

Minutes of a meeting of the Orton Waterville Parish Council
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, on
Wednesday, 17 November 2010, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mr M Chambers (in the chair) Mrs J Farnham Mr P Froggitt Mr R Hammerton
Mr C Long Mr M Rowett Mrs D Sandles Mr M Smith
Cllr Mrs J Stokes Mr M Stone Mrs G Thornley

Members of the Public – one PCSOs – none Ward Councillors – as above

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – There was none as all were present.
2. PUBLIC FORUM – There were no issues raised.
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)
4. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – There were no police present.
5. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS – Cllr Stokes reported that she had received many complaints about the Orton Waterville bus service, and that she is in communication with the Transport Department about this. She has asked residents to report any complaints they may have as a log is being kept.

There has been a lot of concern over the Orton Medical Centre. Dr Outer has retired and Dr Cartmel is on a temporary two-year lease which expires in March. Cllr Stokes is on the Health Issues Scrutiny Committee and has asked for this item to be on the next agenda. She has also requested, on behalf of all the Ward Councillors, a meeting with the PCT.

Minutes of the Customer Forum attended by Cllr Stokes, Mr Froggitt, Mrs Sandles and the Clerk were forwarded by email from the City Council.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 October 2010 – Mr Rowett proposed and Mr Stones seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (a) Procedure at Planning Committee meetings (*minute 7a*).
Mr Froggitt is still looking into the policy adopted at the last meeting, to see whether it should be included in an existing policy rather than standing on its own as at the moment.
 - (b) Church Drive Shopping Parade (*minute 7b*).
Since no written reply had been received the Clerk contacted the Leaseholder at his Chinese Takeaway premises. He confirmed that the owners had spoken to him about the state of the premises but that he had no funds at the moment to deal with it. Mr Hammerton agreed to contact the City Council regarding the window of the flat above the shop, which appeared to be dangerously unstable causing a possible Health and Safety hazard to the general public.
 - (c) Allotment/Play Area Hedgerow (*minute 7c*).
At the time of the Clerk's update it was not known whether the tree at the back of Mrs Stuttard's garden had been pruned. Since then, an email has been received to confirm that the work has been done.
 - (d) Natural Environment – (*minute 7e*).
At the time of the Clerk's update a further quotation was being awaited. The City Council would not accept only two quotes. However, since then, the last quotation has been received and the process for the grant application is in motion. The contract is with Beebys Landscaping Ltd.
8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
 - (a) Victim Support – A letter was received from Victim Support requesting a contribution towards funding their work. It was agreed that, on this occasion, the Parish Council was unable to offer any financial support.

- (b) Forest for Peterborough – An invitation was received from PECT to a launch for a Forest for Peterborough on 22 November. Cllr Stokes accepted the invitation.
- (c) Landscape Officer – An email was circulated from the City Council’s Landscape Officer offering to give a talk to the Parish Council. It was agreed to invite him to the January meeting.

9. BURIAL GROUND

- (a) Official Opening – The official opening of the cemetery took place and went very well.
- (b) An inspection of Maypine’s work, prior to the release of the final money held, has taken place. Two things were picked up, (i) the badly made standpipe housing, and (ii) some studs on the access road were broken. Maypine will replace these. However, upon reflection, Mr Stafford realised that the studs could have been broken by grass cutting machinery blades which were not raised high enough, in which case it would not be Maypine’s fault. There were two possibilities, either it was the City Council’s grass cutters or it was Beebys grass cutters. Both had been over that road. Since it is now impossible to determine which one did the damage, the Parish Council will bear the cost of stud replacements. Maypine will bear the cost of repairing the standpipe housing. The Clerk will be asked to ensure that the grass cutting of the access road and verge is added to the City Council’s contract and ensure that Beebys cease to go over it.
- (c) A litter bin has been installed next to the bench seat. Since the old plaque (in memory of Jean Barker) could not be fixed on to the new seat, a new plaque will need to be purchased.

10. ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Wyman Way – The spraying has been done.
- (b) Cherry Orton Road – There was nothing to report.
- (c) Gostwick – The City Council has notified the Parish Council of possible proposed development adjacent to the allotments. It may mean that the allotments will have to be moved. The Clerk is being kept informed of developments by the City Council, and has asked them to meet with the Parish Council once they have something definite to consult on.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) <u>The following payments were authorised</u>	
Orton Counselling Service for Young People (grant under s.137 LGA)	£500.00
Beebys (cemetery maintenance)	267.31
Beebys (release of retention money)	626.79
Beebys (hedge planting)	1,623.85
PCC (risk assessment – replacement cheque)	176.25
Anglian Water (cemetery standing charge)	£12.05
Salary	620.45
Tax and NI	193.27
Expenses	36.90
(b) <u>Income received to date</u>	
Allotment rent	48.00
Bank Interest	0.50

12. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) <u>Applications received</u>		
10/01315/FUL	New shop front at 10 Ortongate	No objection
10/01387/ADV	Signs at Hobart Manufacturing, Southgate Way, O/Southgate	No objection
10/01409/FUL	Phone mast and equipment at Filling Station, Paxton Road, O/Goldhay	No objection*
10/01252/FUL	Extension at 11 Dale Close, Orton Waterville	No objection
10/01473/FUL	Alterations to St John’s School, Orton Goldhay	No objection

* There was no objection to this replacement application but it was noted that some daffodil bulbs may be disturbed. It was agreed to request that any bulbs disturbed by the installation should be replaced.

(b) Decisions on previous applications

10/01203/NTEL	Vodafone mast and equipment at Filling Station, Orton Centre	*Withdrawn
10/01135/FUL	Alterations to roof slopes at units at Culley Court, Orton Southgate	Granted
10/01281/TRE	Fell Horse Chestnut at 554 Oundle Road, Orton Waterville	Granted

(c) Notice of non-material changes

10/01311/NONMAT	08/00228/FUL - Retail unit with flat at Matley Centre (removal of previously retained tree)	Approved
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13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

- (a) There were concerns about 25 Cherry Orton Road. This listed building in a conservation area has been allowed to deteriorate into a dilapidated state. Cllr Stokes agreed to find out whether the rear extension had got planning permission, and to discuss the state of repair with Jim Daley.
- (b) It was reported that a bollard had been knocked over near the roundabout at Orton Northgate. Cllr Stokes agreed to report this.
- (c) It was reported that a bollard had been damaged in Chisenhale. Cllr Stokes agreed to report this.
- (d) It was reported that a pile of rubbish had been left at the back of the Village Hall footpath. Cllr Stokes agreed to report this.
- (e) It was reported that the footpath running parallel to the emergency gates at Rangefield was uneven. Cllr Stokes agreed to report this.
- (f) It was reported that a witness had seen Beebys lorry make ruts in the grass verge. The Clerk will be asked to report this to Derek Wright, acting as agent between the Council and Beebys.
- (g) Following the Firework Fiesta it was queried if any of the cars on yellow lines had been ticketed. Cllr Stokes agreed to ask the police.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) The Clerk will be asked to put Litter Bins on the next agenda.
- (b) The budget meeting is usually in January, but the Clerk will be asked if she could prepare it for December.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.