

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on  
Wednesday, 21 October, 2009.

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Present: Mr M Chambers (in the chair) Mrs J Farnham Mr P Froggitt Mr C Long  
Mr M Rowett Mr M Stone

Members of the Public – none Police – PCSO Joshua Coe, Ward Councillors – none  
PCSO Kamila Chilinska

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs J Stokes, Mrs G Thornley, Mr M Smith and Cllr Mrs S Allen.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Item 10(c) – Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)  
Item 10(a) – Mr Froggitt (allotment tenant)
3. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – The PCSOs reported that incidents are decreasing. In August 12 incidents of Anti Social Behaviour were reported; in September there were 9 and in October there were 3. They were asked about an incident concerning a group of 15 youths in Church Drive on 25 September. This had been dealt with by Special Constables and they agreed to look into it and report back. Other incidents of burglary and criminal damage resulted in the culprits being caught and arrested. The issue of a DPPO (non drinking area) at the Church Drive Shops must be applied for through the courts by the City Council.
4. REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS – There were none.
5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2009 – Mr Stone proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - (a) Freedom of Information Act (minute 6a).  
Mr Froggitt will report on this at the next meeting.
  - (b) Spring Flowers (minute 7b).  
Mr Russell had obtained some grant forms from the Tree Council for Bluebell Wood funding and Environmental Improvement Funding. It was agreed that the small amount that was required had already been budgeted for and that extra grants would not be necessary. It was agreed that he should obtain quotations for enough Bluebells to carpet the Nature Reserve at Debdale and enough Daffodils to make a display at the entrances to Orton Waterville from Oundle Road.
  - (c) Victim Support (minute 7e).  
The request for funding from Victim Support was discussed. Mr Stone proposed and Mrs Farnham seconded that £100 be granted under section 137 LGA as part of this service in the Orton Waterville Parish. This was carried.
  - (d) Barrier Replacement (minute 13a).  
A reply was received from the City Council stating that ‘as the existing barrier does not conform to current specifications we do not intend to replace this’. The Parish Council agreed that the City Council should be asked to replace it with one that does conform.
  - (e) Village Sign (minute 13b).  
A quotation of £1,978 was received from John Lucas to repair the village sign. As this seemed rather high, the Chairman agreed to obtain another quotation.
7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
  - (a) Anti Social Gathering – A letter was received from a resident regarding incidents of anti-social behaviour around the Church Drive shops and, in particular, an incident which occurred on 25<sup>th</sup> September. In reply, it was agreed that he should be informed that the police are looking into the matter. He also requested that this area be made an alcohol-free zone. It was agreed to bring this matter up at the recently formed Neighbourhood Council.
  - (b) Environment Complaint – A letter was received from a resident complaining about the state of the roads and footpaths. It was agreed to forward this to the Highways Authority.

- (c) Vacancies – A letter of resignation was received from Gary Masters which has created a vacancy on the Orton Wistow Parish Ward. The Electoral Services will be notified.
- (d) Planning Services – An introductory letter was received from the new Head of Planning Services. It was agreed to accept his offer to speak to the Parish Council, and it was agreed to invite him in November or January.

## 8. BURIAL GROUND

The construction of the cemetery is now complete except for the connection of the water by Anglian Water. A further hitch had occurred when the Planning Authority changed their approval regarding the road crossing. The contractor had already begun the work according to the original plan which had received planning consent. Subsequently this work had to be undone and the road crossing reconstructed according to new plans. It was agreed that this cost could also be taken out of the contingency sum built into the quotation.

Having agreed that a working group should be set up to discuss various matters regarding the running of a cemetery, it was agreed that this group should consist of Councillors Mike Chambers, Paul Froggitt, Cyril Long, Jenny Farnham and the Clerk who will endeavour to meet before the next meeting.

## 9. STORAGE SHEDS

A demand of £25,000 was received from the opponent who considered this to be a more reasonable sum. The legal advice to the Parish Council was that this figure is excessive. His entitlement would only be twice the rateable value of the property. Therefore, the District Valuer was contacted to assess the rateable value of the premises. His decision is awaited.

## 10. ALLOTMENTS

- (a) Wyman Way – It was agreed to leave the tidying up of the allotment area until the Parish Council is more certain of its financial position.
- (b) Cherry Orton Road – A complaint was received that the plot vacated by the removal of the old shed has become overgrown with weeds. The complainant even offered to kill the weeds himself if the Parish Council were to provide the weedkiller. Weedkiller was purchased. This was retrospectively approved.
- (c) Gostwick – The one remaining vacant allotment is in such poor condition that it was agreed it should not be let. It was also agreed to leave the plastic sheeting on the ground to suppress the weeds.

## 11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### (a) The following payments were authorised

M Russell (pond maintenance for two quarters)	£80.00
Beebys Landscaping Ltd (churchyard maintenance for October)	£316.89
Anglian Water (Cherry Orton Road allotments)	£214.66
Anglia Project Safety (health and safety requirement)	£57.50
Buckles solicitors (interim fee)	£455.40
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax and NIC)	£101.10
Clerk's Salary (for October)	£395.20
Expenses (for August, September and October)	£89.13
BT (phone charges)	£128.23

### (b) Income received to date

J Hopper – shed rent (for September)	£140.00
Precept (½ year)	£12,855.00
Cemetery (interim grant for Burial Capital)	£41,430.00
Bank Interest	£1.26

## 12. PLANNING MATTERS

### (a) New applications since last month

09/01080/LBC	Alteration to Grade II listed building at 5 Cherry Orton Road	No objection
09/01062/FUL	New chiller unit at Fountain Court, Lynch Wood	No objection
09/01122/NTEL	Replacement phone mast in Brimbles Way	Objection*

\* *The Orton Waterville Parish Council objects to any mast with an overall height higher than 12m on the grounds that it would look out of place and spoil the symmetrically even look of the local environment.*

*The existing two masts are not much higher than the lamp posts and blend in quite well. However, this application proposes an overall height of 14.8m. The Parish Council agrees with the City Council's policy of mast sharing as long as the height does not exceed 12m which would spoil the pleasant aspect of this nice landscape near a residential area.*

(b) Decisions on previous applications

09/00617/FUL	Increase hard standing at WH Smith, Orton Southgate	Granted
09/00643/FUL	Change of use of Unit 5 Haddonbrooke Bus. Park, Orton Southgate	Granted
09/00719/FUL	Alterations at Southgate House, Orton Southgate	Granted
09/00800/FUL	Conservatory at 55 Elstone, Orton Waterville	Granted
09/00840/FUL	Extension at 10 Balintore Rise, Orton Southgate	Withdrawn
09/00874/CTR	Fell 1 Horse Chestnut at Manor Farm, Orton Waterville	Granted
09/00875/TRE	Tree work at 554 Oundle Road, Orton Waterville	See below*

\* The first part of this application, to fell one Acer and one Ash, was approved on condition that they are replaced with trees of a size and species to be agreed by the Planning Officer.

The second part, the felling of two Horse Chestnuts, was refused but they are being allowed to raise the crown and thin it out. I have been informed by the Tree Officer that, should this thinning not give the desired result, the applicant may apply again to fell the trees. Should he do so, the officer will be inclined to agree his request on the grounds that these trees are ideally open grown "field" trees and not really suitable for gardens of this size.

13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS – Regarding other matters, three parish councillors attended the newly formed Neighbourhood Council – South 2. It was regarded as essential that the Parish Council should have representation on this Council and, therefore, Mr Froggitt proposed and Mrs Farnham seconded that the Chairman be nominated for co-option as the Parish Council's representative. This was carried. It was also proposed that the Clerk should find out whether a substitute would be accepted if the Chairman was unable to attend.

Items for the next agenda had been requested and it was agreed that an application for an Alcohol Drinking Ban around the area of the Church Drive Shopping Parade should be requested to go on the next agenda. A crossing across Oundle Road, between Ham Lane and Brimbles Way where footpaths already meet the road, should also be put on the agenda. The next meeting will be on Monday, 7 December, in the Orton Goldhay Community Centre.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Clerk reported that she and June Stokes had attended a Training Day on the Annual Audit, Code of Conduct and Freedom of Information. Mr Froggitt reported that he had attended a CPALC meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.