

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Farnham, (Chair), M. Chambers, C. Hogg, T. Rouse, Dr. D. Sridhar, J. Stevenson (PCC Ward Cllr), S. Swan, and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13    Quorum: 5    Members of the public: 11    Police: 2    Other PCC Ward Councillor: 0

The meeting was recorded by Paul Poll, member of the public.

### Public Question Time

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

Questions were taken from members of the public. This is not part of the formal meeting of the Council and only the subject matter raised has been noted below.

1. Southern Neighbourhood Police Officers PC Saunders and PC Williams attended the meeting and took questions from members of the public relating to crime and police priorities in the parish.
2. Supporting information was given by the applicant of planning application 23/01685/HHFUL – agenda item 201/01-24.
3. Local residents gave their objections against planning application 23/01549/FUL.
4. Two residents asked if it would be possible to ask Peterborough City Council (PCC) to adopt Mill Crescent which is currently a private road maintained by residents – agenda item 209/01-24.
5. A member of the public not from the area, spoke in relation to agenda item 211/01-24.

### 198/01-24    **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Goode, Cllr Jurs, Cllr Pickett and Cllr Warne. Cllr Dallimore was absent.

### 199/01-24    **Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Hogg: agenda item 201/01-24 and 218/01-24.

### 200/01-24    **Parish Councillor Casual Vacancy**

1. The resignation of Cllr Piercy was noted.
2. Two applicants attended the meeting and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.  
**RESOLVED:** To co-opt Ms Rubie Rattan onto Orton Waterville Parish Council. Ms Rattan signed her Parish Councillor Declaration and joined the Parish Council for the remainder of the meeting.

### 201/01-24    **Planning matters**

1. Resolved comments submitted on applications
  - 23/01524/LBC - Installation of 3 gates, installation of CCTV, replacement of missing roof tiles, reinstallation of electrics at Lynch Farm, Wistow Way, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6XA  
**RESOLVED:** No material considerations.
  - 23/01549/FUL - Erection of fence on top of wall at front of the property – retrospective at 55 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH  
**RESOLVED:** Objection for the following material observations:  
There is conflicting information included within the planning submission documents. The height of the newly erected close boarded timber fencing is specified as 1.5 metres (Fence details sketch) and 2 metres (Elevations – 168 – 001). The height would appear to be 2 metres. The original stonewall is detailed as 1.3 metres high so added to the timber the

overall height is 3.3 metres. This is totally not in keeping with the character for this conservation area.

In determining this application consideration should be given to the disregard by the applicant for complying with the correct procedures as follows:

1. The previous 5 planning applications submitted by the applicant have all been retrospective.
  2. No planning application can be found for the previous fence on top of the wall.
  3. No planning application has been submitted for cutting back tree in nature strip in front of the wall by them.
  4. There is an existing high fence at the end of the garden separating the house from the business premises. Is another fence is required?
- 23/01685/HHFUL- Erection of side extension and boundary wall, gates and new driveway at 25 Chisenhale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5FP  
**RESOLVED:** Objection for the following material observations:  
The design, appearance and dimensions of the proposal are unchanged by this supplementary information.

The appearance and design/architecture of this proposed development 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.

- 24/00005/HHFUL - First floor extension over garage at 36 Farleigh Fields, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6YB  
**RESOLVED:** No material considerations.
- 24/00020/FUL - Installation of 7m wide roller shutter to the rear and the creation of a link road at 11 Manasty Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 6UP  
**RESOLVED:** Objection for the following material observations:  
Orton Waterville Parish Council note the objection to the above planning application submitted by the Peterborough City Council Tree Officer on arboricultural/landscape grounds.

Additional information has been requested by the Tree Officer and the Highways Officer.

Once the above is available the Parish Council will reconsider this application.

- 24/00063/CTR - Tree works in a conservation area: 1 x Apple Tree – Fell at 1 Church Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5LE  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 24/00090/HHFUL and 24/00091/LBC - Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension with associated works at 23 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ  
**RESOLVED:** Material observations:  
The property is a grade 11 listed building. An existing single storey building to the rear of the property is to be demolished and replaced with a larger single storey extension. The existing external walls to the entire building are constructed in natural and artificial stone.

The proposal is to construct the new extension external walls using natural coursed stone, with dressed stone quoins, lintels and sills. Light brown, wood grain effect composite/UPVC cladding. A significant amount of wall will be constructed using the light brown, wood grain effect composite/UPVC cladding.

The Parish Council consider the light brown, wood grain effect composite/UPVC cladding not to be in keeping with the appearance on the existing stone walls of the grade 11 listed building. It is also noted a number of existing trees are to be removed.

- 24/00095/CTR - Tree works in a conservation area: T1) Willow - crown raise to 3m only over allotments to increase light at 44A Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 24/00104/CTR - Tree works: Fell Myrobalan Plum -48984 (Ezytreev number) at 58A Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.

**2. Consultation survey - CCTV in licensed hackney carriage and private hire vehicles -**  
consultation period extended 2nd February 2024.

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/consultations/licensed-vehicle-cctv-consultation-2023>

**202/01/24**

**Local police matters**

Southern Neighbourhood Police Officers PC Saunders and PC Williams updated councillors on their current priorities – anti-social behaviour at the Orton shopping centre, and mopeds/scooters on pavements. The public is urged to inform the police if they witness any such incident to enable them to build up a case against the culprits however it was noted that many residents are hesitant to report anything in case of repercussion. Car cruising remains an issue in the Ortons. Crime can be reported online, by email, text or telephone. The police was informed that there appears to be anti-social behaviour near Debdale pond and which they agreed to investigate.

**203/01/24**

**Ward Councillor reports**

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

**Lynchwood**

Following her comments on planning their application, the applicant (FI) has requested to meet Cllr Stevenson. She continues to receive complaints from residents who are unhappy that car transporters are being parked along the urban clearway, which is also the main pedestrian route to/from Orton Wistow Primary School from Orton Northgate.

**Save Peterborough Speedway**

The application for Community Asset status has now been rejected twice on grounds of insufficient information. Cllr Stevenson will help the speedway team to apply a third time and is meeting with them later this week to do that.

**AEPG/DHL**

The part-retrospective planning application was approved at its second planning committee meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Cllr Stevenson decided to lodge no further objections after AEPG did the necessary work to give DHL exclusive use of Gate 3 for their car transporters, so that no DHL vehicles will now pass behind or in front of any residential homes. It should be noted that AEPG dragged their heels on this work until the last possible moment, causing extensive distress to residents of Arena Drive.

**Nene Park Pollution Incident**

The Environment Agency was unable to determine the source or nature of the pollution so the investigation is now closed.

**Brudenell**

There has been a sudden rise in requests for help from residents living in Brudenell, Orton Goldhay. This includes complaints about excessive littering and failure to repair faults in social housing stock. Cllr Stevenson is pursuing this with the council on behalf of residents.

**Windows/doors certification**

Following a spot check by the council, it has come to light that a number of houses in Orton Southgate do not have the necessary certification and as such are not lawful. Homeowners are reminded to check that any replacement windows or doors in their property have the necessary certification, even if the work was done before they bought the property.

**Nene Park Trust**

CEO Matthew Bradbury has returned to work after a period of ill health. NPT is developing the welcome area within Ferry Meadows to include new toilets (including a Changing Places toilet for disabled people).

NPT is developing a partnership to enable them to bring horses back to the park. Residents will soon see horses grazing in some of the fields and the hope is that there will be a reinstatement of a riding offering for visitors, following the closure of the riding school.

Peterborough Celebrates will held in Ferry Meadows 17-19<sup>th</sup> May.

**204/01-24 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**205/01-24 Clerk's update**

**136/10-23 Speed Indicator Device for parish**

The Clerk reported that she, Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Swan had met with Stuart Tough, PCC Highways Officer, and agreed that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be moved between 3 locations - Charles Cope Road, Church Drive and Cherry Orton Road. Highways will attach the SID mounts to either existing street furniture or install a new post. If required, Cllr Stevenson will pay for the post installations using her Community Leadership Fund. Once installed, it will be possible to download reports from the SID which will show the volume of traffic and speed at which vehicles are travelling.

**206/01-24 Correspondence to note if of relevance**

**None.**

**207/01-24 The Gannocks**

No update.

**208/01-24 Parish Lengthsperson**

No update.

**209/01-24 Council adoption of Mill Crescent**

The adoption of asking PCC to consider adopting Mill Crescent was discussed. It was stated during the meeting that roads had to be a certain standard before PCC would consider adopting them and unfortunately Mill Crescent is not at the required standard. Cllr Stevenson agreed to relay this information to the residents that raised the matter in the public forum.

**210/01-24 Car transporters on Lynch Wood**

Residents have been complaining to Cllr Stevenson that car transporters parking on Wistow Way waiting to deliver to Ascot House are causing issues for them when walking their children to school. Cllr Stevenson informed the meeting that she is meeting with Developer FI to discuss the matter. It was suggested that a 7.5 tonne restriction or double yellow lines could be considered to stop this issue.

**211/01-24 Registering Speedway track as an Asset of Community Value**

The meeting was informed that PCC had asked the speedway club for more supporting information to support their Asset of Community Value application. Cllr Stevenson is meeting with the club to help them submit the additional information.

**212/01-24 Inter-parish cricket match with Orton Longueville**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Warne is waiting for Orton Longueville Parish Council to give a date for the cricket match to be held at Orton Park Cricket Club (OPCC). OPCC will be providing cricket bats and pads for all players.

**213/01-24 Reports from outside bodies**

1. Parish Council Liaison – Cllr Pickett attended the recent Local Plan Presentation held at the Town Hall. The Clerk had circulated the presentation slides to all councillors.
2. Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rouse reported that 80 new chairs for the hall had been ordered and that the old chairs were for sale. The defibrillator had been ordered and will be situated on the outside of the building along with new CCTV. The committee is advertising for a new secretary.
3. Orton Counselling Service for Young People – Cllr Swan gave a verbal report from the recent meeting which he attended. It was noted that Ormiston Bushfield Academy did not attend the meeting and do not appear to be giving any support to the charity. Cllr Farnham agreed to speak to the school about this.

**214/01-24 Allotments**  
No matters of concern.

**215/01-24 Cemetery**  
The Clerk stated that there had recently been several requests to reserve plots in the cemetery after a member of their family had been interred. Such requests are at the discretion of the Clerk, however the Clerk raised a concern that this could potentially fill up the cemetery too quickly and suggested that there should be an official agreed policy on such requests.  
**RESOLVED:** To discuss and adopt a policy on grave reservations at the next meeting. No more grave reservations will be considered until a policy has been put in place.

**216/01-24 St Mary's churchyard boundary wall repairs**  
The Clerk reported that she is still chasing the stone mason for his updated quotation.

**217/01-24 Finance & Administration**  
**1. RESOLVED:** To approve the following payments of expenditure:

HSBC	December 2023 bank account charges	£11.00
Wave	Water charges Gostwick allotments	£12.17
Morelock Signs Ltd	Additional mounting kit for Speed Indicator Device	£82.80
Martin Rickman	Land Registry compliant plan for allotments access	£540.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerks annual membership renewal	£139.20
Cartridge Save Ltd	Black printer toner	£26.94
Sharpe Pritchard LLP	Legal fees re: Allotments advice and assistance December 2023	£1263.60
Keep Britain Tidy	We're Watching You – Signage	£420.00
Mrs T K Smith	Refund - allotment rent over payment	£5.00
Stephens Property Maintenance	Turn off and drain water supply for winter at all allotment sites	£288.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary January 2024	£1836.81
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements January 2024	£107.05
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation January 2024 (employer/employee contributions)	£608.85
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI January 2024	£601.14

**2. Income received**

Allotment rents	£1020.00
Cemetery fees	£8745.00
HSBC Bank interest	£63.94

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

**218/01-24 Bulky waste collections**  
The recent collection was very busy. The Clerk will contact Aragon Ltd for more collections dates later in the year.

**219/01-24 Maintenance**  
A tree is down on the footpath between Chisenhale and Cherry Orton Road. Cllr Stevenson to report this to PCC.

**220/01-24 Future agenda items and announcements**  
None.

**221/01-24 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.

**222/01-24 Allotments legal correspondence relating to Access onto the site**  
No update.

**223/01-24 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Re-Admittance of the Press and the Public**

**RESOLVED:** To resolve that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be readmitted to the meeting

**224/01-24**      **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The meeting closed at 9:01 pm.