

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 30th October 2024 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham, (Chair), A. Bowerbanks, M. Chambers, J. Goode, C. Hogg, A. Jurs, Dr. Shridhar, T. Rouse, J. Stevenson, B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

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

Public Question Time

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

This section (at the Chair's discretion may last up to 15 minutes) is not part of the formal meeting of the Council and minutes will not be produced.

1024.102 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rattan and Cllr Dallimore.

1024.103 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

1024.104 Parish Councillor Vacancies

No applications received.

1024.105 Planning matters

Fens reservoir – EIA Scoping and Consultation and Regulation 11 Notification. The Planning Inspectorate has identified the Parish Council as a consultation body to inform the Scoping Opinion of any comments to be submitted by 21st November 2024.

RESOLVED: No comments to be submitted.

1024.106 Assets of Community Value Nomination – Speedway track

Agenda item withdrawn.

1024.107 Local police matters

The meeting was informed that former PCSO Jan Upex is now back with the Southern Neighbourhood Team as a full time police officer and that she will attend a future meeting.

1024.108 Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Stevenson gave the following receive report:

Showground Planning Applications

At a meeting of the council's Planning and Environmental Protection committee on 15th October, the two planning applications submitted by AEPG for the re-development of the showground were considered and decided. The application for 850 houses plus leisure (23/00400) was accepted. The application for 650 houses (including on the land currently occupied by the speedway track 23/00412) was rejected (on the grounds of conflicts with the Local Plan). Four councillors have subsequently requested that the decision on the 650 houses be reviewed and the decision as to whether or not that will happen is awaited.

Ascot House

It has come to light that Ascot House (the former N&P offices on Lynchwood) is being used as a car hire business which may be in contravention of council permission. The council is currently investigating the matter.

Community Leadership Fund

The council has suddenly suspended this year's funding and told councillors that any unspent money will be used towards the council's deficit.

This year, Cllr Stevenson's CLF has paid for the following:

- Part payment towards a defibrillator for Orton Brimbles (other part paid by Cllr Day). £750.00.
- Payment to remove a pole that would support a speed sign and re-instate the pole further up Cherry Orton Road (this was due to a complaint from a resident of Cherry Orton Road who feels there are too many poles along that part of the road). £177.00.
- Payment towards the Cathedral Square Christmas lights. £100.00.
- Payment towards defibrillator at the Windmill Pub on Cherry Orton Road (outstanding from last year). £63.00.

Total spent: £1090.00.

Unspent: £1910

Orton Waterville bus stop timetables

Cllr Stevenson helped local resident Michael Slaughter to affix up-to-date timetable information to bus stops around Orton Waterville village as the information held there was out-of-date since the X4 service stopped serving the village.

Food bags

The council has returned to the system of allowing people to request a supply of food waste bags by tying a bag to the handle of the food bin when leaving it out for collection.

Cllr Day sent the Clerk the following report which was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting:

Showground Development:

- As you all know - I've been working alongside the SPURR (Showground Under Residents Review) residents group since July. We met with planning officers and the applicant. The results of that groups work culminated in document shared to the planning portal and helped me to put together our case at the planning meeting. I also worked with Cllr Stevenson on what we would say at the planning meeting.
- The outcome of the planning meeting were that 850 homes + leisure, was approved and the 650 homes + leisure was refused.
- There has been a 'call-in', after speaking to a Director at the council today - he can report that a legal team are looking at the 'call-in' request. There is no set timeline - but we will be notified if a call-in is approved.

Orton Nature Recovery Project

- The wildlife officer has had my report and he is working to action those initiatives.
- Cllr Farnham will be asked to make contact with the school for pupils to take part.

Orton Wistow Community Centre

I have met the Wistow Community Hall Chair with Cllr Hogg. We are looking to come up with a rescue package for the centre. Cllr Hogg will provide more details at the meeting.

We continue Cllr Surgeries and Meet On Your Streets and continue to work on the casework we pick up.

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Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 25th September 2024 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

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Clerk's update

0624.043 – Nene Park Trust – Improve communications

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Farnham had spoken with Nene Park Trust who had confirmed that the current lease for the park is between Peterborough City Council and the Nene Park Trust and not the former Development Corporation.

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Correspondence to note if of relevance

1. National Association of Local Councils (NALC) national salary award 2024
2. CAPALC AGM 31st October 2024.
3. Cellnex - Site: COM.MOD.UK.0025827 - Proposed Upgrade of Rooftop Telecommunications Equipment, Orton Telephone Exchange, Lady Lodge Drive, Peterborough, PE2 5HN.

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The Gannocks

1. The Clerk stated that she would have a quotation for a goal post ready for the next meeting.
2. A quotation of £2000.00 from Richard Harding for cutting back all the field boundary bushes was discussed. He had also provided a further quotation of £300.00 for only cutting back a smaller area

where a resident had asked for the height of the vegetation to be reduced on their boundary. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have a cutting programme to do one smaller area every year to spread out the cost.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £300.00 from Richard Harding to cut back a smaller area of the boundary bushes on The Gannocks field.

3. The meeting was informed that it was the access from The Gannocks onto the field which required improved access for wheelchair/mobility scooter users and that the slabs perhaps needed relaying. The Clerk will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

4. The Chair stated that the Lengthsperson had informed her that motorbikes were riding around the wooded area and leaving deep tyre markings in the grass. This was noted and will be monitored.

1024.113 Parish Lengthsperson

1. **RESOLVED:** To renew the Lengthsperson's contract for a further 12 months as from 1st January 2025 – cost £31,576.53 + VAT. The increase in costs reflects another higher than inflation minimum wage increase as expected in April 2025.

2. The Clerk and Chair are due to meet with the Lengthsperson and their Line Manager for an update on any litter issues in the parish.

1024.114 Civility and Respect Pledge

The pledge was discussed and it was noted that all councillors would need to have an input if it was agreed to take the pledge forward. As all councillors should be adhering to the Parish Council's Code of Conduct, it was suggested that this document should be reviewed to see if any parts needed tightening up.

RESOLVED: To review and amend if required Orton Waterville Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

1024.115 Future of Orton Wistow Community Centre

Cllr Hogg reported that he had spoken with Peterborough City Council regarding the disposal of Orton Wistow Community Centre and suggested that the Parish Council could purchase the hall for the community using its CIL funds and that he will put a business plan together.

1024.116 Email addresses for councillors

Cllr Hogg stated that the Head of Constitutional Services is able to provide Parish Councillors with a .gov email addresses and will send him the costs.

1024.117 Reports from outside bodies

Village Hall

Cllr Rouse reported that the committee has a new secretary and member. They have also purchased a storage unit for the Village Show committee to put their items in. The hall is almost fully booked and £20,000.00 has been ring fenced for a new central heating system.

Orton Waterville United Charities

Cllr Farnham reported that this Christmas, the charity will be giving 120 local families £80.00 vouchers to spend. Schools in the local area will be determining which families receive them.

Orton Counselling Service for Young People

Cllr Farnham informed the meeting that the charity continues to meet in Dobbies garden centre rather than at Ormiston Bushfield Academy (OBA) even though she had asked if they would return to OBA for their meetings. For this reason, OBA will not send a representative to meetings due to Data Protection and the sensitive nature of the topic. OBA now has its own full-time counsellor with an open-door policy for all pupils and as a result they no longer have a waiting list for pupils to see a counsellor.

1024.118 Allotments

1. The quotation of £1898.00 to replace the remainder of the northern boundary hedge with 22.5 m of security fencing at Cherry Orton was discussed. Installing the fence would fulfil the final phase of securing the site as previously advised by the police. Removing the hedge would save future maintenance costs and would make it easier to keep the ditch clear.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £1898.00 from Richard Harding to remove and dispose of the remainder of the northern boundary hedge and replace with 22.5 m of security fencing.

2. No other matters received.

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Cemetery

1. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there were residents living in the Orton Longueville Parish which did not qualify for burial in Holy Trinity churchyard. There are a large number of streets in Orton Malborne and Orton Goldhay which do not fall within the ecclesial boundary of Holy Trinity which is different to that of Orton Longueville Parish Council boundary. She stated that she has to turn down a number of burial requests a year from residents living in this area and suggested that the Parish Council allows Orton Longueville Parish Council to purchase and install a sanctum block to hold 24 sets of ashes for 12 families so that at least there is a provision for cremated remains burials. This would not take up much room nor would it take away any existing burial plots. In return, Orton Waterville Parish Council would receive the revenue from the sale of the sanctums.

RESOLVED: To allow Orton Longueville Parish Council to purchase and install a sanctum block at Orton Waterville Parish Council burial ground to hold 24 sets of ashes for 12 families living in Orton Longueville Parish and which do not qualify for burial in Holy Trinity churchyard. Orton Longueville Parish Council to meet all delivery and installation costs. Full body burials will not be permitted. This is on the proviso that Orton Longueville Parish Council resolve to accept these conditions at a future meeting.

2. The quotation to trim back boundary shrubs and hedges was discussed. It was agreed that this task could be incorporated in a new landscape maintenance contract – agenda item 1024.119.3.

3. A new landscape maintenance contract for the burial ground was discussed. The Clerk stated that Richard Harding would be willing to take the contract back on. It was noted that the burial ground is not as tidy as it was when Richard Harding previously had the contract. A new contract would need to be drawn up to ensure that all tasks were listed. It was agreed that this could be done as part of the next health and safety inspection.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Farnham, Goode and Rouse to carry out the next health and safety inspection and determine all tasks to be carried out in a new landscape maintenance contract.

4. No other matters of concern.

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Finance & Administration

1. **RESOLVED:** Payments of expenditure:

HSBC Bank	September 2024 bank account charges	£8.00
Wave	Water charges – Gostwick allotments	£159.66
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service – October 2024	£2978.92
Timpson	Gate keys cut for Aragon to empty burial ground bin	£36.65
Maynard Trees	Fell willow tree and grind stump – Gostwick allotments	£450.00
Orton Waterville Village Hall	Room hire 2024-2025	£150.00
Kerrison Gardens	Grass cutting Cemetery, St Mary's, Allotments September 2024	£1184.00
Mrs A Brown	Payroll October 2024 inc. expenses	£1965.98
Cambridgeshire County Council	Pension October 2024	£608.85
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE October 2024	£575.52
Columbaria	Sanctum plaque	£123.60

2. Income received

Peterborough City Council – CIL payment	£28,162.92
Allotment rent	£15.00
HSBC Bank interest	£62.79

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

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Maintenance

Trees at entrance into Chisenhale and growing low and touching car roofs as they drive by. The Clerk will report this on-line to Peterborough City Council.

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Future agenda items and announcements

None.

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Date of next meeting – Wednesday 27th November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8:52 pm.