

PARISH OF ORTON WATERVILLE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held at the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, on
Wednesday, 17 March at 7.00 pm

Present: Mr M Chambers (Chairman and Chairman of the Parish Council) 10 electors and the Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – There were none.
2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2009 were read, approved and signed.
3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – The Chairman gave his report, a copy of which is attached.
4. LOCAL MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH ELECTORS – A member of the Orton Longueville School Council, but resident in the parish, raised the matter that there is no crossing outside the school on Oundle Road for children to cross to the bus stop on the other side of the road at home time. He intends to bring this matter up at the Neighbourhood Council where both parishes and city wards will be represented. He asked for the support of the Orton Waterville Parish Council. Those members of the Parish Council who were present indicated their support.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – PCSO Amanda Butler reported that there was still some anti-social behaviour in the area, nuisance caused by mini motos and some criminal damage. There have also been some successful convictions. However, the anti social behaviour at the Church Drive shops has diminished and priority has been switched to Herlington and Goodacre. Warning was given against door-to-door sales scams and gold buyers. Police are currently on the trail of a “BINGO” graffiti artists.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT 17th MARCH 2010

Membership of Council

We currently have 10 councillors but this still leaves us short of our target. Unfortunately Gary Masters resigned during the year but we were fortunate to be able to co-opt Ron Hammerton as a replacement.

Policing

The perennial problems of vandalism and disturbance round the Church Drive shops have been mitigated to some degree owing to the help of PCSOs. We have suggested a drink ban outside the shops but so far without success.

Planning

The number of applications at 62 were slightly down on last year partly reflecting the downturn in economic activity but also the fact that the report for last year covered a period of 14 months. There were a total of 4 objections by the Parish Council and there were 4 refusals and 2 withdrawals.

Burial Ground

Following the appointment of Maypine the new cemetery has been constructed although landscaping has yet to be completed. The Clerk has undergone training so that we will be in

a position to run the cemetery when opened. The City Council have been very supportive and have agreed to provide backup when required.

Village Hall

The car park has finally been extended following a grant from the Community Fund.

Allotments

A good demand has continued for allotments in the village and indeed, following demolition of the storage sheds at Cherry Orton Road, there will be approximately 10 new allotments available plus much needed parking.

As mentioned it was necessary to arrange the demolition of both the sheds at Cherry Orton Road following the partial collapse of one shed in February due to snow. This was found necessary following withdrawal of cover for both sheds by our insurers. After protracted negotiations with the tenant's solicitors, we have been able to demolish the second shed and import soil for the new allotments.

Grants

Grants have been made to 5 local organisations under Section 137 totalling £600. However, we have also agreed a grant of £1000 to Cross Keys Homes in respect of their Peanut Park Project for young people.

Neighbourhood Councils

Several meetings have been held of the Southern area council and it will be interesting to see how it develops. The Neighbourhood Councils do seem to be able to attract attendance and participation by members of the public and provided that they do not become merely talking shops they would seem to provide a much needed dialogue between the electors and the council.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support and input during the year and Hildegard, who has met several new challenges during the year.