

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 July 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Farnham, (Chair), A. Bowerbanks, M. Brett, M. Chambers, S. Dallimore, C. Hogg, T. Rouse, Dr. D. Sridhar, J. Stevenson and Mrs A. Brown (Clerk).

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 4 PCC Ward Councillor: Cllr N. Day

Public Question Time

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

Representatives from Peterborough Giants Cricket Club asked if the Parish Council could help them in any way establish a cricket training ground on the field behind Rangefield. An artificial square is already in place on the field which the club would be willing to maintain.

0725.050 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J. Goode and Cllr B. Warne. Cllr R. Rattan was absent from the meeting.

0725.051 Declaration of interests and dispensations

Cllr Hogg – agenda item 0725.066.

0725.052 Parish Councillor vacancy

Daral Brennan attended the meeting and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To co-opt Daral Brennan onto Orton Waterville Parish Council.

0725.053 Peterborough Giants Cricket Club

The meeting considered the request to support the Peterborough Giants Cricket Club to establish a cricket ground on the field located behind Rangefield. Cllr Hogg advised that the field in question was designated as an educational field, and therefore permission for its use would need to be obtained from Ormiston Bushfield Academy (OBA). It was also noted that there was also an artificial cricket square on the nearby field currently used by Parkside Football Club. Cllr Farnham offered to approach OBA to discuss the potential use of the field by the cricket club.

RESOLVED: Cllr Farnham to speak with OBA about the use of the field and pass on the contact details of Peterborough Giants Cricket club to them.

0725.054 Planning matters

1. Resolved comments where appropriate on applications:

- 25/00737/FUL: Change of use of first floor of approved pub/restaurant (sui Generis/E(b) to leisure use (Class E(d)) at First Floor Orton Meadows Golf Shop, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 8UU
RESOLVED: Neutral – No material observations.
- 25/00838/CTR: Tree works in a conservation area - Repollard willow tree in rear garden at 70 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EH
RESOLVED: Neutral – No material observations.
- 25/00911/CTR: Tree works in a conservation area - Fell cherry tree at 46 Cherry Orton Road Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ
RESOLVED: Neutral – No material observations on the condition that the felled tree is replaced with another tree.
- 25/00927/TRE: Tree works in a conservation area - SGLI/260420) Horse chestnut 25% end weight reduction (04/00005/TPO) at 14 Lady Lodge Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EP
RESOLVED: Neutral – No material observations, however the Parish Council supports the Tree Officers professional opinion.

- 25/00949/CTR: Ash and Holly tree to be cut back 2.m from property line at 52 Church Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2

RESOLVED: Neutral – No material observations.

2. Planning Working party

RESOLVED: Cllr Bowerbanks was appointed as the lead for the Planning Working Party and will be responsible for arranging meetings. The group will have no delegated authority and will report any recommendations to Full Council for consideration.

0725.055

Local police matters

As a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is now in place, the police are cracking down on car meets which are reducing them. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) remains one of the police's key priorities. Cllr Hogg will speak to the police inspector to request that parish councillors be invited to his next online meeting for with ward councillors. The Clerk will ask the police if they are able to attend any future meetings and/or provide a report.

0725.056

Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

Peterborough City Council

- Councillors may read commentary in the press with regard to the arrest of officers connected to the council. City councillors ask that any questions be directed to the city council press team.

Showground development

- Cllr Stevenson is in discussion with the city council about the state of the land.

Lynchwood

- Complaints from Wistow residents following a 60th birthday party outside the building at the weekend. City council is investigating.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Cllr Stevenson has been working with the city council and the police with regards to ASB associated with a house in the ward that is owned by South Cambs Council and which houses people with mental health problems.

Cllr Day gave the following report:

- Nene Park Trust – Planning Officers have said that the deadline for the planning application to be called in for Lynch Farm had passed. Cllr Day will challenge this and ask further questions.
- Ascot House – A recent party event has been raised with police and enforcement.
- Back of Church Drive Shops – The Landlord has been contacted and has said that he would be tidying and clearing the area at the back of the flats he owns.
- Two white vans and blue Peugeot – These vehicles are always parked in the local lay-by and have been reported to both police and enforcement. Residents report that people are living in these vehicles.
- Overgrown grass at the showground (AEPG/EEAS) reported to Peterborough City Council.
- Fly tip is regularly returning at hotspots in Orton Goldhay. Further measures to be explored via Peterborough City Council working group.
- Speedway - Pre-legal process underway for judicial review. SPURR group has sent press release regarding residents' views.
- 2nd August Summer Clean/Litter Pick.
- 12th August - Seeds of Sunflowers Wellbeing session, Herlington Centre, 7:00 - 8:00 pm.
- Regularly out on 'Meet on Your Street' sessions, listening to residents and reporting casework.

- 0725.057 Minutes of previous meeting**
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 25th June 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
- 0725.058 Clerk' update**
20 mph speed limit in Orton Waterville
 Peter Tebb, Highways, has informed the Clerk that he has a back log of traffic orders that need to be completed and the one requested by the Parish Council will be progressed at some point but he is unable to give an indication as to when this would be.
- 0725.059 Correspondence to note if of relevance**
1. Email from resident: Dog mess on footpath between Alwalton and Marriott hotel
 A resident from Alwalton reported that the path from the edge of Alwalton into Waterville parish (Oundle Road), up to the metal gates beside the Marriott Hotel, was littered with cream bags of dog waste left under the trees, which they collected and binned. They have asked if a CCTV warning sign could be put up. Cllr Stevenson stated that this has been a long-standing issue and that Peterborough City Council (PCC) had previously refused to place a bin there due to access issues for the bin lorry. A sign, which is still there was put up by Cllr Stevenson some time ago. Cllr Stevenson has requested that PCC arrange a litter pick and has put a post about this on Orton Northgate Facebook page to raise awareness, however it was noted that the path is also used by residents from several areas, including Alwalton and Orton Wistow.
 2. Email from resident: Notification of resident's submission to Peterborough City Council requesting Article 4 – Removal of permitted development rights for all future planning applications submitted by RP Meats
 Residents affected by developments at R P Meats and the creeping effect of permitted development rights have submitted a petition to PCC Democratic Services requesting to have permitted development rights removed by way of an article 4 direction to give residents and PCC Planning more oversight and control over future applications. They also requested an immediate pause of these rights to prevent any pre-emptive works. If required, the Parish Council agreed to support residents in this matter.
- 0725.060 The Gannocks**
1. Councillors again discussed the request from a resident to reduce the height of a hedge and remove a tree located adjacent to their property boundary, as it was overshadowing their garden. It was noted again that the council does not remove trees solely to improve light to nearby properties. The Clerk stated that the next tree survey was due in the autumn and that advice on the tree could be sought from the arboriculturist carrying out the survey. It was suggested that the resident be allowed to reduce the height of the hedge themselves at their own expense.
RESOLVED: That no action will be taken regarding the tree until the scheduled tree survey is carried out in the autumn. The resident will be invited to submit a proposal to reduce the height of the hedge at their own expense, subject to Parish Council approval.
 2. There were no other matters of concern.
- 0725.061 Parish Lengthsperson**
 No update.
- 0725.062 Bulky waste**
 Next collection is on 27th September 2025 at Ortongate Shopping Centre.
- 0725.063 Orton Wistow Community Centre**
 Members of the Parish Council recently met with Sarah Cracknell, Principal Estates Officer at Peterborough City Council, to receive an update on the future of Orton Wistow Community Centre. The discussion included potential options for the transfer of the asset to another party. Sarah Cracknell is arranging a further meeting in September with the Parish Council and members of the Community Centre Committee to continue discussions.
- 0725.064 Email addresses for councillors**
RESOLVED: Cllr Bowerbanks to help councillors set up their new .gov emails.
- 0725.065 Wooden bollards on cycle paths**
 Cllr Bowerbanks stated that PCC only holds location data for bollards and offered to develop a database for the Parish Council to record bollard condition, material, and exact location (via

coordinates), however this would take time. He also offered to look into the possibility of the Parish Council adopting responsibility for the bollards as PCC would need to give permission for any repainting of bollards. As an alternative, it was suggested that temporary paint could be used to mark the ground around bollards to improve their visibility in the dark.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bowerbanks will obtain quotations for options to improve the visibility of bollards in the dark to enable the Parish Council to consider setting a budget for the project.

0725.066 Ormiston Bushfield Academy grant application

The grant funding request of £2,000.00 towards the Ormiston Bushfield Academy (OBA) in-house counselling service for students was discussed. Most student referrals are managed internally; however, certain cases require referral to a specialist counsellor with higher-level training. Previously, such cases were referred to the Orton Counselling Service for Young People (OCSYP), but this service has now closed. The higher level of expertise now needs to be bought in. It was proposed that the funds previously allocated to OCSYP be redirected to OBA to support the specialist counselling needs.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £2,000 to OBA and request a feedback report at the end of the year detailing the use of the funds and the effectiveness of the support provided.

0725.067 Magpas grant application

The grant funding request of £500.00 towards the delivery of the life-saving service, including helicopter operations, medicines, and equipment, was discussed. It was agreed that this is a valuable service benefiting all residents in the parish.

RESOLVED: To award Magpas a grant of £500.00 towards the delivery of their life-saving service.

0725.068 Amber Bee CIC grant application

A grant funding request of £365.00 for the Barney and Echo Mindfulness and Internet Safety Project at Orton Wistow Primary School and St John's CofE Primary School was discussed.

Two programmes would be delivered:

- Caught in the Web – Raises awareness of safe internet use, including interaction with others online, cyber-bullying, misuse of gaming and social media, and data protection.
- Mindfulness – Helps children cope with emotions, make positive choices, appreciate their community, understand their impact on others, build optimism for the future, and develop resilience.

Both schools provided letters of support for the programmes. Cllr Stevenson stated that, if the Parish Council awarded the grant, she would match-fund the amount using her Community Leadership Fund.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £365.00 to Amber Bee CIC to run the Barney and Echo Mindfulness and Internet Safety Project at Orton Wistow Primary School and St John's CofE Primary School.

0725.069 Information Technology (IT) Policy

RESOLVED: To adopt the IT Policy.

0725.070 Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: To adopt the updated Financial Regulations.

0725.071 Parish Council Noticeboard for Ortongate Shopping Centre

Ortongate Shopping Centre has given permission for the Parish Council to erect a noticeboard within the centre, providing that the Parish Council funds the purchase. There is currently no noticeboard in this area. A budget for the purchase of the noticeboard was discussed.

RESOLVED: To allocate a budget of £300.00 for the Clerk to purchase a noticeboard for Ortongate Shopping Centre.

0725.072 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Rouse reported that new locks had been fitted to the front door roller shutter.

0725.073 Allotments

1. Richard Harding had provided an estimate of £1000.00 to cut back the internal boundary hedges at Gostwick allotments. A firm quote was not possible as he had informed the Clerk that he may not be able to access some areas due to things still growing on plots. The Clerk stated that she did not

envisage this work to be carried out until the autumn when plots would be relatively clear. It was also noted that the internal boundary hedge had not been cut for several years.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £1000.00 for Richard Harding to cut back the internal boundary hedges at Gostwick allotments. An additional £200.00 will be considered if required.

2. The Clerk reported that the Gostwick allotments' water supply had passed Anglian Water's re-inspection.

0725.074

Cemetery

The Sanctum 12 unit for Orton Longueville Parish Council's residents' interments has been installed.

0725.075

Finance & Administration

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

Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service July 2025	£3157.66
Kerrison Gardens	Grass cutting: St Mary's churchyard/Gostwick allotments	£997.50
Treasured Memories	Plaque for rose garden	£45.72
CAPALC	Nimble E Learning – Cllr Bowerbanks	£18.00
R Harding & Son	Cemetery/Parish maintenance works	£855.00
Wave	Water charges – Gostwick allotments	£501.05
Mrs A Brown	Payroll July 2025 inc. expenses	£2003.23
Cambridgeshire County Council	Pension July 2025	£627.99
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE July 2025	£676.96
Unity Trust Bank	Banking charges June 2025	£6.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit for year end 31 March 2025	£504.00

2. To note end any income received

Cemetery fees	£260.00
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3. **RESOLVED:** The end of month accounts and bank reconciliation were approved.

4. The conclusion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for year-end 31st March 2025. No remarks were made by the External Auditor. The conclusion of audit notice has been placed on the website.

0725.076

Maintenance

Brimbles Way road surface appears to be subsiding in several areas, and parts of the footpath are damaged by tree roots lifting the surface. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

0725.077

Future agenda items and announcements

Agenda item: Provision of tablets for councillor use for Parish Council business.

Cllr Dallimore gave his apologies for the next meeting.

0725.078

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 24th September 2025.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.