cemetery fees price increase. Fees have not been increased since July 2019 and for the last few years; the Parish Council has absorbed the increased grave digging costs.

RESOLVED: To accept the Clerk's proposal to increase all cemetery fees as from 1st May 2023.

2. No other matters of concern.

259/04-23

St Mary's churchyard boundary wall repairs

The Clerk reported that volunteers from the church will be clearing the vegetation from the walls on 13th May 2023. After this has been done, the Clerk will obtain quotations for the repairs.

260/04-23

CAPALC membership affiliation and Data Protection Officer Renewal invitation 2023-2024

RESOLVED: To renew the CAPALC affiliation and Data Protection Officer Membership for 2023-2024 membership – cost £1366.85.

261/04-23

Finance & Administration

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

HSBC	March 2023 bank account charges	£11.00
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman April 2023	£2506.10
Rialtas Business Solutions	Cemeteries Software Annual Support and Maintenance	£300.00
CAPALC	Affiliation and Data Protection Officer fee 2023-2024	£1366.85
Peterborough Office Supplies	Stationery	£98.16
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works April 2023, and digging of 2 graves	£1911.00
Cartridgesave	Printer 4 colour toner multipack	£109.03
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary April 2023	£1345.88
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements April 2023	£67.35
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation April 2023 (employer/employee contributions)	£416.84
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI April 2023	£290.26
Sharpe Pritchard LLP	Legal fees re: Allotments advice and assistance	£346.80
Wave	Water charges – Gostwick allotments	£23.34
Orton Waterville Village Hall	Meeting hall hire April 2023 – March 2024	£150.00
Orton Counselling Service for Young People	Grant S137 LGA 1972	£1800.00
Screwfix	Replacement padlock for Gostwick allotments plus spare padlock	£59.18

2. Income received:

Cemetery fees	£2230.00
HSBC Bank interest	£42.31

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

262/04-23

Planning matters

1. RESOLVED: To submit comments where appropriate on applications including those received after the agenda has been issued and which are on Peterborough City Council planning page:

23/00463/CTR	Proposal: Prune cherry tree (T1) at 23 Cherry Orton Road, Olde Mullions, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	No material observations
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2. AEPG Showground development

See agenda item 243/04-23 for update.

263/04-23

Maintenance

1. The wall at 25 Cherry Orton Road is still unsafe and the plywood holding it up is falling away. Cllr Stevenson agreed to bring this to the attention of PCC again.

2. Overgrown pathway between The Gannocks and Lady Lodge Drive. The Clerk will report this to PCC.

3. A concern was raised that the 3G football pitches near Bushfield Ormiston Academy are locked. Cllr Stevenson stated that Vivacity have closed them for health and safety reasons.

264/04-23

Future agenda items and announcements

Agenda item – increased parking on Cherry Orton Road.

Cllr Kirsty Knight has informed the Clerk that there was an incorrect reference in The Green Party's election leaflet stating that Cllr Nicola Day was a Parish Council. Cllr Knight has notified PCC Election Services of this error and said that The Green Party will issue a statement on their social media pointing out their error.

Cllr Fearon announced her resignation from the Parish Council taking effect at the end of this meeting.

- 265/04-23** **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.
- 266/04-23** **Allotments legal correspondence relating to Rights of Way onto the site**
No update.
- 267/04-23** **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
- 268/04-23** **Date of next meeting**
Annual Parish Meeting at 7:00 pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:15 pm on Wednesday 31st May 2023.
- The meeting closed at 8: 37 pm.