

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on  
Wednesday, 15 October, 2008.

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

Members of the Public – one Ward Councillors – none PCSO Beverley Johnson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs J Farnham, G Masters and Cllr W Trueman.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Item 8 – Mr C Long (member of Village Hall Committee)  
Item 9a – Mr P Froggitt (allotment tenant)  
Item 9c - Mr M Rowett (allotment tenant)
3. LOCAL POLICING MATTERS – PCSO Beverley Johnson reported that Crime in the area was down by 7%. However, although anti-social behaviour was falling, car crime was on the rise. Members of the public are being advised not to leave anything whatsoever in their cars when unattended. Arrests have been made of mini-motor riders and a flasher. An action plan is in place for half-term week (25 October to 5 November) there will be increased patrolling around Bonfire Night. Ticketing illegally parked cars will be easier now that the yellow lines have been reinstated.
4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2008 – Mr Stone proposed and Mr Froggitt seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. This was carried.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - (a) Natural Environment Projects (*minute 7c*)  
It was reported that the Environmental Improvement grant had been applied for by our warden, Mr Russell, on behalf of the Parish Council. Costings from Mrs Debbie Harris of Bushfield School were received and are well within the budget agreed at the last meeting. This was noted.
  - (b) Graffiti Kit.  
Following a presentation to the Parish Council last month by the Neighbourhood Environment Officer, a request was made for another Graffiti Kit. Despite the fact that the City Council no longer issue these kits, one last remaining kit was found in a store cupboard and the Clerk has received this kit. Graffiti has to be removed from the parish notice boards regularly every month. This was noted.
6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
  - (a) Freedom of Information Act – Notice was received that the Information Commissioner’s Office is changing the emphasis in the approval and operation of publication schemes to a generic model which should be adopted and operated by all public authorities from 1 January 2009. A local council will breach the Act if it has not adopted the model scheme and/or is not publishing in accordance with it by this date. Mr Froggitt proposed and Mr Long seconded that the Parish Council accepts this generic model. This was carried. It was agreed to consider the operation of this model at the next meeting.
  - (b) Development Planning Document and DVD – This draft document is what used to be called the Draft Local Plan and it was circulated along with an enclosed DVD. Not everyone had a chance to look at it so it was decided to defer it to the next agenda.

7. BURIAL GROUND

The meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October has been brought forward to start at 10.00 am.

The Architect re-drew the cemetery plan as agreed at the last meeting. The cremated remains plots (as drawn) were family sized plots. This may not be what the Parish Council eventually decides upon but, since it will not affect the instructions to the engineer for the purposes of a specification, it was agreed that to alter the drawing once again was not necessary. Mr Stone proposed and Mrs Thornley seconded that the Architect’s revised plan be approved. This was carried.

## 8. VILLAGE HALL

A report was received from the City Council concluding that there is no indication that the tree is influencing the stability of the building, and that there was no evidence found to indicate that any part of the tree nearest the building is more likely to fall. The City Council will remove any dead wood in excess of 25mm diameter and carry out annual inspections of the tree. This information was forwarded to the Village Hall Management Committee. This was noted.

Mr Long declared an interest and left the meeting for the following resolution. Following some discussion, Mrs Thornley proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that 'ALL BENEFITS, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, WILL NOT BE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'. This was carried.

## 9. ALLOTMENTS

### (a) Wyman Way

Written notice was given by Mr Pinder that he will no longer be continuing with his allotments. These allotments are separated from the other cultivated allotments and are very near to where the proposed access road to the cemetery will be. Mr Chambers proposed and Mr Rowett seconded that they should not be re-let for the time being. This was carried.

### (b) Cherry Orton Road

Both Mrs Farnham and Mr Froggitt had been to inspect the boundary of the allotments with Don's Walk. Mrs Farnham's report was read out. She had found two places which have easy access to the allotments. It would be possible to in-fill with trees/shrubs in the places where there is obvious entry points but unless these are quick growing some sort of fencing might have to be considered. Mr Froggitt proposed and Mr Chambers seconded that a quotation be obtained from Bradley Fencing. This was carried.

The storm damaged tree which had fallen on to the allotments from Don's Walk has still not been removed. It was agreed to remind the City Council.

### (c) Gostwick

A quotation of £35 was received from Hoppers Landscapes to trim back the growth from in front of the gates. This quotation was accepted and the work has been satisfactorily completed.

The Clerk, Mr Masters and Mr Rowett met with Bradley Fencing and it was decided to leave the wires between the allotments only, leaving the other sides open; and to replace the corner posts with concrete and any of the other posts that the contractor thinks is necessary. He will work out the number of posts he thinks should be required and send his quotation to the Clerk. This action was approved.

## 10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### (a) The following payments were authorised

Beebys Landscaping (churtyard maintenance)	£323.78
Beebys Landscaping (weed control)	£35.25
Anglian Water (Gostwick allotments)	£258.84
Moore Stephens (audit fee)	£358.35
HM Revenue & Customs (Tax and NIC)	£100.57
Clerk's Salary (for October)	£385.70
Expenses (for October)	£27.03

### (b) Income received to date

J Hopper – shed rent	£140.00
M Lodge – shed rent	£100.00
Precept	£10,962.00
Bank Interest on Treasurer's Account	£0.57
Bank Interest on Saver Plus Account	£138.44

### (c) Annual Audit

Moore Stephens accepted the Clerk's explanation for the amount of reserves and the audit was concluded and signed off. There were no other comments from the auditor. This was noted.

### (d) Wages Service

Since nothing was paid for this service last year, it was agreed to send an honorarium of £200 to Michael Perkins.

## 11. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New applications since last month – No new applications were received.

(b) Decisions on previous applications

07/00634/FUL	Erection of 187 dwellings on Showground	Granted
08/00327/FUL	Change of use to sorting office at the Midas Centre, Newcombe Way	Granted
08/00839/FUL	Installation of security shutters at Chemists in Napier Place	Granted
08/00991/FUL	Conservatory at 1 Arbroath Gardens, Orton Northgate	Granted
08/00935/FUL	Replacement fence and powered gates at Waterville House	Granted
08/00975/FUL	Siting of sculpture and smoking shelter at Lynch Wood	Granted
08/01014/FUL	Extension at 23 Rosyth Avenue, Orton Southgate	Refused*

\* This was refused on the grounds that the proposal would dominate, overshadow and overlook the adjacent dwelling at 21 Rosyth Avenue; and that the amount of open space remaining of the rear garden would be insufficient for the size of the dwelling.

The new regulations for the requirement/non requirement of planning permission was noted.

12. WEBSITE/PRESS - There was no change.

## 13. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk was asked to report the following

- (a) The kerb edging outside 4 Debdale has been hit by a vehicle and is falling over.
- (b) The wooden seat that was on the Brimbles Way footpath between Matley and Oundle Road is missing.
- (c) Graffiti at Napier Place.

## 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Damani proprietor of Hall's Chemists introduced himself. Mr Stone represented the Parish Council at the Opening of this new chemists.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.