

Minutes of a meeting of the Orton Waterville Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, on
Wednesday, 16 February 2011, at 7.30 pm.

Present:	Mr M Chambers (in the chair)	Mrs J Farnham	Mr P Froggitt
	Mr C Long	Mr M Rowett	Cllr Mrs J Stokes
	Mrs D Sandles	Mr M Stone	Mrs G Thornley
	Members of the Public – None	PCSOs – None	Ward Councillors – as above

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Hammerton and Mr M Smith.
2. PUBLIC FORUM – There were no members of public.
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS –
 - Item 10(a) - Mr P Froggitt (allotment tenant)
 - Item 10(b) - Mrs D Sandles (allotment tenant)
 - Item 10(c) - Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)
 - Item 7 - Mrs Farnham and Mr Long (members of the Village Hall Committee)
4. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – Although there were no police present, the Clerk reported that the theft on the allotments had been reported and a crime number received.
5. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS – Cllr Stokes reported that she had attended a site meeting at Hinchcliffe with representatives of Cross Keys Homes and other ward councillors. They are looking into ways in which the area could be improved. Cllr Stokes had also attended a meeting regarding Ortongate. She reported that the work on the car park exits are due to be completed in 2013.
6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2010 – Mr Stones proposed and Mr Froggitt seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (a) Bus Shelter (*minute 14*).
It was agreed to accept the quotation from Garfield builders of £47 to replace vandalised downpipes.
 - (b) Village Hall (*minute 12c*).
The secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee requested that the Parish Council's decision to earmark £30,000 for major repair work on the Village Hall, be confirmed to him in writing. Since the City Council had not yet confirmed the Parish Council's request for this amount of funds from the precept, it was agreed to hold this over to the next meeting.
8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
 - (a) Matley Primary School – The Eco Warriors of Matley Primary School have applied for help with funding towards improvement to the school's wildlife area. Mr Chambers proposed and Mrs Farnham seconded that £300 under section 137 LGA be granted towards this project. This was carried.
 - (b) Orton Community Quilters – This local group has applied for funding towards some equipment. The Parish Council agreed that it was unable to meet this request at this time.
 - (c) Queen's Diamond Jubilee – A request was received from a member of the public that the Parish Council considers commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in some way. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.
 - (d) Tree Preservation Order – A copy of a sealed Order was received from the City Council that a preservation order had been placed on a tree to the rear of 1 Gleneagles. This was noted.
9. BURIAL GROUND
 - (a) Following consultation with Mr King, a new plaque in memory of Cllr Jean Barker was purchased at a cost of £20. Beebys have been instructed to attach it to the bench seat outside the cemetery. This course of action was approved.
 - (b) The final invoice from Maypine has been received and will be dealt with under Finance.
 - (c) The installation of a Desk type memorial will take place on 22 March 2011.

10. ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Wyman Way – Following the recent metal theft of water taps from allotments, it was agreed to go ahead with the planned installation of a stand pipe at Wyman Way as long as it is enclosed with a lockable steel casing. Landplan have been asked to confirm this. Three enquiries were received regarding the proposed new allotments.
- (b) Cherry Orton Road – A complaint was received that one of the tenants was allowing materials to be placed on his compost from off-site waste. Since the rules did not specifically state that this must not be done, it was agreed to leave this matter until the next policy review. It was reported that metal thieves had stolen the taps and vandalised the two standpipes at the allotment site. It was agreed to only replace one with a lockable steel casing. A quotation was received for timber casing but it was agreed that this could be too easily vandalised.
- (c) Gostwick – It was found that four out of the six water taps had been taken from this allotment site. Two quotations were received for replacing the taps on both sites. Acquamain quoted £145.00 and G L R quoted £237.08. However, it was agreed that only two on this site should be replaced, and that all the taps on all the sites should be replaced with a similar tap to that in the cemetery where hoses cannot be attached.
- (d) Rent Review – The Wyman Way allotment rent having been previously agreed at £15 per allotment, it was agreed to also review the rent on the other two allotments. Mr Chambers proposed and Mrs Farnham seconded that the rent on the Cherry Orton Road and Gostwick allotments should increase to £30 per whole allotment and £15 for a half allotment. This was carried.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) The following payments were authorised

Beebys (cemetery maintenance)	£273.00
Maypine (release of final retention money)	£4,504.13
Peterborough Office Supplies (stationery)	£55.11
Society of Local Council Clerks (annual subscription)	£95.00
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax & NI)	193.47
Clerk's salary	620.25
Expenses (for January and February)	£66.00
M Russell (pond maintenance for 2 quarters in arrears)	80.00

(b) Income received to date

Bank Interest	£0.52
Income from memorial for interment	£200.00
Allotment rent	£24.00

12. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications received

11/00044/FUL	New office block at Flo-mech House, Paxton Road	No objection
11/00124/CTR	Tree work at 51 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville	No objection
11/00068/FUL	New office blocks at Bakewell Road, Orton Southgate	No objection
11/00118/FUL	New sidings for miniature railway at Ferry Meadows	No objection

(b) Decisions on previous applications

10/01534/FUL	Air conditioning at 10 Ortongate Shopping Centre, Bushfield	Granted
10/01610/FUL	Hardstanding at Watersports Centre, Ferry Meadows	Granted
10/01078/FUL	70-bed Care Home at former Arts Centre, Orton Goldhay	Granted

13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS – It was agreed to report to the City Council that the metal seat, by the weathervane on the hill, is badly corroded. This poses a Health & Safety risk and should be replaced.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members were circulated with a timetable for the forthcoming Parish Council elections. Nominations have to be in by noon on 4 April 2011. Mr Froggitt agreed to collect nomination packs for the Clerk to distribute.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.