

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J. Farnham, (Chair), M. Chambers S. Dallimore, J. Goode, C. Hogg, Dr. Shridhar, B. Warne and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13    Quorum: 5    Members of the public: 3    Other PCC Ward Councillor: Cllr. N. Day

## **Public Question Time**

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

None.

## **0924.079    Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A. Jurs, R. Rattan, T. Rouse and J. Stevenson.

The resignation of Cllr S. Swan was noted and accepted.

## **0924.080    Declaration of interests and dispensations**

None.

## **0924.081    Parish Councillor Vacancies**

One applicant attended the meeting and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** To co-opt Alex Bowerbanks onto Orton Waterville Parish Council.

## **0924.082    Planning matters**

1. Ratified and resolved comments submitted on applications:

- 24/00957/HHFUL: Single-storey rear extension with pitched roof, two-storey extension to side and porch to front. Removal of bay windows and change of window style to heritage flush upvc with central glazing bar (part-retrospective) at 44A Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 24/01133/CTR: Tree works: Fell 2no. trees at front of property (holly and cherry) with a new cherry tree to be replanted near to old holly and in the rear garden pruning and topping of 2no. trees (cherry & alder) at 2 New Road Orton Waterville Peterborough  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 24/01177/LBC: Proposed internal and external remedial repair works to listed dwelling at Monks Thatch, 28 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ  
**RESOLVED:** No material observations.
- 23/00400/OUT: Outline permission for construction up to 850 dwellings, care village (up to 3.27 hec gross), up to 20,300 sq m of Class E [Class E (a), (b), (c), (d), (e),(g) (i) ] and F1 floorspace of which: 1. Not more than 1000 sq m of floor space being Class E (a); 2. Not more than 1000 sq m being Sui Generis drinking establishment / drinking establishment with expanded food provision; bed hotel (up to 250 bed), car parking/servicing, 2 FE primary school, associated open space & infrastructure. Demolition of all buildings except for Arena and barn. All matters reserved save for access. This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement at East Of England Showground, Oundle Road, Alwalton, Peterborough  
**RESOLVED:** Orton Waterville Parish Council agrees with the objection report submitted by the Local Highways Authority and that the application should be rejected until all the elements have been mitigated to Highways satisfaction.

It is noted that the application states the location as Alwalton however the application is entirely in the parish of Orton Waterville and therefore precept will be paid to Orton Waterville Parish Council.

- 23/00412/OUT: Outline permission for demolition of all buildings and construction of up to 650 dwellings with associated open space and infrastructure, with access secured and all other matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved. This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement at East Of England Showground, Oundle Road, Alwalton, Peterborough  
**RESOLVED:** Cemetery provision needs to be considered. Orton Waterville Parish Council is concerned that it will not have sufficient space within its existing cemetery to accommodate additional residents from the proposed development. Allotment provision needs to be considered which is in a central point on the development for residents.

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**0924.083 Assets of Community Value Nomination – Speedway track**

It was noted that Peterborough City Council, had made the decision that the speedway track should not be listed as an asset of community value as not all conditions had been met.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council will take no further action in view of the comments made in the report.

**0924.084 Local police matters**

None.

**0924.085 Ward Councillor reports**

**Report received by the Clerk from Cllr Stevenson:  
Peterborough Dementia Resource Centre**

Campaigning to save the centre appears to have been successful, with the council now confirming that funding has been found that will enable services to continue at the same level of provision as previously.

**Sam Carling MP**

Cllr Stevenson had an induction meeting with the new MP for NW Cambs. He is still setting up his office and plans to move to the area in the next few months.

**Police**

Cllr Stevenson met PC Kyle Saunders to discuss local policing matters. Illicit drug use and misuse of motorbikes continue to be the main issues for the police in Orton.

**Showground Planning Applications**

A decision on the applications is scheduled for a meeting of the planning committee on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Cllr Day gave the following report:**

- Cllr Day has set up a residents steering group for the showground development and will be putting in their representations in leaflets and to AEPG.
- A wall in Lessingham had been removed which had been reported to PCC as being unsafe.
- Cllr Day has used some of her CLF money to set up a mental health and wellbeing group on the second Tuesday of every month in the Herlington Centre.
- Cllr Day is working on an Orton Nature Recovery Plan (bio-diversity) which she has shared with the Parish Council.
- Cllr Day had attended a meeting regarding the disposal of Orton Wistow Community Centre by PCC.

**0924.086 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**0924.087 Clerk's update**

**1. 0624.041** - New footway between Linden Gardens and pedestrian crossing on Oundle Road

No further update.

**2. 0624.043 - Nene Park Trust - Improve communications**

Councillors attended a presentation at Nene Part Trust and were given an overview of their current and future plans.

**3. 0624.044 - AEPG – Improvement of communications**

Three Parish Councillors and the Clerk attended AEPG and were given a presentation on the history of the showground and why the Agricultural Society Trustees had reached the decision to sell the showground to housing developers.

**4. 0624.048 - St Mary's churchyard wall repairs**

The wall repairs are due to commence in the next couple of weeks.

**0924.088**

**Correspondence to note if of relevance**

None.

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow Cllr Day to speak about the next agenda item.

Cllr Day stated that she is working on a Orton Nature Recovery Plan which includes work on Debdale Pond and had sent the Clerk a written report outlining her plans.

The Chair re-opened the meeting.

**0924.089**

**Biodiversity in parish - Parish Ponds**

The clerk stated that she would circulate Cllr Day's Orton Nature Recovery Plan to all councillors.

In her earlier report, Cllr Day's stated that she would be funding a litter bin for the entrance to Debdale pond with appropriate signage 'This is a natural conservation area, please use the litter bin'.

Debdale and Cherry Orton ponds will undergo a programme of cutting back vegetation, increasing light and dredging to reduce organic matter. Tree work to remove a few trees in the autumn is programmed to also help increase light to the ponds. The dredging will begin October/ November time. An interpretation board on the sites would also be a nice feature if that can be arranged

**0924.090**

**The Gannocks**

**1. Grass cutting contract for 2025 season**

The Clerk reported that as Peterborough Limited had managed to put the Parish Council back into their grass cutting contract, that they were happy to continue with the grass cutting and that next year their prices would increase by 6%. Matthew Kerrison is willing to continue additional cuts in the fenced in play area in between the times that Peterborough Limited contractors attend.

**RESOLVED:** To continue with Peterborough Limited as the grass cutting contractor for The Gannocks. Matthew Kerrison to continue with additional cuts in the fenced in play area.

**2. A request had been received by the Parish Council to erect a netted goal post on the field. Cllr Farnham stated that there used to be a goal on the field many years ago. It was noted that if a goal was erected, that it would need to be moved occasionally to protect the grass.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will obtain quotations for a suitable netted goal.

**3. The Clerk reported that she is waiting for Richard Harding to provide the Parish Council with a quotation to cut back the field boundary hedges/bushes.**

**4. Cllr Goode reported that a resident had informed her that they had an issue with manoeuvring around the small fence panels onto the field from Wyman Way.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk will go and have a look at the issue and report back at the next meeting.

**5. The Clerk reported that an underground wasp's nest on the field had been removed during the summer break.**

**0924.091**

**Bulky waste collections**

It was reported that the recent collection had been steady and well attended.

**0924.092**

**Parish Lengthsperson**

No update.

0924.093

**Civility and Respect Pledge**

Item deferred to next meeting however councillors were informed that there is a one-day virtual Civility & Respect Themed Summit which they can attend on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

0924.094

**Email addresses for councillors**

Cllr Hogg stated that he is still working on this matter and will provide an update next month.

0924.095

**Reports from outside bodies**

**Village Hall** – The next committee meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Cllr Dr Sridhar left the meeting.

**Orton Counselling Service for Young People** – Cllr Farnham is in discussion with the Trustees and Ormiston Bushfield Academy and will report back at the next meeting.

0924.096

**Allotments**

**1. RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation from Maynard Trees to fell a self-seeded willow tree obstructing plots at Gostwick. The stump will be ground out and back filled with soil - £450.00.

**2.** The Clerk is still waiting to receive a quotation to cut back boundary hedges at Cherry Orton.

**3.** Anglian Water have carried out a water inspection at Cherry Orton Allotments and reported that the water supply complied with regulations.

0924.097

**Cemetery**

**1. RESOLVED:** To purchase 6 x Sanctum 2000 (Aboveground Vault), delivered and fitted from Columbaria Company - £4052.00 + VAT.

**2. RESOLVED:** To amend clause 13.4 of the Lawn Cemetery regulations to allow dogs into the cemetery:

**13.4.** Dogs are only permitted in the cemetery on a lead if the owner is visiting the grave of a family member or friend. Owners are responsible for ensuring that their dog does not foul in the cemetery and must clean up after them in the unlikely event that they do.

**3.** No other matters of concern.

0924.098

**Finance & Administration**

**1. RESOLVED:** To ratify and resolve payments of expenditure:

HSBC	July 2024 bank account charges	£8.00
Anglian Water	Water charges – Cherry Orton allotments	£235.06
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Auditor service	£504.00
R Harding & Son	Various maintenance works in parish	£195.00
Mrs A Brown	Payroll August 2024 inc. expenses	£1929.83
Cambridgeshire County Council	Pension (employee/employer contribution) August 2024	£608.85
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE August 2024	£575.52
Clear Councils	Parish Council annual insurance renewal	£1684.84
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service – August 2024	£2978.92
Kerrison Gardens	Grass cutting Cemetery, St Mary's August 24	£962.00
Peterborough Pest Control Service	Remove wasp nest at The Gannocks	£95.00
Mrs A Brown	Payroll September 2024 inc. expenses	£1903.68
Cambridgeshire County Council	Pension (employee/employer contribution) September 2024	£608.85
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE September 2024	£575.52
Wave	Water charges - cemetery	£49.45
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service – September 2024	£2978.92
Peterborough Limited	Cut meadow at The Gannocks – September 2023	£610.34
Kerrison Gardens	Grass cutting Cemetery, St Mary's September 2024	£960.00
HSBC Bank	August 2024 bank account charges	£8.00
R Harding & Son	Fit new bench in cemetery	£120.00
Barbara Harmer	Refund – allotment rent paid in error	£50.00

2. Income received:

PCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of Parish Council precept	£37482.50
PCC 2nd instalment for Burial Grounds	£547.50
PCC 2nd instalment for Parish Recreation Grounds	£1243.00
Cemetery fees	£3375.58
Allotment rent	£50.00
HSBC Bank interest	£64.78

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

4. The conclusion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for year-end 31st March 2024 was noted. No remarks were made by the External Auditor. The conclusion of audit notice has been placed on the website.

**0924.099**

**Maintenance**

None.

**0924.100**

**Future agenda items and announcements**

October agenda item – Future of Orton Wistow Community Centre.

**0924.101**

**Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The meeting closed at 8:21 pm.