

Minutes of an extra Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on
Wednesday, 7 January, 2009.

Present: Mr M Chambers (Chairman) Mr P Froggitt Mrs J Farnham Mr C Long
Mr M Rowett Mrs J Stokes Mr M Stone Mrs G Thornley

Members of the Public – none Ward Councillors – none

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr M Smith and Cllr S Allen.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.
3. TO REVIEW THE DECISION MADE ON THE PARISH PRECEPT

Following the last meeting, the Quantity Surveyor's estimate of the proposed cemetery costs was received. This estimate was substantially higher than expected. In light of this, and in the absence of the Chairman, the Clerk in consultation with the Vice Chairman agreed to call an emergency meeting to review the budget and the Parish Precept decision made at the last meeting.

The total estimated cost was £203,953.40. The Parish Council had only £60,000 in earmarked reserves for the cemetery project and only another possible £40,000 in other reserves. Mr Long proposed that, in addition to increasing the grant application to the City Council for a Capital Expenditure, the Parish Precept for 2009/10 should be £12,000. This was seconded by Mr Chambers and carried. It was acknowledged that this would raise the precept by 33% but, since the precept has been kept low and not increased at all for a number of years, it was considered not unreasonable under the circumstances.

This being the only item on the agenda, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.