

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 October 2023 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham, (Chair), M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, J. Goode, A. Jurs, R. Pickett, T. Rouse, J. Stevenson (PCC Ward Cllr), S. Swan, B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 8 Other PCC Ward Councillor: 0

Stephanie Peachey, Head of Visitor Engagement at Nene Park Trust, gave a presentation on how the Trust wants to engage with the Parish Council and public on future events and developments at the park.

Public Question Time

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

1. Residents voiced concerns that a premises license application for events taking place in a large marque at Lynch Wood was not a suitable location as it will cause noise, traffic and anti-social behaviour issues for nearby residents. Agenda item 126/10-23.

2. Noise pollution from light aircraft operating over the parish was brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Between March and October, a constant drone could be heard preventing residents from enjoying time in their garden. It was stated that the aircrafts were operating from Sibson airfield, some way from the parish. Agenda item 135/10-23.

3. A resident introduced himself to the Parish Council as 'Residents Representative for Homenene House' in Orton Bushfield.

124/10-23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hogg, Cllr Piercy and Cllr Dr. Sridhar (personal).

125/10-23 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

126/10-23 New premises license application - The Bite Stop Events and Hospitality Ltd 123969

The application for a new premises license for a large marque to host events on open land in Lynch Wood was discussed. Residents' concerns raised in the earlier public forum were noted. Cllr Stevenson stated that the land in question was already subject to a planning application for industrial units which is currently being revised and is not related to this license application. Cllr Stevenson stated that residents should continue submitting objections against the license application and asked if the Parish Council could also submit an objection.

RESOLVED: That Orton Waterville Parish Council will submit an objection against the premises license application submitted by The Bite Stop Events and Hospitality Ltd and that Cllr Swan will prepare the submission wording for the Clerk. Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Swan will also alert Wistow residents to the premises license application via a leaflet.

127/10-23 Planning matters

RESOLVED: Comments to be submitted where appropriate on applications:

23/01370/HHFUL	Single-storey side infill extension Site at 40A Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	No material observations
23/01374/FUL	Erection of rear extension at Unit 130 Bakewell Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 7XU	Comments to be submitted to Planning: Orton Waterville Parish Council supports the comments submitted by Saloni Paudel, Sustainable Drainage

		Engineer requesting further information on infiltration.
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Local police matters

See Ward Councillors report agenda item 129/10-23.

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Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

Showground/DHL part-retrospective planning application 23/00251/FUL

On Friday 13th October, Parish Councillor Swan and I attended the site visit in respect of this planning application, prior to it being discussed and subject to a final decision at the planning committee. On Tuesday 16th October, Orton Southgate residents Howard Dunn and I addressed the planning committee meeting. Less than 24 hours prior to the meeting, the council officers had changed their recommendation from 'refuse' to 'approve'. Undeterred and armed with irrefutable evidence, we managed to convince the committee of councillors of our arguments and subsequently the application was refused by seven votes to three. It is rare for the committee to go against the recommendations of officers and a big win for local democracy. The meeting lasted almost four hours and can be view on the council's YouTube channel. The council now has the very difficult task of enforcing the decision to remove the DHL car storage operation from the showground. We are told to expect this to happen in a matter of weeks. We have noticed that DHL has started to store cars in one of the car parks in Lynch Wood owed by Financial Investments. Should residents see car transporters in our local area that they believe are being driven in a manner that poses a risk to safety, please let me know.

Police Matters

We continue to experience different kinds of ASB involving young children in the parish and I have been working with the police to resolve this. There is a gang that torments shoppers and shop staff in Ortongate, and a large group of resident children who create a lot of noise in Orton Northgate.

Speedway

The fight to save the Speedway continues, with AEPG declaring that it will start to dismantle the stadium on 1st November.

Lynch Wood

A licensing application to serve alcohol in marquees on what is currently a derelict area in Lynch Wood has caused much concern. I will be opposing the granting of this license in the strongest terms.

The former YBS site has been allowed to become derelict and was found to be in a disgusting state. The lovely area outside the building is clearly being used for night drinking. I raised the matter through the media, and the company responsible for the development of the site very quickly cleared it up.

Peterborough City Council

On 1st November, a vote of no confidence will be moved to remove Cllr Fitzgerald as leader and the Conservative administration.

Following Cllr Stevenson's report, it was noted and agreed that Peterborough City Council be informed that the Parish Council were pleased to see that the part-retrospective planning application 23/00251/FUL had been refused and look forward to the refusal being enforced.

The Clerk had circulated Ward Councillor Nicola Day's report to councillors prior to the meeting which was noted.

130/10-23

Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 27th September 2023 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

131/10-23

Clerk's update

None.

- 132/10-23 Correspondence to note if of relevance**
None.
- 133/10-23 The Gannocks**
The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for Peterborough Limited to provide a quotation for cutting the grass and meadow. The meeting was asked if CCTV could be considered for The Gannocks. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- 134/10-23 Parish Lengthsperson**
1. The Clerk reported that Orton Longueville Parish Council is still in the process of arranging a base for the Lengthsperson in their parish.

2. No other update.
- 135/10-23 Light aircraft flying over the parish**
Further to the concerns raised in the earlier public forum, Cllr Stevenson explained how the constant noise from light aircrafts used by a parachute club based at Sibson airfield, flying over the parish during the whole summer had affected residents. She stated that although this had been happening for a number of years, it appeared that the number of flights had intensified, possibly because they had been told to move from another area which they had been flying over. Cllr Stevenson asked residents to email her with all their issues on the matter. She also asked if the Parish Council could write to Peterborough MP Shailesh Vara and ask him to intervene especially as the airport is some way from the parish.
RESOLVED: That Orton Waterville Parish Council will write to MP Shailesh Vara and ask if he can intervene to stop the light aircraft constantly flying over the parish.
- 136/10-23 Speed Indicator Device for parish**
The Clerk reported that the Speed Indicator Device had arrived and the she was in the process of arranging a meeting with Cllr Stevenson and Stuart Tough, Peterborough City Council Highways Officer, to determine the best 2 locations where the device can be situated.
- 137/10-23 Addressing Climate and Nature emergency**
No update.
- 138/10-23 Reports from outside bodies**
No reports.
- 139/10-23 Allotments**
1. The Clerk reported that she had received a quotation for the various maintenance works which had been outstanding at Cherry Orton allotments for the last 2 years. These were discussed.
RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from Stephens Property Maintenance for the installation of a gate to provide access to the drainage ditch to give contractors access to maintain the area - £960.00 and the quotation of £740.00 to remove the hedge at the village hall which runs alongside the footpath as both jobs were deemed urgent. The Clerk will obtain further quotations for the remainder of the outstanding maintenance works.
2. The Clerk reported that a Tenancy Agreement had been terminated at Gostwick allotments due to the allotment being extremely overgrown and the tenant taking no action despite the Clerk sending the tenant a letter and asking them to deal with the weeds.
- 140/10-23 Cemetery**
1. The Clerk asked the Parish Council to consider amending the cemetery interment fees in Appendix A of the Orton Waterville Parish Council Lawn Cemetery Regulations, so that the grave digging fee is no longer part of the interment fee and is paid to the grave digger by the Funeral Director now that there is no Landscape Maintenance contract in place, as was the practice in previous years. In the last few years, the Parish Council has been absorbing the yearly grave digging fee increases. Cllr Farnham suggested a further amendment to the rose bush and plaque purchase. The current policy is for families to choose their preferred rose colour however sometimes the colour purchased is not quite right. She suggested taking the colour element away and that the Parish Council purchases and plants a number of rose bushes to fill up the bed which is looking sparse, and then families can pick the rose bush which they like the look of and have the plaque placed next to it.
RESOLVED: To amend the cemetery interment fees to no longer include the cost of the grave digging fee. Funeral Directors will be asked to pay the grave digger direct. The rose bush purchase

policy wording will be amended to state that the rose bush has been pre-purchased by the Parish Council and the purchaser can choose a rose bush which has already been planted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will purchase and plant a number of rose bushes in the cemetery.

2. The next cemetery Health and Safety inspection is due. Cllr Farnham and Cllr Goode will carry this out.

141/10-23 St Mary's churchyard boundary wall repairs

Cllr Rouse reported that he had met with the proposed contractor on site to discuss the repairs. The contractor is submitting an amended quotation, which will be forwarded to the Diocese for approval. The repairs are likely to start in the spring as lime work in the winter outside can fail if it does not calcify sufficiently before the cold weather arrives.

142/10-23 Finance & Administration

1. RESOLVED: To approve the following payments of expenditure:

HSBC	September 2023 bank account charges	£8.00
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsman October 2023	£2820.54
Cartridgesave	Black printer cartridge	£26.05
Wave	Water charges Gostwick allotments	£12.17
Sharpe Pritchard LLP	Legal fees re: Allotments advice and assistance September 2023	£988.80
Kerrison Gardens	Grass cutting of parish areas September/October 2023	£746.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary October 2023	£1762.81
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements October 2023	£111.65
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation October 2023 (employer/employee contributions)	£416.84
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI October 2023	£571.30

2. Income received

Allotment rent	£93.50
Cemetery fees	£1400.00
PCC 2 nd instalment of Parish Council precept	£29,633.50
PCC 2 nd instalment for Burial Grounds	£588.00
PCC 2 nd instalment for Parish Recreation Grounds	£1574.50
PCC Community Infrastructure Levy payment	£28,162.92
HSBC Bank interest	£61.58

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

143/10-23 Maintenance

The Brimbles Way footpath needs repair as it is cracked and uneven. Cllr Stevenson will raise this issue with Peterborough City Council.

144/10-23 Future agenda items and announcements

Agenda item for next meeting:

- CCTV for The Gannocks
- Crossing on Brimbles Way

145/10-23 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.

146/10-23 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).

147/10-23 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

148/10-23

December 2023 meeting

RESOLVED: That the December meeting is brought forward to Wednesday 20th December 2023 due to Christmas. Only essential agenda items will be discussed as previously agreed under agenda item 231/02-18.2.

Cllr Farnham gave her apologies for the December 2023 meeting.

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Date of next meeting – Wednesday 29th November 2023.
The meeting closed at 8:44 pm.