

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on
Wednesday, 18 June 2008.

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| Present: | Mr M Chambers (Chairman) Mr G Masters | Mrs J Farnham Mr M Rowett | Mr P Froggitt Mrs G Thornley | Mr C Long Mr M Stone |
| | Members of the Public – 5 | Press – none | Ward Councillors – none | |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr M Smith, Mrs J Stokes and Councillor Mrs S Allen.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS –
 - Item 8 – Mr C Long (member of Village Hall Committee)
 - Item 11 – Mrs J Farnham (member of Village Hall Committee)
 - Item 9 – Mr P Froggitt (allotment tenant)
 - Item 9 - Mr G Masters (allotment tenant)
 - Item 9 – Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)
3. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – No-one from the police was present at the meeting. However, it was reported that there had been a police presence in the parish and that 20 litres of drink had been confiscated from youths hanging around the shopping area.
4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2008 – Mr Stone proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (a) Orton Community Contact Centre (*Minute 8*)
Mrs Harkness has replied that she will be unable to represent the Parish Council on the above committee since she has herself resigned from it.
 - (b) Dangerous Parking (*Minute 10a*)
Sgt Church was not present at the meeting and, therefore, no review of the case was reported.
 - (c) Development Plan Document (*Minute 11e*)
Both Mr Froggitt and Mr Long had read the Peterborough Core Strategy Preferred Options and made several observations. It was agreed that Mr Long should collate these comments and, if necessary, forward them to the City Council.
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
 - (a) Winyates Primary School – Mrs Farnham had not been able to find out about the Extended Schools Fund. However, she suggested that the school might be able to apply for help from the Orton Waterville United Charities if they had any pupils from the Orton Waterville Parish. Since there were undoubtedly some children from the parish at the above school, Mr Masters proposed and Mr Stone seconded that £250 be granted under section 137 of the Local Government Act. This was carried.
 - (b) Telephone Kiosks – Communication had been received from the City Council notifying of proposed closures of public telephone kiosks. This was noted.
 - (c) Post Office Closures – Notification was received of a meeting to be held at the Town Hall regarding further closures of Post Offices in Cambridgeshire. Mr Stone volunteered to book a place on this workshop. This was agreed.
7. BURIAL GROUND

Notification of the clearance of conditions 2 and 3 of the planning consent was received. It was agreed to request the architect to draw up a specification prior to inviting tenders, to draw up proposed conditions of contract and to draft an invitation to tender letter for the Parish Council's consideration.

It was noted that once again there had been a change of personnel in the Legal Services Department of the City Council. It was agreed to confirm that Sarah Humble could replace Tracy Anthony in acting for the Parish Council.

8. VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Elsey was not present at the meeting but it was reported that any request from the Community Fund would need the signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors. It was reported that the City Council would inspect the tree overhanging the Village Hall within the next 3 weeks. Mr Kirk has repaired the Village Hall notice boards.

9. ALLOTMENTS

(a) Wyman Way

The new applicant has not returned her signed contract. A letter has been sent to remind her that unless she signs the agreement there is no contract. It was agreed to ask Beebys to cut the grass on the remaining allotments.

(b) Cherry Orton Road

All the rents have been paid and there is now a waiting list. The tree which has fallen onto the allotments from the City Council's shelter belt has still not been removed. The Clerk was asked to chase this up. It was agreed to ask Hopper's Landscapes to remove the self seeded elder which has sprung up between the sheds.

(c) Gostwick

All the allotments have now been taken up and there is a waiting list. All the new contracts have now been received back duly signed. A complaint was made against the tenant on plot No. 22 who had allowed the allotment to become overgrown. The Clerk was asked to send a letter pointing out the clause which requires the allotment to be kept in a tidy condition and, since there is a waiting list, if the condition is not met by the end of July, the allotment will be re-let. The Clerk was asked to chase up Beebys Landscapes who had been contracted to spray the weeds on the car park.

10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) The following payments were authorised

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| Beebys Landscaping (churchyard maintenance) | £323.78 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (Tax and NIC) | £100.74 |
| Clerk's Salary (for June) | £385.90 |
| Expenses (for June) | £21.21 |

(b) Income received to date

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| J Hopper – shed rent | £140.00 |
| M Lodge – shed rent | £100.00 |
| VAT Refund for 2006/7 | £1,389.34 |
| Allotment rent | £12.00 |
| Precept | £10,962.00 |
| Bank Interest on Saver Plus Account | £131.99 |

11. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New applications since last month

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| 08/00533/FUL | Extension at 63 The Gannocks, Orton Waterville | No objection |
| 08/00521/FUL | Extension at 63 Carradale, Orton Brimbles | Objection* |
| 08/00618/FUL | Extension at 21 Fraserburgh Way, Orton Southgate | Objection** |
| 08/00538/ADV | Sign at QD Stores, Orton Centre | No objection |
| 08/00644/FUL | Alterations to unit B Harrier Park, Orton Southgate | No objection |
| 08/00539/FUL | Extension at 7 Glencoe Way, Orton Southgate | No objection |
| 08/00702/FUL | Extension at 14 Tresham Road, Orton Southgate | No objection |
| 08/00620/FUL | Fence at 31 Kingfishers, Orton Wistow | No objection |
| 08/00653/FUL | Extension at 4 Charles Cope Road, Orton Waterville | |
| 08/00682/FUL | Extension at 1 Farleigh Fields, Orton Wistow | |

*It was agreed that the Block Plan shown on drawing 1 of 2 appeared to be incorrectly drawn and gives a false impression of the relativity of the existing and proposed building lines. The existing rear building lines are coincidental and the rear projection shown on the plan for No.62 Carradale is actually just a timber pergola structure (non permanent). Hence the extension to 63 Carradale is entirely beyond the existing building line rather than being slightly beyond as once might judge from the drawing.

There is a public footpath in front of the house. Access is across this footpath. The proposed extension does not allow enough room for the applicants business van and car on the drive. As the house is on a corner, on-road parking would cause a hazard. Mr Masters proposed and Mrs Farham seconded to recommend refusal of this application. This was carried.

** Concern was expressed about the garage roof height. The property at No.30 has an existing extension and a conservatory so that the proposal is actually closer than it shows on the plan of the site. Should the neighbour object on the grounds of loss of light, it was agreed that the Parish Council would support this objection.

(b) Decisions on previous applications

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| 08/00336/FUL | Extension at 40 Farleigh Field, Orton Wistow | Refused# |
| 08/00251/ADV | Sign at unit 2 Westminster House, Culley Court, Orton Southgate | Approved |
| 08/00418/FUL | Balcony at 26 Cherryfields, Orton Waterville | Approved |

This application was refused on the grounds that the proposal would have a detrimental effect upon the residential amenities of the occupiers of 39 Farleigh Fields.

(b) Planning Committee Hearings

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| 08/00336/FUL | Extension at 40 Farleigh Field, Orton Wistow |
| 08/00228/FUL | Shop and flat at Matley, Orton Brimbles |

Notification was received that the above applications, to which the Parish Council had objected, would be considered by the Planning Committee on 3 June 2008. Ward Councillor Allen agreed to represent the Parish Councillor at this hearing. Whilst she was successful in having the extension at 40 Farleigh Fields refused, she was unsuccessful with the proposal at Matley. This was noted.

12. WEBSITE/PRESS

There was no change.

18. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

The following matter was raised:

- (a) There are potholes in Chapel Lane and New Road.
- (b) The ditch at the bottom of Cherry Orton Road has not been kept clear of grass.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03 pm.