

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 28th February 2024 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham, (Chair), M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, J. Goode, C. Hogg, A. Jurs, R. Pickett, R. Rattan, T. Rouse, 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.

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.

A member of the public asked for information on the internet provision and opening times at Orton Library.

225/02-24 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Dr. D. Sridhar.

226/02-24 **Declaration of interests and dispensations**

Cllr Hogg – agenda item 227/02-24.

227/02-24 **Planning matters**

Resolved comments submitted on applications:

1. 24/00114/HHFUL Proposal: Proposed front staircase extension and rear first floor bedroom extension at 33 Chisenhale, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5FP
RESOLVED: To make the following material observation on this application:
The Parish Council consider the scalability, 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 finish and render to walls was not used for the original development.
2. 24/00054/LBC Increase height of the north and south chimney by 1500mm to bring height of the top of the chimney 1800mm above the top of the thatch at 5 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EF
RESOLVED: No material observations.
3. 24/00171/TRE Tree works:(T5) Oak Holm crown reduction by 2m to improve balance and shape also prune away from building (14/00008/TPO) at The Maples, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough
RESOLVED: No material observations.

Cllr Goode left the meeting for the next agenda item.

4. 24/00158/OUT Outline application for the erection of up to 42 one-bedroom apartments on part of existing car park with all matters reserved except access at Ascot House, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6WZ
RESOLVED: To make the following material observation on this application:
Although it is recognised this is an outline application for approval the Parish Council consider insufficient information is included to be able to undertake a robust evaluation. It is noted all matters are reserved except for access. Particular concerns but not limited to relate to crime and disorder implications as reinforced by Cambridge Constabulary.

The Parish Council reserves the right to comment further should further information be provided.

Cllr Goode re-joined the meeting.

5. 24/00113/FUL Installation of a temporary prefabricated structure to use as a base for environmental education visits and other training workshops at Ferry Meadows Country Park, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough
RESOLVED: No material observations.

6. 24/00203/FUL Replacing 2no. existing external condensers with 2no. new condensers, 1no. future condenser and 5no. new bollards at Beechcroft, Southgate Park, Bakewell Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 6YS
RESOLVED: To make the following material observation make on this application:
Data sheets are provided for the proposed 2no. new condensers, 1no. future condenser but there is no comparative information to check if there will be additional detrimental conditions from the existing condensers that are being replaced with particular reference to noise pollution.

The Parish Council reserves the right to comment further should further information be provided.

228/02/24

Local police matters

Cllr Stevenson stated that she will be inviting the Police to attend Parish Councils meetings every month and for them to continue after their agenda item with a residents surgery in the Jubilee Room.

229/02/24

Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

Lynchwood

Cllr Stevenson and Parish Cllr Swan met with representative of FI on 2nd February to go over the comments Cllr Stevenson and the parish council submitted during the council's formal consultation period. They also met with a representative of the Civic Society on 14th February to hear their views, and attended a site visit with planning committee members on 16th February. The application was heard at a meeting of the council's planning committee on 20th February, where Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Day and Parish Cllr Swan all made representations on behalf of themselves, residents and the parish council. However, these were roundly ignored by the committee who showed little interest in what we had to say and who asked us no questions, even when encouraged to do so by the chair. The application was unanimously passed, subject to some conditions which have already been circulated. Cllr Stevenson will continue to liaise with FI.

Showground

A number of residents have complained to the council about a noise nuisance that appears to be a bird scarer and which appears to be emanating from the showground. The city council is investigating these complaints.

Dog mess

On 3rd February, Cllr Stevenson and her husband spend some time erecting signs on lamp posts and stickers on waste bins around Orton Southgate and Orton Northgate in response to requests from residents. Cllr Stevenson will shortly ask residents whether they think the presence of the signs has made any difference to the situation.

CLF

Cllr Stevenson has contributed £750 of her CLF to the new defibrillator at The Windmill pub in Orton Waterville and £1500 to a new defibrillator at the Harvester in Orton Northgate and a further £530 towards the new posts in Orton Waterville that will support the road safety equipment. She has also contributed a further £200 to CAMSAR for a new dry suit to help locate missing persons in bodies of water.

The Clerk had circulated Cllr Day's report to all councillors prior to the meeting.

230/02-24

Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 31st January 2024 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

231/02-24

Clerk's update

252/04-23 Parking of vehicles on corner of Church Drive/Cherry Orton Road

The Clerk reported that Highways will be recommending a Legal Order to extend the yellow lines on the corner of Church Drive/Cherry Orton Road.

232/02-24 Correspondence to note if of relevance
None.

233/02-24 Bulky waste collections
RESOLVED: Next collection dates:

- 27th April 2024
- 21st September 2024
- 11th January 2025

234/02-24 Parish Lengthsperson
The Clerk reported that she and Jenny had met up with the Lengthsperson who gave them a list of litter issues, in particular Ham Lane and anti-social behaviour issues which he has either seen or residents have reported to him whilst on his rounds. Cllr Stevenson stated that she would speak to the Police about the anti-social behaviour and Peterborough City Council (PCC) about the litter.

More dog bins in the parish are being asked for. It was also noted that there are no bins in Lynch Wood. The current cost for PCC to install a new bin is £390.00 and requests are not always agreed. Aragon Limited has indicated that fly tip across the whole city has increased. The Lengthsperson is reporting the regular fly tip areas in the parish to their Manager.

The Lengthsperson litter sheet was discussed and it was suggested that the areas where no bags of litter are being collected, the Lengthsperson could adjust their route and perhaps only visit these areas monthly rather than weekly allowing them to visit problem areas more frequently.

235/02-24 Parish Council Tree survey works
RESOLVED: To accept the quotations from Maynard Trees for the tree survey works at The Gannocks £1605.00 and cemetery £205.00.

236/02-24 Reports from outside bodies

1. Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rouse reported that the new chairs had arrived. He also stated that the heating was not working in the hall as one of the back-up heaters in the boiler had broken and needed replacing. The new CCTV has now been installed.
2. A1 Stakeholders meeting – Cllr Rouse gave a verbal report from the meeting which he had attended regarding the improvement works taking place on the A1/M between now and 1st April 2024.

237/02-24 Allotments

1. Future of Wyman Way allotments
The Clerk reported that there were only 4 tenants on the Wyman Way allotment site and that the plots not being worked were over grown and needed cutting on a regular basis. She asked councillors if the area could eventually be turned back to a grassed area and sown with either wildflowers or planted up with small trees or other plants for wildlife. It was stated that as the allotments are on common land, there may be a law stating that there must always be allotments there.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk will find out if the allotment provision on the common land at Wyamn Way can be removed. In the meantime, Matthew Kerrison will be asked to cut the grass on the unused plots.

2. **RESOLVED:** Allotments bulky waste collection 12th October 2024.

3. The Potholes on the access road to Cherry Orton allotments are being repaired

238/02-24 Cemetery

1. Reservation policy of burial plots
There is currently no written policy for reserving burial plots. Up to now, reservation of plots has been at the discretion of the Clerk which has allowed family members to reserve a plot next to their relative when a burial has taken place so that they could be together. Until recently, this had not been an issue however the Clerk is receiving more reservation requests and there is concern that the cemetery is filling up too quickly and could be full of reserved empty plots for many years leaving no room for other parishioners.

RESOLVED: That with immediate effect, no further reservation of burial plots will be allowed in Orton Waterville Parish Council Lawn Cemetery. Burial reservations will be reviewed at a later date. The Orton Waterville Parish Council Lawn Cemetery Regulations will be updated to reflect this change in policy.

2. The Clerk reported that she had received a request from a family for a memorial bench in the cemetery. Although all the specific bench allocations have been used, there was space for a small bench next to the rose bed. The family had stated that they would pay for the purchase and installation of the bench which would be purchased by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To allow the installation of a memorial bench next to the rose bed. The bench will be made from recycled plastic to save on future maintenance costs. The Parish Council will purchase and install the bench and invoice the family for re-imburement of all costs.

3. No other matters of concern.

239/02-24 Finance & Administration

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

HSBC	January 2024 bank account charges	£10.00
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service – January 2024	£2978.92
Wave	Water charges – Gostwick allotments	£17.51
Stephens Property Maintenance	Clear allotments x 3; clear boundary area parallel to Don's Walk and repair fencing; fence of gates x 3	£5284.50
Sharpe Pritchard LLP	Legal fees re: Allotments advice/assistance January 2024	£1542.00
Secure Fast Hosting Ltd	Domain renewal March 2024 – March 2025	£14.40
G.D. Services	Top up 6 graves	£120.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's salary February 2024	£1836.81
Mrs A Brown	Clerk's expenses and reimbursements February 2024	£104.30
Cambs County Council	Clerk's pension 2024	£608.85
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI February 2024	£601.14
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service – February 2024	£2978.92
Peterborough Limited	Install bird spikes to swings at The Gannocks	£152.40
Peterborough Limited	Saturday bulky waste collection 27/01/2024	£1400.44

2. Income received

Allotment rent	£192.00
Cemetery fees	£3306.00
HSBC bank interest	£64.05

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

240/02-24 Maintenance

None.

241/02-24 Future agenda items and announcements

Agenda item: Formation of a Planning Group working party.

242/02-24 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.

243/02-24 Allotments legal correspondence relating to Access onto the site

RESOLVED: To pay an out of court settlement of £15,000.00 to resolve the right of passage issue at Cherry Orton Road allotments. A confidential report will contain details of the settlement.

244/02-24 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

245/02-24 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 27th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 8:49 pm.