

# 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 15 July 2015 at 7:30 pm.**

**PRESENT:**      **Mr M Chambers (in the Chair)**      **Mrs J Goode**      **Mrs J Farnham**  
                         **Mrs C Normington**                              **Mrs D Sandles**                              **Ms J Howell**  
                         **Mr C Long**    **Mr P Thomson**                              **Mrs A Brown (Clerk)**

**Members: 13      Quorum: 5**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – One      Police – None**

**52/07-15      Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were initially received and accepted from Cllr J Stokes (civic duty), Cllr K Aitken (civic duty), Mr S Warren (personal) and Mr P Froggitt (personal).

**53/07-15      Declaration of Interests and dispensations**

1. Received- declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda- Mrs Normington agenda item 65/07-15 (employee).
2. Received written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any):  
Mrs D Sandles - To speak and vote on allotment matters until the end of term in office.
3. Granted requests for dispensation as appropriate: Mrs D Sandles granted as above.

**54/07-15      Public Forum**

It was proposed by Mrs Sandles, seconded by Mrs Farnham and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting for a period of time to allow members of the public to participate in a public forum. The meeting closed at 7.31 pm.

A member of the public raised the following matters of concern:

- Future of Gostwick allotment – the Clerk informed the member of the public that Peterborough City Council are still planning to build a development on Gostwick and move the allotments to the other end of Gostwick, but that they are unable as of yet to say when this will go ahead.
- Grass cutting – the Clerk explained that Peterborough City Council have reviewed its original budget cut proposals regarding this issue and have now most areas will have 8 cuts per year. (Before the budget cuts it was 10 cuts per year). It was noted that it may take a few months for the grass areas to become tidy again in particular those areas which originally were drastically reduced.
- Parking at Matley – inconsiderate parking is taking place whilst the development is being built at Matley. It was agreed that the Clerk will pass these concerns on to the PCSO to monitor the problem.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37pm.

55/07-15

**Local Police matters**

Ms Howell attended the recent Orton Neighbourhood Panel Meeting are reported that:

- Crime across Orton is stable (“nothing worrying the police”).
- Work on the refurbishment of Horseshoe Park (Winyates, Orton Goldhay) including a skate park is due to commence 6th July and is expected to take 3½ months to complete (this is beyond the OWPC boundary but still of interest to young people in the Parish).
- Leaflets are available to raise awareness of identity theft - what it is, how to avoid it.
- Message from the Chief Constable - Police funding is being cut by 18% ‘in real terms’ from 2010-2016.
- The police in Cambridgeshire have no targets. Instead, the priority is ‘safeguarding’ (keeping people safe), the most vulnerable people’.
- There has been a major decline in drug dealers coming from London to exploit vulnerable people (i.e. drug addicts) in Peterborough.
- Police priorities for Orton Goldhay (and Malborne) for the next quarter were agreed as follows:
  - Nuisance motorbikes – it was noted that one person from Orton Brimbles has been found guilty of riding motorbikes illegally through Orton and sentenced to three months imprisonment.
  - Drugs – This particular problem is on the rise in Orton Goldhay at present.
  - Quality of life (littering/fly tipping/graffiti)
- Date of the next meeting is 7th October 2015 at 7pm, The Herlington Community Centre (to be confirmed).

56/07-15

**Ward Councillor**

Cllr Stokes submitted the following report with her apologies:

‘There is a motion from Cllr John Fox tonight at the Peterborough City Council meeting about stray horse incidents and apparently there have been 97 incidents in the last five years in the Peterborough area alone. Cllr Fox would like to see an introduction of the Green Yard Scheme which would go towards addressing the issue. As we have had a problem over the last few months with horses being tethered all over our Ward and has been a concern for many residents, I mention this as a matter of interest.

Cllr Aitken submitted the following report with her apologies:

‘Orton Wistow Centre - two issues: one is ownership of the land and responsibility of litter and car parking issues; the second issue are the blocked drains at the back of the shops. Confirmation of ownership is due shortly and who is responsible for collecting litter. Anglian Water is involved in sorting the pollution issues. All issues should be resolved soon. Good communication between me and the shops will be ongoing.

Arena Drive, near Alwalton - residents extremely unhappy that they have been left responsible for part of Oundle Road (they were allowed to move in far too early by Persimmons) hopefully this will be resolved and Peterborough City Council will adopt that stretch of Oundle Road within the next 6 months.

New Estate - I'm waiting on drawings from Savilles regarding the new estate near Alwalton. I will be keeping in touch with everyone who has concerns, especially those in Arena Drive and the properties on Oundle Road. Any issues can come through me to ensure one voice for all.

57/07-15

**Minutes of previous meeting (circulated)**

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 17 June 2015 were unanimously agreed by everyone as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

58/07-15

**Parish Councillor Vacancies**

The vacancy on Goldhay East ward remains open.

59/07-15

**Clerks update**

None.

60/07-15

**Correspondence received:**

1. Connecting Cambridgeshire – confirmation of new fibre broadband cabinets now live in Peterborough area and accepting orders for superfast broadband was noted.
2. Peterborough City Council – Notification of changes to the Parks, Trees and Open Spaces Service within the Amey Contract Following the 2015/16 Budget was noted.
3. Peterborough City Council – Notification of Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation 6 July – 13 September 2015 was noted.

**61/07-15**

**Proposed skate park project**

The Clerk informed the meeting that positive and negative feedback had been received for the Gostwick skate park proposal with other possible sites being suggested. Until a firm decision has been made on the location of the skate park, the project is unable to progress. Therefore it was agreed that in the first instance the Clerk will prepare a list of all the proposed possible sites ready for the next meeting with a view that a working party will visit every site and compile a short report for presentation to the Parish Council before taking the matter any further. It was also agreed that the Clerk will contact the Police and ask them which part of the parish they would like to see a skate park in.

**62/07-15**

**Parish Council Liaison**

The report from the recent meeting was circulated and noted.

**63/07-15**

**Working groups**

1. Members appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Working group: Mr Froggitt, Mrs Sandles, Mr Long and Cllr Aitken. Members appointed to the: Leisure and Amenities Working group Ms Howell, Mrs Farnham, Mr Thomson, Mrs Goode.
2. It was agreed that both working groups will discuss the proposed terms of reference and prepare a final draft for acceptance by the Parish Council at the next meeting.
3. Meeting date and venues for the working party meetings were agreed and noted.

**64/07-15**

**Orton Counselling Service for Young People**

Mrs Sandles gave an update from the recent Annual meeting which she attended. It was noted that the Counselling Service would like to thank all the Counsellors who are all volunteers and also the Parish Council for their generous donation made earlier in the year. Without such a donation the Counselling Service would not be able to continue. A record number of 48 students have made use of the service this year.

**65/07-15**

**Training requirements for new Councillors**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Stokes had been in touch with Cate Harding at Peterborough City Council regarding training for new Parish Councillors, but as of yet, no details are available. The Clerk has also been in touch with Worldwide Training Partnership run by Janet Goodwin. Janet was once a City and Parish Councillor, and is therefore able to use her skills to deliver specific training module designed specifically for Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk will collate the various training packages on offer ready for the next meeting.

**66/07-15**

**Dog bins in Orton Northgate**

A matter of concern was raised regarding the lack of dog waste bins in Orton Northgate. There appears to be only one designated dog waste bin in Orton Northgate (situated in Skye Close), which is small and owners have been disposing of bagged dog waste in the other waste bins which are small post mounted ones, of which there are only a few. Subsequently, the bags are being fished out of the open bins by crows. Lack of appropriate waste facilities are an increasing problem for everyone in the area and dog owners are frustrated. The Clerk informed the meeting that she and Mr Froggitt had met with Chris Jackson from Amey who informed them that Peterborough City Council will soon be in the Parish replacing all post mounted bins for larger free standing bins. Even though the City Council cannot install any more bins in Orton Northgate and Orton Southgate because the area has not yet been adopted by them, the Clerk will still forward the request for additional dog bins for Orton Northgate, Orton Southgate and on the cycle path that runs along Lynchwood parallel to A605 Oundle Road to Chris Jackson. The Clerk has also received a request for the relocation of the bin near the bench outside the cemetery. Dog mess is being deposited in this bin making it unpleasant to sit on the bench on warm days because of the smell. It was agreed by everyone that the bin could be moved further along the path away from the bench. This request will also be passed over to the City Council

**67/07-15**

**Burial Ground**

1. A request had been received by the Clerk for permission to plant a memorial tree in the cemetery. It was agreed by everyone that a memorial rose garden may be more suitable and enhance the cemetery because extra trees could prove to be an expensive burden in years to come. It was agreed that the Clerk will look into the creation of a rose garden and contact the landscape maintenance contractor to take this forward.
2. Only two trees have so far been planted on the access road leading to the burial gates. The remainder of the trees will be planted later in the year.

68/07-15

**Allotments**

1. Gostwick:

- The proposed allotment move was already mentioned earlier in the public forum.
- The Clerk had received a complaint regarding a number of overgrown plots. She will write to the tenants concerned and remind them of the terms of their tenancy agreements.

2. Cherry Orton Road – the new boundary fence adjacent to the allotments has now been completed by the neighbouring proprietor. It was agreed that when the Clerk writes to the tenants asking for their rent, the letter will include a reminder that they must keep the area between their plot and the boundary fence clear and free from weeds at all times

3. Wyman Way – no matters of concern were received.

69/07-15

**Finance & Administration**

1. To authorise the following payments:

Anglian Water	Gostwick allotment water charges	£2.27
Anglian Water	Cherry Orton allotment water charges	£11.40
Anglian Water	Cemetery water charges	£21.76
Beebys Limited	Burial ground maintenance - July	£456.00*
The Garden Furniture Company Ltd	Eco backless bench – Wyman Way play area	£149.99*
Clerk’s salary	July Salary	£1007.98
Clerk’s expenses	Reimbursements	£51.82
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (July employer & employee contributions)	£422.10
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (July)	£121.44

\*Denotes VAT at 20%

2. Income received

Burial ground	£300.00
Allotment rent	£20.00
Bank interest	£0.34

3. The end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report was received and noted.

4. Precept – The following motion regarding precept setting was proposed, that: *‘The Council grant a general dispensation to speak and vote to all Members who may have a Disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to the functions of the authority in respect of: Setting a budget and a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The period of the dispensation is for Members’ remaining period of office in their current elected term.’*

**Resolved: to pass the motion relating to the precept setting as stated above.**

5. Honorarium for internal auditor – The honorarium for the Independent Internal Auditor was discussed and agreed.

**Resolved: to award the Internal Auditor the same amount as was agreed last year - £300.**

6. The Clerk asked the Parish Council for permission to be able to receive BACS payments for the allotment rents due in September. On many occasions allotment tenant payments are delayed because they do not have cheque book any more. BACS payments are now becoming common practice.

**Resolved: to allow the Clerk to accept allotment rent payments by BACS. Each BACS payment received must be accompanied by the allotment plot reference and tenants surname for audit purposes.**

70/07-15

**Planning matters**

1. Comment on new applications as follows:

15/00858/HHFUL 15/00859/LBC	1 ½ storey extension to rear of existing listed building – Resubmission at 58 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	No objection
15/00883/HHFUL	Increase height of roof to create loft conversion including rear dormer window at 68 Beverstone, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5YN	No objection
15/00918/HHFUL	Two storey extension to side and rear at 7 Dundee Court, Orton Northgate, Peterborough PE2 6BT	No objection
15/00981/FUL	New cowl for top of the flue at 42 Church Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5HE	No objection

**2. Decisions on previous applications.**

15/00729/ADV	1no. Illuminated totem sign at Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, Lynch Wood, Peterborough, PE2 6WZ	Permitted
15/00731/FUL	Erection of in industrial building of two units and a new office and storage space at Rear of Accent Park, Bakewell Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 6XS	Permitted
15/00758/HHFUL	Single storey front porch at 36 Whitewater, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6FB	Permitted
15/00809/CTR	Fell Lawson Cypress S/W corner of front garden at Cairnfield, 21 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	Permitted

**3. Decisions from the Planning Committee hearing – none.**

**4. Date of next Planning Customer Forum – 22 July 2015, 9:30 am in the Bourges Room, Town Hall.**

**71/07-15**

**Maintenance matters**

- Eruption of plant roots are coming through the path near no.1 Chapel Lane, Orton Waterville.
- Bench near Bushfield needs replacing.

**72/07-15**

**Future agenda items and announcements**

It was reported for noting that there have been incidents at Ferry Meadows where sausage rolls have been filled with nails and left lying on the ground for dogs to eat with the intent to cause them harm.

Agenda items:

- Parking concerns on double yellow lines near Svenskaby.
- Employment of Lengthsman.

**73/07-15**

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 16 September 2015 (no meeting in August)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:08pm