

# 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 20 December 2017 at 7:30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors G Elsey (Chair), T Rouse, D Sandles, A Airey, J Howell, B Warne, B Fearon, R Proudfoot, M Chambers, K Aitken, J Farnham, J Goode, Mrs A Brown (Clerk)

**Members: 13 Quorum: 5**

**Members of the public: 10**

### 163/12-17 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Stokes (personal).

### 164/12-17 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr J Farnham – agenda item 176/12-17.

### 165/12-17 Public Forum

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:30 pm to allow members of the public to speak.

#### 1. Resident one:

- Thanked Cllr Airey for a good statistical analysis of the survey.
- Asked if it was a forgone conclusion that the new equipment is going in at The Gannocks play area despite the survey showing that 75% of respondents said that it was satisfactory.

#### 2. Resident two:

- Informed the meeting that there are parking issues in Five Arches during school runs in the morning and afternoon.
- Drives are being blocked by inconsiderate drivers parking in Five Arches
- Residents' often receive verbal abuse when they ask the drivers to move their cars parked over driveways.

This matter will be discussed by the Parish Council under agenda item 182/12-17.

#### 3. Resident three:

- Their main concern is adherence to the strict protections and rules relating to Common Land as well as all procedures in place which should be followed prior to any proposed changes – Commons Act 2006 & Open Spaces Society. They have verbally and documented in the last four Parish Council meetings. They have researched the facts and given much detail to the Parish Council in that time.
- They have no affiliation to any organisation or party. They act and speak only as a concerned parishioner who has lived in the neighbourhood for 36 years, having seen and experienced change, some good but much bad, vandalism and graffiti. It would be unreasonable to object to change if unavoidable (i.e. in justifying use of Common Land), necessary or desired by a majority of those living in the immediate vicinity of change.
- There would seem to have been an intention to push ahead with the proposal, irrespective of genuine concerns, comments and views expressed by some during the public forum of the 19<sup>th</sup> July Parish Council meeting and later with regards to the late July/August survey results, which were fully analysed by November and discussed in the same meeting and that the intention was to go ahead with the proposals. Of the 7% response rate, 75% indicated their play area to be 'good' or 'satisfactory'.
- Knows that there are other parishioners in that locality who are concerned.
- Believe that they have done as much as possible as a 'lone voice' to air these concerns both in writing to and speaking at Parish Council meetings over recent months.
- They feel disappointed that their time, effort and energy feels wasted on an issue that appears to have been already decided on and resolved.

The Chair re-opened the meeting at 7.45 pm to conduct the remainder of Council business.

It was noted by the Chair that the 7% and 75% figures quoted referred to the total responses received from the whole of the parish and not any one specific area. Question number 4 was not specific to any one play area, just the one in your local area.

**166/12-17**

**Local police matters**

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had invited PCSO Igor Simonov to attend a future meeting. Cllr Elsey reported that he had met with 2 PCSO's regarding drifting in Orton Southgate and the numerous cars being broken into across the Ortons. Residents feel let down that nothing is being done to address the issues. The PCSO's will be speaking to their sergeant about the issues to try and resolve them. As a representative for Orton Southgate Residents' Association (OSRA), Cllr Elsey has asked the Association for their input on the matter and any information which they provide, will be forwarded to the PCSO's. The PCSO's will also be attending the OSRA Annual General Meeting in February 2018 and the newly formed Orton Northgate Residents' Association to discuss the issues. Any other interested local groups who wish to meet with the PCSO's should contact Cllr Elsey.

**167/12-17**

**Ward Councillors**

Cllr Aitken reported that she had handed in a couple of bags to the police station which she had found dumped in a door way and in the graveyard in Orton Waterville.

Cllr Elsey reported that at a recent Peterborough City Council Cabinet meeting, he had been given permission to terminate the current Amey contract by mutual consent. When he goes out to tender, the new contract will be broken down into 6 areas with specialists taking each one on. The Nene Park Trust has already expressed an interest to look after all the open green spaces in Peterborough. There will also be the opportunity for parishes to get involved and take over any services.

**168/12-17**

**Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the Orton Waterville Parish Council meeting held on 15 November 2017 were unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**169/12-17**

**Matters arising from previous meetings**

1. Cllr Proudfoot informed the meeting that he had received The Wildlife Trust maintenance draft plan for Plegan Place. The draft plan will be on display at the play area public consultation meeting in January. Rachel Price, who wrote the plan, will be present at the meeting to answer any questions relating to it. Cllr Proudfoot will circulate the plan to all Councillors which will be discussed at the next meeting to formally agree it.

**Action:** Cllr Proudfoot.

2. 123/10-17 Pedestrian safety on the Green Wheel in Orton Wistow: The Nene Park Trust will be cutting this area back and a Highways officer will be going to look at the safety issue on this stretch of Green Wheel.

**170/12-17**

**Correspondence received and noted**

1. CAPALC: Funding Alert for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
2. CAPALC: Good Councillors Guide 2017
3. CAPALC: NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin 41
4. CAPALC: NALC Newsletter 8 November 2017
5. CAPALC: Transparency News
6. CAPALC: Bully and Harassment case study 2017
7. CAPALC: NALC Newsletter 23 November 2017
8. CAPALC: Councillor and Chairman training
9. Notification of external auditor appointments for 2017/18
10. Peterborough City Council: Informal Consultation – Introduction of parking restrictions on The Stackyard, Orton Waterville
11. Local resident: Concerns regarding development of The Gannocks play area – the Parish Council noted the concerns of the resident, however the decision to develop the area was made democratically by Full Council and that they are duty bound to look at the requirements of all residents. As was noted by the Chair after the Public Forum, the 7% and 75% figures quoted referred to the total responses received from the whole of the parish and not any one specific area. Question number 4 was not specific to any one play area, just the one in your local area.
12. Local resident: Concerns regarding traffic safety in Napier Place – the resident has been informed by the Clerk that the land is privately owned by the Crown and that the Parish Council had decided at their February 2017 meeting under agenda item 261/01-17 not to take any further action.
13. Notification of name change from Anglian Water Business to Wave.
14. Road Management Services (Peterborough) Ltd: A1 (M) Major Maintenance Junction 17-16 Southbound meeting 10.00 am on 8 January 2018 at Queens Park Pavilion, Daimler Avenue, Yaxley PE7 3AU.

- 171/12-17 Ash tree on corner of Oundle Road/Cherry Orton Road**  
 Cllr Proudfoot presented 3 options for removing and storing the wood when the Ash tree has been felled. The costs for the options varied between £500.00 and £4,000.00. As Peterborough City Council is keen for the tree to be felled as soon as possible on grounds of health and safety, and before the new tree is planted, it was agreed that the Clerk informs the City Council to fell the tree into the shelter belt with a view that the Parish Council will remove the wood at a later date.  
**Action:** Clerk
- 172/12-17 Landscaping improvements on corner of Cherry Orton Road/Oundle corner**  
 Cllr Rouse asked the Parish Council if it could set aside a small amount of money to improve the appearance of the entrance into the village where the new tree is to be planted and the new memorial bench installed, as this does not look very attractive. Currently there is an old metal fence with a sawn off lamp post, a road name sign laying on the ground and an old type bin. Permission from Peterborough City Council is required to landscape this area as it is owned by them. It was agreed that the Clerk contacts Peterborough City Council to try and obtain their permission.  
**Action:** Clerk
- 173/12-17 School crossing patrol officer**  
 This matter was last raised under agenda item 227/01-17 as an alternative to a crossing which is highly unlikely to be installed in the area concerned by Peterborough City Council as it does not meet the required criteria. If such a scheme were to go ahead, the Parish Council would need to fully fund this with costs being in the region of £3,500.00 per annum. It was agreed that the full ramifications of taking on such a scheme should be fully explored by the Parish Council. A further suggestion of the Parish Council paying for the footpath to be extended to allow pedestrians to cross the road at a safer point was also made as this could be a cheaper alternative. It was agreed that the Clerk explores both these options and reports back at a later meeting.
- 174/12-17 Notice board in the Co-operative store**  
 The Clerk reported that the Parish Council notice board situated in the Co-operative store at the Orton Centre, has fallen apart and is not repairable. The store would like a replacement notice board as they feel that it is a good community facility. It was agreed that the Clerk finds out the cost of a new notice board for the next meeting.  
**Action:** Clerk
- 175/12-17 Orton Counselling Service for Young People**  
 £1,500.00 grant application request to fund the service in the next financial year and provide counselling for young people who live within the parish. Cllr Farnham highlighted the fact that the charity's paperwork implies that they are part of Ormiston Bushfield Academy by having the Academy name and address on their headed note paper and said that is not the case anymore. It was **RESOLVED** award the full grant amount of £1,500.00 to be paid in April 2018. It was also agreed that Cllr Sandles, the Parish Council representative for the charity, asks them at their next meeting to remove the Academy name and address from their paperwork.  
**Action:** Clerk and Cllr Sandles.
- 176/12-17 Ormiston Bushfield Academy**  
 As agreed at the last meeting under agenda item 158/11-17, 3 it was **RESOLVED** to accept the grant application form from Ormiston Bushfield Academy for the provision of outdoor play equipment, for the lesser sum of £4,500.00. (The previously agreed amount was £5,218.00).
- 177/12-17 Skate park location**  
 The Clerk informed the meeting that The Nene Park Trust Play would like a clear statement from Councillors as to what they would like to see as part of the wheels park as they felt that there were mixed opinions from the Councillors who attended the public consultation back in August. From the Trust's perspective', they would be looking to have a natural surface type of Wheel Park rather than a skate park with concrete bowls and ramps.  
  
 The suggestion made at the last meeting that the land next to Notcutts garden centre could be possibly used for a Parish Council skate park has also been discounted by the Trust. The land is within the lease of Nottcutts and the cost of extracting land from their lease would be prohibitive.  
  
 In view of this information it was **RESOVLED** to put this item into abeyance and inform the Nene Park Trust that the Parish Council are withdrawing their proposed funds from this project. It was agreed that the sum of money is reallocated to another project under agenda item 186/12-17, 4. Cllr Proudfoot suggested that Hedda Lilley, Ortons Community Area Co-ordinator, could be approached for any project ideas within the parish targeting the 14-18 ages group.

**Action:** Clerk.

**178/12-17**

**Orton Northgate Residents' Association**

Cllr Howell informed the meeting that the Residents' Association has been formally formed and that they now have an elected Chair and Secretary. The treasurer will be elected when they return from their holiday and subsequently submit their grant application to the Parish Council. They have also elected a representative to liaise with the Showground. It was agreed that Cllr Howell will be the Parish Council representative for the association.

**179/12-17**

**Bulky waste collection**

The next collection has been booked for Saturday 24 February 2018, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm in the small car park at the back of Ortongate.

Cllr Airey informed the meeting that he is being pressed for data information by Orton Longueville Parish Council, on how much the scheme has impacted on the area. Cllr Elsey stated that he will try and obtain this information for him however he does not think that it has had made much impact however it is a good service being provided by the Parish Council for the residents.

**Action:** Cllr Elsey

**180/12-17**

**Orton Wistow community centre**

As requested at the last meeting, the Clerk has asked Caroline Rowan for a more in depth survey on the condition of the community centre and is still waiting for the report. The Clerk will chase this up.

**Action:** Clerk.

**181/12-17**

**Speedwatch**

Cllr Howell reported that the last session was cancelled due to lack of volunteers. She invited all Councillors to attend the next Speedwatch Volunteer training session on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.00 pm the Village Hall in the Jubilee Room.

**182/12-17**

**Anti-social parking at Five Arches, Orton Wistow**

This issue was raised in the earlier public forum. Residents living in Five Arches are having their drives blocked during the morning and afternoon school runs due to inconsiderate drivers. There is also a worry that emergency services would not be able attend as the road becomes very congested. Residents are also being subjected to verbal abuse when they ask the car drivers not to block their driveways when parking.

This was once a problem in Ashleigh, the next road along, however parking restrictions at certain times of the day are in force which has meant that the problem has moved to Five Arches. This type of parking restriction was suggested for Five Arches. Cllr Elsey agreed to bring this matter to the attention of Highways and put this forward as a suggestion to alleviate the issues.

**Action:** Cllr Elsey.

**183/12-17**

**Speed limit sign by Vetchfield, Orton Brimbles**

Cllr Howell has been approached by a resident who has told her that when they drive out of Vetchfield, there is no speed limit sign on the opposite side of the road indicating the speed on Brimbles Way. It was noted that the speed limit on roads is indicated by the gap between lamp posts however it was agreed that the resident's correspondence is forwarded to Highways.

**Action:** Cllr Howell.

**184/12-17**

**Cemetery**

The Clerk reported that a padlock had gone missing from one of the main cemetery gates and must have been cut off as it could not be found on the ground. A new padlock has been purchased and put on. In view of this, it was agreed that the Clerk looks into improving the security of the red gate into The Gannocks.

**Action:** Clerk.

**185/12-17**

**Allotments**

1. The Clerk had circulated the new draft Allotment Tenancy agreement to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the draft document will be discussed at the next meeting in conjunction with the matters raised in the earlier allotment tenants meeting.
2. There were no other matters of concern.

186/12-17

**Finance & Administration**

1. The following electronic payments were authorised for payment:

R Harding & Son Landscaping	Cemetery maintenance, moss removal, new padlock, refurb 6 benches	£987.00
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Churchyard maintenance	£330.00
R Harding & Son Landscaping	Emergency tree works at The Gannocks not on tree survey	£150.00
Peterborough Office Supplies	Black & coloured toner cartridges, various stationery items	£195.71
The Royal British Legion	Remembrance wreath	£19.00
Gattonero	Website security monitoring Sept - Dec	£40.00
Royal Mail	Response plus service – returned survey postage costs	£3.14
Clerk's salary	Salary (Dec)	£1125.49
Clerk's expenses	Reimbursements (Dec)	£70.50
Cambridgeshire County Council	Superannuation (Dec) employer & employee contributions	£511.55
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (Dec)	£248.51

2. Income received and noted:

Cemetery	£975.00
Councillors donations towards Cyril Long's memorial bench	£140.00
HSBC bank interest	£0.30

3. To note end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter accounts – this item is in abeyance until the next meeting as the report will not be ready until the December bank statement has come in.

4. Budget proposals were presented by the Clerk and discussed. The precept for the next financial year 2018/19 was also discussed.

**RESOLVED: to keep the precept at £13.54 (band D) per household for the next financial year 2018/19, the same as in the previous year.****The budget provision for the next three financial years, including the top three preferred new services as indicated by residents' in the recent parish council were agreed as follows:**

- Lengthsman - £25,000
- Green space enhancements - £5,000
- Local market provision - £1,000
- The Gannocks regeneration -£40,000
- Investment in youth facilities - £70,000
- Hedges around Wyman Way allotments - £1,000
- Community activities following appointment of PCC Area Co-ordinator - £5,000
- Play area improvements in Orton Goldhay -£10,000
- New PC (contingency) - £300.00
- Church cemetery maintenance i.e. repair of boundary wall - £5,000
- Orton Counselling Service grant request - £1,500
- New security gates at The Gannocks - £3,000
- Landscaping area on corner of Cherry Orton Road/Oundle Road - £1,000

187/12-17

**Planning matters**

1. Comments on new applications:

17/02223/HHFUL	Single storey extension to rear of house at 20 Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EN	No comments
17/02225/HHFUL	Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory, small extension and garage at 13 Lady Lodge Drive, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5ES	No comments
17/02226/LBC	Conversion of second floor bathroom to two en-suites at Waterville House, 39 Cherry Orton Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EQ	No comments
17/02235/HHFUL	Two storey front extension to create bay windows, alterations to porch at 2 New Road, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EJ	No comments
17/02255/HHFUL	First floor front and side extension at 40 Farleigh Fields Orton Wistow Peterborough PE2 6YB	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit the following comments: 1. The site appears to have already been overdeveloped. 2. Repositioning of the

		window on the proposed extension should be considered to preserve privacy and overlooking onto neighbours.
17/02302/HHFUL	Infill extension and alterations at 26 Whitewater, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6FB	No comments
17/00661/FUL	Construction of 8 new industrial/warehousing units and associated car parking and landscaping works at Car Park Adjacent To 45 And Car Park Adjacent To 19 Manasty Road Orton Southgate - some changes to the details submitted as part of this application	No comments

**188/12-17**

**Maintenance matters**

- The piece of land opposite the Harvester on Joseph Odam Way is to become a car park for Wave (formerly Anglian Water) employees.
- Loch Lomond Way now has 4 'T' signs displayed at the entrance into the Orton Northgate estate. Cllr Elsey will look into having 2 of the signs removed.  
**Action:** Cllr Elsey.
- A bin which was once where the 2 footpaths cross both fields near to Debdale has disappeared. The Clerk will report this to Peterborough City Council.  
**Action:** Clerk.

**189/12-17**

**Future agenda items and announcements**

The Gannocks play area public consultation is prior to the next Parish Council meeting 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

**190/12-17**

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 17 January 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.