

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 18th December 2024 at 6.30 pm.

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

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 25 Other PCC Ward Councillor: Cllr Nicola Day

Public Question Time

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

Residents' voiced their objections against planning application from RP Meats 24/01518/FUL. See agenda item 1224.147. Cllr Stevenson stated that she would support residents with their objections and would represent them should the application go before the Peterborough City Council (PCC) Planning Committee. All residents were encouraged to submit comments against the application on the PCC Planning portal and informed that any noise complaints resulting from RP Meats should be lodged via PCC website where there is a log sheet available to download.

1224.145 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S. Dallimore and Cllr R. Rattan. Cllr Dr Sridhar was absent from the meeting.

1224.146 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

1224.147 Planning matters

Resolved to submit comments on applications as follows:

- 24/01518/FUL: Proposal: Change of use of existing storage and garages to the rear of the site and proposed internal alterations at 55 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH

RESOLVED: To OBJECT the application and submit the following comments to Planning:

1. Failure to supply sufficient information. E.g. materials to be used.

Impact on people

2. Inaccurate Heritage statement. It is not correct to state that the applicant has a good relationship with the community. 30 local residents attended a meeting of the parish council on Wednesday 18th December 2024 to express their strong dissatisfaction with the applicant, both in terms of their impact on the local neighbourhood and their lack of communication with local residents. The suggestion that the relationship with the immediate community is positive is disingenuous. It should be noted that relations between the applicant and local residents have deteriorated so badly that the police have been involved on a number of occasions (further information can be supplied upon request). Local residents strongly object to this application for the reasons stated below.

Impact on the local area & impact on infrastructure

3. The increase in opening hours to include Saturdays indicates intensification of the business.
4. On occasion, employees working for the applicant have left notes on residents' cars asking them to move their vehicles so their HGVs can access the premises. This indicates that traffic coming and going from the site is already more than the area can reasonably cope with. This application represents an expansion of the business yet there is no proposal to make the local roads safer or more accessible for HGVs. Residents frequently report that HGVs connected to the business pause to load/unload on the public

highway, causing the road to be temporarily blocked (this would prevent emergency vehicles from entering the top end of Cherry Orton Road).

Impact on the environment & noise and disturbance resulting from use

5. The application states that air conditioning units will be sited on a shed roof; however, this is not indicated on the accompanying plans. Has the roof of the shed been tested for asbestos? Questions remain about the safety of this proposal and the impact that air conditioning units will have on neighbouring properties.
6. We believe that the installation of a walk-in industrial freezer represents a change of use and an intensification of the business.
7. Local residents have had cause to lodge formal complaints with Peterborough City Council on a number of occasions with regards to issues such as noise, fumes and road safety (further information can be supplied on request). They are understandably concerned that if this application is approved, the problems that exist at present will increase.
8. It should be noted that the applicant has made no effort to reach out to either local residents nor the parish council or local ward councillors.

It is our belief that RP Meats has outgrown its current premises. While growth is to be encouraged, Orton Waterville Parish Council believes that in order to grow safely, this business should relocate to an area with appropriate infrastructure to support its ambitions for growth. We are seriously concerned that the presence of HGVs on this stretch of Cherry Orton Road poses potential problems for elderly pedestrians and school-age children making their way to the local secondary school. What was once an appropriate location for this small business is no longer so and we ask the council refuse this application and to re-enter into discussion with the applicant about moving to a more appropriate location that will not impact upon the safety of a local community.

- 24/01594/HHFUL: Proposal: Proposed side extension and internal alterations at 28 Pembroke Avenue, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EY
RESOLVED: No material observations.
- 24/01493/FUL: Replacement of head frame, 1no. radio antenna, relocation of 5no. radio antennas to be attached to new head frame, replacement of 3no. MHAs and relocation to monopole and 1no. GPS Node to be positioned on existing rooftop support pole at Telephone Exchange, Lady Lodge Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EU
RESOLVED: No material observations.

1224.148 Parish Councillor Vacancies

Two applicants attended the meeting and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To co-opt Mr Martin Brett onto Orton Waterville Parish Council. Cllr Brett joined the Parish Council for the remainder of the meeting.

1224.149 Local police matters

Cllr Stevenson informed the meeting that PC Jan Upex will be attending Parish Council meetings as from January 2025 when her shifts allow.

1224.150 Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

Showground Planning Applications

- Following the planning committee's decision in October to accept the application for 850 homes plus leisure and refuse 650 homes, four city councillors (two Labour, two Conservative) have called in the refusal. The application for 650 homes will be heard by the planning appeals committee at 1:30pm, Sand Martin House, Monday 13th January 2025. The application will be heard by a fresh committee of councillors. Cllr Stevenson and Cllr Day believe there are no legal grounds for this appeal and have objected to it in strong terms. We also requested the meeting be held in an evening, so that more residents may attend, but this request was refused. We trust the committee will uphold the original decision and will be speaking at the meeting on behalf of our

residents who tell us they want the original decision to be upheld. We have distributed leaflets to homes in Northgate, Southgate and some of Wistow to make residents aware of the situation.

Ascot House

There is a range of activity at the site for which there is no planning permission.

- Land adjacent to the Pearl Centre Building (24/00602/FUL – temporary storage and distribution of motor vehicles (Sui Generis) retrospective - REFUSED). An appeal could still be lodged against the planning refusal. PCC enforcement is drafting an enforcement notice with regard to the continued breach
- Land adjacent to Ascot House, Lynch Wood (24/0603/FUL Temp use of land for car parking (sui Generis) – Retrospective – REFUSED). An appeal could still be lodged against planning refusal. PCC enforcement is drafting an enforcement notice with regard to the continued breach.
- Land at Ascot House, Lynch Wood B P (23/00036/FUL temporary change from existing Car park to commercial car storage (class B8) retrospective – REFUSED). An appeal could still be lodged against planning refusal. PCC enforcement is drafting an enforcement notice with regard to the continued breach.
- There is a more recent further planning enforcement case with regard to *alleged car rental business and use + car wash* pending consideration. A PCN has been served to gather information and once returned the case will be reviewed.

City Council Budget Consultation

This public consultation opened on 17th December and closes on 14th January 2025.

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/consultations/budget-consultation-202526>

Cllr Day submitted the following report to the Clerk as she was unable to attend the meeting:

- Showground Development - the 'call-in' meeting for the 650 homes will take place on 13th January 2025 at 1.30pm. Cllr Stevenson and I have sent round a leaflet/ letter to Northgate/ Southgate and some streets on Wistow Way to publicise the meeting and encourage residents to write to us and/or attend. We have already had a number of responses that support our stance to reject the applications for the 650 homes.
- We have also now discovered that Peterborough has a 5 year housing land supply - in fact it has a 6.06 one - so I am pushing on this with Officers - as this was one of the key reasons for the 'call-in' and why there was so much push to get these applications past the committee meeting on October 15th. It is very frustrating that we have only recently had this evidence and information. We are also aware that the council has taken 5k of legal counsel advice and does not have a report with the legal counsels views on the 'call-in' to share with us.
- I continue to work with the SPURR residents steering group and others to ensure a strong voice for local residents is represented at the 'call-in' meeting. Any further questions on this feel free to call me.
- Our next 'Meet Your Councillor' surgery takes place at Orton Library on 18th January 2025 3 - 4pm. We continue to run regular Meet on Your Street doorstep sessions.
- The Green Party Orton News Winter Edition is being delivered around the Ortons - with updates on the Showground Development and some of our local work.
- With our next bulky waste collection on 11th January 2025, I was interested to ask how the Parish Council wishes to run this. We have been told that all ward Councillors can request collection services from Aragon and I am happy to advertise on Social Media and take requests to pass onto Cross Keys.
- The Green Group are busy with creating alternative savings proposals in an attempt to save the Lido (our only central public swimming facility). We have also been working on getting heated covers for the pool to reduce the heating costs of the pool. Currently the Green Group are working on the budget groups to bring forward alternative savings ideas and we feel uneasy about some of

the budget proposals. I have been urging residents to comment on the budget consultation which is now live.

1224.151 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 28th November 2024 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

1224.152 Clerk's update

1124.137 Email addresses for councillors

PCC is able to provide councillor .gov emails at a cost of £55.58 per account per year. 11 email accounts are required as Cllr Hogg, Cllr Stevenson and the Clerk already have email accounts supplied by PCC. To comply with Data Protection and to ensure that Parish Council business is not on councillors private email accounts, it was agreed to move forward with new email accounts supplied by PCC. This decision will be ratified at the next meeting.

1224.153 Correspondence to note if of relevance

Parish Charter Email from Peterborough City Councillor Neil Boyce: PCC Cabinet has approved the new Parish Charter for Peterborough. The new Parish Charter was unanimously approved by all Cabinet Members and will now become part of Peterborough City Councils Constitution. The adoption of the Parish Charter will provide Parish Councils a stronger voice within the City Council. As part of the Parish Charter all Parish Councils are required to nominate a Councillor and a Substitute to become a representative for Parish Liaison. The Clerk will send Cllr Boyce contact details for Cllr Jurs and Cllr Rattan who are the Parish Council's Parish Liaison representatives.

1224.154 Bulky waste

The next collection is on Saturday 11th January 2025. Cllr Nicola Day will be the contact point for arranging collections from residents who are unable to get their items to the collection point.

1224.155 Reports from outside bodies

Village Hall

Cllr Rouse reported that bollards have now been installed in front of the storage unit to protect it from cars driving into it again and that the damaged front metal fence had been repaired.

Orton Waterville United Charities

Cllr Farnham reported that the charity had given out 120 £80.00 Christmas voucher to families via local schools.

1224.156 Allotments

2025 rent renewal letters have been sent out to all allotment tenants.

1224.157 Cemetery

1. Cllr Rouse reported that he is still working on the draft landscape maintenance contract and asked the Clerk to send him a copy of the last contract that was in place.

Cllr Hogg left the meeting.

2. The Clerk reported that Orton Longueville Parish Council had agreed to purchase a block of 12 sanctums for the cemetery for the interment of cremated remains. This will be purchased in April 2025. These sanctums will only be for Orton Longueville Parish residents who do not qualify for burial in Holy Trinity churchyard. Full body burials will not be permitted. Orton Waterville Parish Council will arrange all interments and receive all fees.

1224.158 Finance & Administration

1. RESOLVED: Payments of expenditure:

HSBC Bank	Bank charges November 2024	£11.00
Wave	Water charges – Cemetery	£18.30
Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service – December 2024	£2978.92
Peterborough Limited	Bulky waste collection 27/04/2024 & 21/09/2024	£2800.88
Peterborough Limited	Allotments bulky waste collection 14/10/2024	£1400.44
Cartridgesave	Black & colour printer cartridges	£108.23
The Columbaria Company	Sanctum plaque x 2	£247.20
Mrs A Brown	Payroll December 2024 inc. expenses	£1981.88
Cambridgeshire County Council	Pension December 2024	£627.99

HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE December 2024	£606.08
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2. Income received

Allotment rents	£1946.00
Cemetery Fees	£1720.00
HSBC bank interest	£61.04

- 3. RESOLVED:** The end of month accounts and bank reconciliations were approved. The new Unity Trust Bank accounts are now open.

1224.159

Maintenance

The Orton Wistow sign on Wistow Way on the left hand side verge when entering from Lynch Wood roundabout appears to be restricting pedestrians' view of traffic when using the footpath to cross at this point. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of Highways and ask if the sign can be made taller.

1224.160

Future agenda items and announcements

Future agenda items:

- Wooden bollards in the parish on cycle paths to be made more visible at night.
- Speed indicator Device location on Wistow Way to deter speeding vehicles.

1224.161

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 29th January 2025.

The meeting closed at 8:04 pm.