

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 25th June 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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

Members: 13 Quorum: 5 Members of the public: 0 PCC Ward Councillor: Cllr N. Day

Public Question Time

Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LGA 1972 s100.
None.

0625.025 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors M. Brett, S. Dallimore, J. Goode, R. Rattan, and B. Warne. Dr. D. Sridhar was absent.

0625.026 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

0625.027 Mary's Child Charity

Grant application withdrawn by the applicant.

0625.028 Parish Councillor vacancy

No applications received.

0625.029 Planning matters

Resolved submitted comments where appropriate on applications:

- 25/00700/HHFUL: Proposed rear conservatory with internal alterations and new electric charger point at 52 Church Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5HE
RESOLVED: Neutral – No material observations.
- 25/00768/TRE: Tree works - (T2 - Oak) Crown lift to 4m, (G5 - Mixed Hedgerow Trees) Crown lift to 3m and (G6 - Ash Woodland) crown lift trees to 4m (lower-level vegetation also to be managed) (25/00001/TPO) at Miller and Carter Steakhouse, Oundle Road, Alwalton. Peterborough PE2 6HE
RESOLVED: Neutral – No material observations.

0625.030 Local police matters

No report.

0625.031 Ward Councillor reports

Cllr Stevenson gave the following report:

Peterborough City Council

- A vote of no confidence in the Labour administration at the meeting of Full Council on 18th June was unsuccessful.

Showground development

- No progress and the site is becoming overgrown and an eyesore.

Ortongate

- Concerns about road markings in car park passed to management. Noted but no budget to address this year.

Cllr Day gave the following report:

- We've been working with Cherryfields residents around parking issues.
- Resident on Cherry Orton Road has requested 20mph – Cllr Day to chase council officer.
- Issue with Church Drive flats, rats to be reported to environmental health.
- Path on Rangefield uneven – Cllr Day working with Highways on this.
- Cllr Day to share Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority Local Nature Recovery Strategy - which can be found in this public reports pack (it is a long document)
<https://democracy.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/documents/g613/Public%20reports%20pack%2018th-Jun-2025%2011.00%20Growth%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

0625.032

Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 28th May 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

0625.033

Clerk' update

None.

0625.034

Correspondence to note if of relevance

Residents email: Concerns regarding Church Drive shops and flats.

Church Drive shops: The resident raised concerns regarding a breach of 'stringent' conditions which were given when a planning application was granted in 1986 for a Chinese food Takeaway on Church Drive. These include suitable filtering to avoid nuisance of smell, grease etc to nearby resident; noise emissions from fans to be not more than 5 db. above background noise; shall only be operated between the hours of 12noon and 11.30pm. These issues are affecting the quality of life of the surrounding neighbours and the use of their gardens.

Flats above Church Drive Shops: There is a safety concern that the guard rail surrounding the area outside the flats above the Estate Agents and Hairdressers shops has been removed. It is being reported in case of an accident. The area is being used by one of the tenants as an extended space for hanging baskets, rotary washing line, sitting etc. When the block of shops and flats were built, guard rails were installed as a safety measure for the flat tenants and to protect the privacy of nearby residential properties. It was not permitted to walk out further than the guard rail for these reasons. The only usable limited area was purely for access to the stairs nearest to their individual flat door to reach their gardens or to exit at the rear of the shops. There is a garden area on the ground which the tenant should use however this is in a bad state. The guard rail is still in place at the other end of the flat's complex therefore it can be seen how it should be.

Both matters of concern were noted by the Parish Council and that Cllr Day was working with the resident to try and resolve these matters

0625.035

The Gannocks

1. The request from a resident to trim down a hedge and remove a tree adjacent to their boundary as it was overshadowing their garden was discussed by councillors. It was noted that trees are not cut down for right of light to properties.

RESOLVED: Councillors will visit the area to assess the tree and hedge and discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

2. The Clerk reported that a litter bin had been thrown into the play area and that its contents had been strewn all over the play area. Aragon had attended and tidied up the site.

0625.036

Parish Lengthsperson

Cllr Farnham reported that she and the Clerk had met with the Lengthsperson's line manager and had asked him to provide figures on the number of fly tip reports within the parish. These figures will be shared with councillors.

0625.037

Bulky waste

The next collection at the Orton Centre is on Saturday 27th September 2025. Any residents with large bulky items which they are unable to get themselves to the collection should contact either Cllr Julie Stevenson or Cllr Nicola Day.

- 0625.038 Riseholme Public Realm**
Cllr Stevenson reported that following a request from residents, in her capacity as Ward Councillor for Orton Waterville, she will be contacting Peterborough City Council (PCC) to ask if they can help make the open spaced area outside 9 and 11 Riseholme more attractive as it is very overgrown and in disrepair. Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Day and Cllr Bowerbanks will also visit the area with the PCC Wildlife Officer.
- 0625.039 Windmill Public House – Re-registration as an Asset of Community Value**
RESOLVED: To submit an application to Peterborough City Council to re-register the Windmill Public House as an Asset of Community Value.
- 0625.040 Email addresses for councillors**
RESOLVED: Cllr Hogg will help councillors who are unable to access their new email accounts.
- 0625.041 Wooden bollards on cycle paths**
Cllr Bowerbanks gave a verbal report on his progress in obtaining quotations for improving visibility of bollards whilst dark. He stated that he was still waiting for more quotations and information from PCC on the number of accidents, if any, had occurred involving bollards. It was suggested that a few of the worst bollards could be prioritised and improved first to see if the visibility solution worked. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 0625.042 December Parish Council meeting**
It was stated that the December meeting would fall on Christmas Eve and bringing the meeting forward was discussed. As the December meeting is always short and people are usually busy due to the festive season, it was suggested that the meeting should be cancelled, however an extra-ordinary meeting could be called if there was an urgent matter.
RESOLVED: To not hold a Parish Council meeting in December 2025.
- 0625.043 Reports from outside bodies**
Cllr Day made the Parish Council aware of the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- Local Government Reorganisation – A public engagement exercise has been launched to gather opinions on the future of local government in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The survey is live until 20th July 2025.
- It follows an announcement by the government in December, setting out plans to move towards a new system of local government, removing the two-tier system of district, city and county councils. Existing unitary councils including Peterborough are also included.
- Since then, all seven existing county, district and city councils have been working collaboratively to identify viable options for new single-tier councils across the region.
- No decisions have yet been made on what these new arrangements could look like, but the government has made it clear that it wants these councils to be unitaries (providing all services and covering all current county and district functions).
RESOLVED: Cllr Bowerbanks to complete the Stakeholders survey and make himself available for further involvement on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 0625.044 Allotments**
1. The Clerk reported that a tenant at Gostwick allotments had asked if the overhanging vegetation from the boundary hedge could be cut back as it was severely impeding his plot as it had not been cut for many years. It was agreed that the Clerk asks Richard Harding to provide a quotation to cut the internal boundary at Gostwick allotments to be carried out after the bird's nesting season.
- 2.** There were no other matters of concern.
- 0625.045 Cemetery**
The Clerk reported that the recently planted roses and heathers had failed in the hot weather and that Richard Harding would be purchasing replacement plants.

0625.046 Finance & Administration**1. RESOLVED:** Payments of expenditure:

Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service June 2025	£3157.66
Kerrison Gardens	Grass cutting: St Mary's churchyard/allotments/play area	£556.50
Wave	Water charges – Cemetery	£55.65
Cartridgesave Ltd	Printer cartridges multipack	£157.87
R Harding & Son	Cemetery/Parish maintenance works	£675.00
Mrs A Brown	Payroll June 2025 inc. expenses	£1966.58
Cambridgeshire County Council	Pension June 2025	£627.99
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE June 2025	£676.96
Unity Trust Bank	Banking charges May 2025	£6.00
Information Commissioner's Office	Data protection fee annual renewal	£47.00
NetWise UK	Website - Annual renewal hosting/support/maintenance	£396.00
R Harding & Son	New plants for cemetery	£120.00

2. Income received

Cemetery fees	£1655.00
Allotment rent	£20.00
Unity Trust Bank interest	£431.81

3. RESOLVED: The end of month accounts and bank reconciliation were approved.**0625.047 Maintenance**

None.

0625.048 Future agenda items and announcements**Agenda items:**

- IT Policy
- Planning working party

0625.049 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 30th July 2025.

The meeting closed at 8:39 pm.