

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00 pm.

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

Members: 13    Quorum: 5    Members of the public: 1    Other PCC Ward Councillor: 0

### Public Question Time

#### **Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LGA 1972 s100.**

A resident asked if Gigabit at Orton Centre Library could be a future agenda item. The resident was asked to put this request in writing to the Clerk.

### 178/12-23    **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Farnham, Goode, Hogg and Pickett. Cllrs Piercy and Sridhar were absent.

### 179/12-23    **Declaration of interests and dispensations**

None.

### 180/12-23    **Planning matters**

#### **1. Resolved comments to be submitted on applications:**

- 23/01573/HHFUL - Proposal: Proposed front extension and rear first floor extension at 33 Chisenhale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5FP  
**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council considers the appearance and design/architecture of this proposed development not to be in keeping with that of the existing buildings. Chisenhale has its own unique style which should be maintained. In particular timber external cladding to walls was not used for the original development.
- 23/01640/HHFUL - Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations at 5 Lyndale Park Orton Wistow Peterborough PE2 6FE  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 23/01644/CTR - Remove lower limb of Walnut tree going over building and remove lower limb on opposite side to balance tree at 5 Debdale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5HS  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 23/01638/HHFUL Single storey side and rear flat roof extension at 10 Fallowfield, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6UR  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 23/01685/HHFUL Erection of side extension and boundary wall and gates at 25 Chisenhale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5FP  
**RESOLVED:** Consideration should be given to the appearance and design/architecture of this proposed development as it is not in keeping with that of the existing buildings. Chisenhale has its own unique style which should be maintained. In particular timber external cladding to walls was not used for the original development.
- 23/01677/LBC Proposed replacement windows and doors at 26 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 22/01793/FUL - Development of 32 Class E(g) employment units, associated access works, parking and landscaping at Land To The North Of Lynch Wood Peterborough

**RESOLVED:** Orton Waterville Parish Council objects to this amended planning application and recommends that it is rejected. It also records its disappointment that there has been no consultation with the Parish Council or local residents with regards to this development.

The application clearly does not comply with Urban Public Realm design requirements which must take into account the relationship between existing and proposed buildings; as well as relationship with other local aspects/ spaces which make up the public domain.

Although it is a given creating employment, growth and prosperity in the area is extremely important for us all it has to be carried out in the appropriate manner. Lynch Wood was developed as a prestigious Business Park and should remain so. The planning application remains vague on what the new units will be used for, the wording describes them as "commercial units".

The amended architecture and elevations of the units still suggest they will be used for industrial purposes. This design for the proposed buildings is not in keeping with the existing Business Park concept, particularly with the next door grade II listed Pearl building or the other neighbouring building, the former Yorkshire Building Society office which has been converted into residential accommodation, namely Ascot House. It is noted that this recent change of use is not mentioned in the planning application document, with no consideration to residents moving in to this new accommodation. This should be considered.

The application form asks the question "Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site". The applicant's response is "Any plant / ventilation / air conditioning requirements will be established once unit occupants are known in due course." These should be declared before any planning approval is granted. The application form does state the proposal does not involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances.

Such Industrial Units with the potential combination for noisy/air polluting operations is not acceptable for nearby residents. Also opposite this development along Wistow Way is Orton Wistow Primary School and Napier Place providing sheltered accommodation. Children from Orton Northgate walk very close to this proposed development site on their way to Orton Wistow Primary School.

We comment below on specific subjects covered by the submitted planning application but note all data used is theoretical as has already been stated the actual use of the 32 units is unknown.

The Noise Assessment carried out is based on predicted levels (as the actual use of the units is unspecified) for uses Class E (g) developments which cover:

- 1 an office to carry out any operational or administrative functions,
- 2 the research and development of products or processes, or
- 3 any industrial process, being a use, which can be carried out in any residential area without detriment to the amenity of that area by reason of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust or grit.

A traffic survey was undertaken on 15 November 2022 for 1 day only. It is noted the above mentioned noise survey was undertaken for 6 days (20th to 25th October 2022). 1 day is inadequate to determine an accurate transport assessment. This should be done for at least 1 week, over 24 hour periods and preferably on more than 1 occasion. An assessment has been made for the development currently under construction along the Oundle Road but this appears to be understated.

The nearby purpose built Orton Southgate Industrial Estate is the ideal and an appropriate place to provide for such Industrial Development and possibly providing even more employment opportunities. There are existing empty units available, which I am sure can be modified at much lower cost and reduced additional carbon content to suit any new business. This industrial park has a far better road link with the A1 and city parkways than Lynch Wood. Additional traffic to Lynch Wood would be of great concern particularly with the current

developments along the Oundle Road. Of course this alternative is unlikely to satisfy the Developers commercial aspirations. However, these are irrelevant in determining this application.

The Parish Council also wish to record that it received a number of complaints from local residents regarding recent unauthorised construction work undertaken at this proposed development site. Complaints included unsocial working hours with excessive noise from as early as 6.30 am running late into the evening, mud on the road along Lynch Wood (photographic evidence available) as well as health and safety issues. This unauthorised work resulted in Peterborough City Council serving a Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) to the Developer.

**181/12-23**

**Local police matters**

See Cllr Stevenson's Ward Councillor report agenda item 181/12-23.

**182/12-23**

**Ward Councillor reports**

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

**CLF**

Cllr Stevenson will spend her CLF on the following projects:

- Defibrillator for The Windmill pub in Orton Waterville (£750)
- Defibrillator for Orton Northgate (£1,500)
- Dry suit for CamSar (£200)
- Graffiti removal kit (TBC)

**Save Peterborough Speedway**

Cllr Stevenson withdrew her motion requesting that the council leader meeting with representative of the speedway team supports after he agreed to do this prior to the full council meeting. The meeting between the two parties will happen in the New Year when it is also expected that the consortium of six supporters will assume control over the day-to-day running of the club. At time of writing, the future of speedway in Peterborough is unknown and AEPG still refuses to extend permission to race at the showground.

**AEPG/DHL**

Even though Peterborough City Council told DHL to stop using the Northgate entrance from 11<sup>th</sup> December, the company continues to do so. It is understood that DHL is keen to divert traffic away from the rear of Arena Drive, but AEPG has not made this possible. In the meantime, both companies continue to operate without planning permission. This matter will be considered again at a meeting of the council's planning committee in January.

**Nene Park Pollution Incident**

On or around the evening on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December a major pollution incident occurred in the Goldie Meadow area of Nene Park (in Orton Longueville ward) in which 100,000 fish died. The Environment Agency is currently working to discover the cause but has said today that the water is now safe again and it's now fine for people and animals to be in the area.

**Police**

The new Northern Area Commander for Peterborough is Superintendent Ben Martin.  
[Ben.Martin@cambs.police.uk](mailto:Ben.Martin@cambs.police.uk)

PCSO Jan Upex is now PC Jan Upex, having recently completed her training.  
[Janice.upex@cambs.police.uk](mailto:Janice.upex@cambs.police.uk) PC Upex will be office-based (Thorpe Wood) until February).

**183/12-23**

**Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**184/12-23**

**Clerk's update**

**161/11-23 Registering Speedway track as an Asset of Community Value**

The Clerk reported that the application to register the speedway track as an Asset of Community Value application had been submitted to Peterborough City Council (PCC) and that further information was being requested by them before the application is validated. Mick Bratley will provide the missing information which the Clerk will forward to PCC.

- 185/12-23 Correspondence to note if of relevance**  
None.
- 186/12-23 Parish Lengthsperson**  
No update.
- 187/12-23 Parish Council tree survey reports**  
Tree survey reports for all parish council trees in The Gannocks and cemetery have been carried out by Caroline Hall, Peace Arboriculture. A large willow tree overhanging Cherry Orton Road allotments from a neighbouring property was also assessed following complaints from allotment tenants that branches are hanging down very low over plots and falling off during high winds. It was noted that the Clerk had written to the resident in July 2023 regarding the condition of the tree and no response or action has been taken by them - agenda item 84/07-23.2. Caroline Hall has recommended that the crown is lifted 3m from the allotments side only, by a qualified tree surgeon.  
**RESOLVED:** To obtain quotations for the tree works identified in the tree survey reports and for a 3m crown lift of the willow tree overhanging Cherry Orton Road allotments.
- 188/12-23 Reports from outside bodies**  
None.
- 189/12-23 Allotments**  
See above agenda item 187/12-23 for willow tree works at Cherry Orton Road allotments.  
  
The Clerk stated that she had received a report that a plot was flooded at Gostwick allotments and would be going to check to ensure that it was due to the amount of recent rainfall and not a burst water pipe.
- 190/12-23 Cemetery**  
No update.
- 191/12-23 Finance & Administration**  
**1. RESOLVED:** To approve the following payments of expenditure:
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| HSBC                          | November 2023 bank account charges  | £8.00    |
| Royal British Legion          | Remembrance day wreath – S137 LGA 1972  | £20.00   |
| Peterborough Limited          | Lengthsman December 2023  | £2820.54 |
| Peace Arboriculture           | Tree surveys – OWPC cemetery, St Mary's churchyard and The Gannocks           | £750.00  |
| RJM Landscape                 | Additional ditch and hedge clearance CO allotments                            | £450.00  |
| CAPALC                        | CIL and S106 training – Cllr Swan   | £50.00   |
| CAPALC                        | Procurement/contract writing training – Cllr Swan                             | £40.00   |
| Sharpe Pritchard LLP          | Legal fees re: Allotments advice and assistance November 2023                 | £406.80  |
| Peterborough Office Supplies  | Stationery  | £48.01   |
| Mrs A Brown                   | Clerk's salary December 2023 including pay award back dated from 1 April 2023 | £2767.36 |
| Mrs A Brown                   | Clerk's expenses and reimbursements December 2023                             | £67.35   |
| Cambridgeshire County Council | Superannuation December 2023 (employer/employee contributions)                | £1003.39 |
| HM Revenue & Customs          | Tax and NI December 2023  | £1318.17 |
- 2. Income received:**
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| Cemetery fees      | £1955.00 |
| Allotment rent     | £1850.00 |
| HSBC Bank interest | £61.78   |
- 3. RESOLVED:** The end of month accounts and bank reconciliations were approved.
- 192/12-23 Maintenance**  
Broken wall near 21 Reephams has been reported to PCC.
- 193/12-23 Future agenda items and announcements**  
Agenda item: Cllr Warne to resurrect and organise an inter-parish Cricket match between Orton Waterville Parish and Orton Longueville.

Cllr Jurs gave her apologies for the next meeting.

- 194/12-23      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.
- 195/12-23      Allotments legal correspondence relating to Rights of Way onto the site**  
Negotiations are on-going.
- 196/12-23      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
- 197/12-23      Date of next meeting – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**  
  
The meeting closed at 7:46 pm.