

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 July 2023 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham, (Chair), M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, A. Jurs, T. Rouse, S. Swan 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.

64/07-23 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Goode, Cllr Pickett, Cllr Piercy and Cllr Warne (personal). Cllr Hogg and Cllr Stevenson (Civic Duty). Cllr Dr. Sridhar was absent from the meeting.

65/07-23 **Declaration of interests and dispensations**

None.

66/07-23 **Nene Valley Rock Festival**

Cllr Swan reported that he had attended the Peterborough City Council (PCC), licence application meeting and that the licence had been granted to Nene Valley Rock Festival. The Festival takes place on Thursday 31st August to Sunday 3rd September.

67/07-23 **East of England Showground: AEPG Design and Access Statement**

Notices with details of where to view the content of this public document issued by AEPG have been put up in all Parish Council (PC) noticeboards and the website. The Clerk will find out if there is an on-line version of the plans.

68/07-23 **Local police matters**

It was reported that vandalism appears to have increased at the Orton Centre and that the Memorial Tree planted at the Orton Centre by the PC had been damaged and will need replacing. The Orton Centre manager has seen CCTV of the tree being damaged. It appears that the same group is also causing anti-social behaviour. Cllr Stevenson is in contact with the Centre Manager and the police regarding this issue.

69/07-23 **Ward Councillor reports**

Report submitted to the Clerk by Cllr Stevenson:

RHVHD Litter Pick

Local company RHVHD is organising a community litter pick in the parish on World Clean Up Day on 15th September 3pm-7pm. Residents are encouraged to take part. Cllr Stevenson will publicise the event.

Anti-social use of cars (drifting)

Councillors and council officers will meet at the beginning of August to discuss what additional measures might be put in place at Tresham Road.

Nene Valley Rock Festival

On Friday 7th July, the organisers were granted the necessary licences by Peterborough City Council meaning the event scheduled for the end of August will go ahead as planned.

Anti-social behaviour

There have been a number of incidents since the last meeting, including:

- Graffiti on signs in Wistow Way
- Broken windows at Wistow Way Community Centre

- Broken trees and litter bins at Bushfield
- Small fires

Cllr Stevenson is in constant liaison with the local police team who are monitoring the situation.

70/07-23

Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 28th June 2023 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

71/07-23

Clerk's update

None.

72/07-23

Correspondence received and noted

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

73/07-23

Parish Council Landscape Maintenance Contract

It was reported that Richard Harding is now working on his own however he is continuing with his landscape maintenance contract with the PC which ends on 31st March 2027.

74/07-23

The Gannocks

It was reported that due to complaints, the mound of grass cuttings at the edge of the field had been taken away by Richard Harding. It was also stated that the grass had only been cut once in July - the Clerk said that she would look into this. Cllr Dallimore had repaired the CCTV camera as it had been vandalised. The swings have been cleaned by Cllr Stevenson as they had been covered in pigeon droppings making it unsafe for children to use them. Bird deterrent spikes have now been attached to the top of the swing frame to prevent pigeons from sitting on them.

75/07-23

Parish Lengthsman

1. The Clerk stated that the cost to renew the Lengthsman contract for another year was £28,505.39 exc. VAT, an increase of £2904.00 which was due to increased salary costs. It was agreed that the Lengthsman was a valuable service for the parish, and that many areas of the parish were much cleaner. It was therefore suggested that the cost could be reduced if the Lengthsman could be shared with the neighbouring Orton Longueville Parish Council as they have been looking into a Lengthsman for their parish.

RESOLVED: To ask Orton Longueville Parish Council if it would consider sharing the Lengthsman 50/50. To continue with the Lengthsman on a rolling contract until a decision from Orton Longueville Parish Council is received at the next meeting.

2. The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Farnham had met with the Lengthsman and his manager last week and discussed his route. His manager informed us that spot checks of the areas walked by the Lengthsman are carried out to check his performance and that the PC can request more of these checks in specific areas if it is felt that the Lengthsman is not cleaning areas properly. The Lengthsman is on average, reporting 6 incidents of fly tip a week which he spots whilst on his rounds. Members of the public also stop and speak to him to report issues.

76/07-23

Crossing on Brimbles Way

Item deferred to next meeting.

77/07-23

Solar signs for the parish/speeding traffic on Cherry Orton Road

The Speed Indicator Device is on order.

78/07-23

Implementation of 20mph speed limit in all of Orton Waterville

The implementation of a 20mph speed limit in Orton Waterville was discussed. Speeding is an issue on Lady Lodge Drive and Cherry Orton Road which is narrow and in a conservation area. It was acknowledged that a lower speed limit will not stop cars speeding however it can encourage cars to go slower.

RESOLVED: That a request for implementing a 20 mph speed limit in Orton Waterville will be submitted to Peterborough City Council Highways. The 20 mph speed limit will apply to all of Orton Waterville starting at the ingress of Cherry Orton Road and Lady Lodge Drive from Oundle Road as this will save paying for additional signage if roads are excluded from the scheme.

79/07-23

Speeding traffic on Oundle Road

The Clerk reported that there was still no update from Peter Tebb, PCC Highways with any speeding data for Oundle Road.

80/07-23

Addressing Climate and Nature emergency

The Clerk will ask Cllr Warne to give an update at the next meeting.

81/07-23

Councillor specific email addresses

The Clerk stated that several councillors are not yet using their new PC emails addresses and to enable the PC to comply with GDPR and asked them to move over to their new email address as soon as possible.

82/07-23

Nene Park Trust

Cllr Swan asked if the Parish Council could seek to improve its relationship with Nene Park Trust (NPT) as the recent issues with the proposed festival have showed that communications with them are not good. Regular meetings with NPT to receive updates were suggested. In the past there have been Ward Councillors who were also parish councillors, attending NPT meeting. Cllr Stevenson will be asked if this is still the case.

83/07-23

Reports from outside bodies

1. Village Hall - Cllr Dallimore reported that he attended the Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting. Hall 'Users' will now have to obtain their own insurance for themselves and others with them. There will be a regular church group using the hall every Sunday; however this may be moved if the hall is required for a one-off use. A digital lock is being installed on the front door for occasional hall users. The chairs are being replaced in due course.
2. Parish Council Liaison – Cllr Pickett attended the recent meeting. Minutes are to follow.
3. Reports from other bodies – none.

84/07-23

Allotments

1. Amendments to the Allotments Tenancy agreement were discussed. It was agreed that plot sharing will no longer be permitted and that the plots are for the sole use of the tenant and their family only as there is a long waiting list for allotments. It was further agreed that tenancy agreements should be automatically terminated when the tenant moves out of the parish and that a reference relating to Legionnaires Disease awareness should be added. It was suggested that all tenants should sign a new tenancy agreement.

RESOLVED: That

- Allotment plot sharing will no longer be permitted and that plots are for the sole use of the tenant and their family only. Clause 2.1. will be amended accordingly.
 - Allotment Tenancy agreements will be automatically terminated when the tenant moves out of the parish. Clause 1.1 will be amended accordingly.
 - Legionnaire Disease awareness – 'Tenants should be aware of the risks of Legionnaires Disease and are encouraged to drain their hosepipe after every use and to keep the hosepipe cool and out of the sun to help reduce the risk of bacteria growing.' Clause 2.19 will be amended accordingly.
 - All allotment tenants will be asked to sign new Tenancy Agreements.
2. The Clerk reported that there is a large willow tree in the garden of 44A Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville which is overhanging the parish council allotment site and is a safety concern for tenants as branches have fallen off and hit the roof of a shed – they have also narrowly missed a tenant. Following advice from the PCC Tree Officer, the Clerk has sent a 'signed for' letter to the owner of the tree 44A Cherry Orton Road and put them 'on notice' requesting that the tree is pollarded as they have an obligation of duty of care under the Occupiers Liabilities Act 1984 to maintain the tree.
 3. No other matters.

85/07-23

Cemetery

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint regarding a rose bush which the parish contractor had cut back as it appeared to be diseased with black spot. The complainant stated that the rose had been healthy and did not need attention. It was agreed that the PC would ask the complainant if they wanted a replacement rose bush. It was noted that the roses were the

maintenance responsibly of the PC however it was suggested that the rose purchasers could be asked if they wanted to look after them themselves to avoid this from happening again. Cllr Dallimore offered to draft a letter for the Clerk to send out.

RESOLVED: That a replacement rose bush will be offered to the complainant. Cllr Dallimore will draft a letter, which the Clerk will send out to all those that have purchased a rose bush asking if they want to look after the plant themselves

86/07-23

St Mary's churchyard boundary wall repairs

No further quotations have been received for the wall repairs.

87/07-23

Finance & Administration

1. RESOLVED: The following items of expenditure were approved:

HSBC	June 2023 bank account charges	£10.00
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman July 2023	£2506.10
Play & Leisure	The Gannocks roundabout repair	£1321.92
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery & parish landscape maintenance works July 2023	£1236.00
Amazon (Ideal Direct Ltd)	Pigeon deterrent spikes for The Gannocks swings	£19.95
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary July 2023	£1345.88
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements July 2023	£89.35
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation July 2023 (employer/employee contributions)	£416.84
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI July 2023	£290.26
wave	Water charges Gostwick allotments	£339.68

2. Income received

Cemetery fees	£1738.00
HSBC Bank interest	£49.30

3. RESOLVED: The end of month accounts and bank reconciliations were approved.

88/07-23

Planning matters

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

- 23/00251/FUL: Revised information: Temporary change of use from Sui Generis Showground and F1 exhibition hall to B8 car storage and distribution with ancillary car preparation and maintenance and erection of x 2 mobile office cabins, x2 paint booths/ovens and marquee (part retrospective) at Exhibition Hall, East Of England Showground, Oundle Road, Alwalton

RESOLVED: Orton Waterville Parish Council objects to this retrospective planning application 23/00251/FUL and have the following material observations to make:

This application is for an industrial operation, based on car storage, preparation and distribution, is a significant change of use and is not in keeping with being accessed through a residential area. The most significant concern is the proposal to access the site via Dunblane Drive, which is residential.

The Showground operated for many years without any residential properties close by. In recent years Orton Northgate and Orton Southgate have been developed around the showground. This proposal is unacceptable in terms of traffic and pollution to these now established residential areas.

It is noted The National Highways Authority have recommended planning permitted is not granted.

2. Update on previous planning applications

- 23/00331/FUL: Creation of sports bar/fanzone 47 - 50 Ortongate Shopping Centre, Bushfield, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5TD – Awaiting decision.
- 23/00448/LBC: Renovation works and upgrading of elements to dwelling including demolition to existing conservatory and erection of rear extension at 7 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EF - Awaiting decision.

- 22/01793/FUL Re-consultation: Development of 27 Class E(g) employment units, associated access works, parking and landscaping at Land To The North Of Lynch Wood, Peterborough - Awaiting decision.
- 23/00727/HHFUL: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a larger replacement garage at 58 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ - Awaiting decision.
- 23/00730/LBC: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a larger replacement garage at 58 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough - Awaiting decision.
- 23/00708/HHFUL: First floor rear extension at 44A Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ - Awaiting decision.
- 23/00747/HHFUL: Rear extension, porch to the front, and the conversion of the garage to a residential annex at 23 Wyndham Park, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6YD – Approved.
- 23/00685/HHFUL: Proposed rear and side wrap around extension, new roof light to porch area and brickwork infill, render and cladding treatments to frontage at 13 The Orchards, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5LA - Awaiting decision.
- 23/00723/DISCHG: Discharge of condition C7 (bird and bat box locations) to outline planning permission reference 15/01106/OUT at Land South Of Oundle Road At East Of England Showground Oundle Road, Alwalton, Peterborough - Awaiting decision.
- 23/00672/FUL: Rear extension, & side extension with ground floor Annex at 44 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ - Awaiting decision.
- 23/00693/FUL: Proposed installation of six rapid electric vehicle charging stations to existing parking spaces, with associated equipment including a kiosk for metering equipment and substation at Starbucks, Paxton Road, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5LD - Awaiting decision.

3. Letter from Mr Pickett - Parish Council comments re: planning application 23/00672/FUL

A letter received from Mr Pickett asked the PC for clarity on the comments which were submitted to PCC Planning in regard to his planning application 23/00672/FUL. It was agreed that in the past concerns have been expressed with regard to parking problems along Cherry Orton Road and that any additional parking along Cherry Orton Road could potentially exacerbate the problems experienced.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Swan will draft a response for the Clerk to send to Mr Pickett on behalf of the PC.

89/07-23

Maintenance

Overgrown state of the footpaths around the old Norwich and Peterborough building at Lynch Wood.

90/07-23

Future agenda items and announcements

None.

91/07-23

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.

92/07-23

Allotments legal correspondence relating to Rights of Way onto the site

Update received on further legal correspondence relating to Rights of Way onto the site. (For details see confidential minutes folder).

93/07-23

Clerk's Annual Review

Cllr Farnham reported that the Clerk's workload had increased over the years and that 20 hours per week were no longer enough as the administration of the Parish Council had increased in all areas since taking on the role in 2012.

RESOLVED: To increase the Clerk's hours to 30 hours per week as from 1st September 2023.

94/07-23

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

95/07-23

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 27th September 2023.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.