



## Orton Longueville Parish Council

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Minutes of Orton Longueville Parish Council  
held at The Goldhay Centre at 7pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

### **Public Question Time**

Two members of the public attended to ask what is being done about littering in the layby near Thuro grove. This issue has been ongoing since 2016.

Cllr Skibsted said that she had spoken to James Collingridge about the problem and Parking Enforcement have been asked to prioritise it. According to Mr Collingridge the PC can provide a bin, but this would prove an expensive option as, apart from the initial cost, there would be an annual charge of £364 for emptying the bin.

Various options for type of bin were discussed.

### **485.1 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Penniall (personal)**

### **485.2 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**

Cllr J Bull-police matters.

### **485.3 Grant Applications-None.**

### **485.4 Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed and signed.

### **485.5 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not already on the agenda**

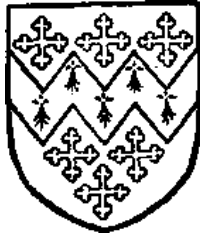
None.

### **485.6 Local police matters**

None.

### **485.7 Cricket Club**

All information required for the Deed of Surrender is in order and everything for the new lease has been obtained and sent to the solicitor. The club needs to have the paperwork checked by their own solicitor before registering the new deed.



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A walkabout has been arranged to take place either Saturday afternoon on 16 March or 27 March. Lynette to confirm.

It was suggested that the club create a list of keyholders. Cllrs V Bull and P Skerritt have keys for the pavilion.

### **485.8 Casual Vacancy notice**

The notice period has expired and the PC is now free to co-opt.

### **485.9 Councillor Vacancies- Co-option recruitment drive**

Cllr J Bull thought the role should be made to sound more appealing and attractive on the website and noticeboards. She would draft a notice of co-option paper for all to agree.

### **485.10 Oakleigh Drive play area security improvements**

Cllr V Bull has asked for two quotes but has only received one reply.

The City Council have quoted £1,760.

Dunklings have quoted £1980 (reduced to £1800 if soil can be obtained from Mayors Walk at no cost)

Cllr V Bull will seek further information and Cllrs will vote by email before the next meeting.

### **485.11 Gloucester Centre redevelopment**

Demolition has taken place at the site during the winter, despite this being prohibited under the terms of the bat licence. This information has been passed to the residents' action group.

The council was asked to decide-

1. Do the PC want to commission another bat survey? (cost between £400-£500).

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Skibsted. Passed unanimously.

2. Do the PC want Cllr J Bull to lodge another complaint in reference to this breach of the terms of planning permission. Proposed by Cllr V Bull, seconded by Cllr Armstrong.

Passed unanimously.

### **485.12 Climate Emergency Action Plan**

1. Cllr J Bull reported that there has been no progress made on the co-benefits action plan and repeated her appeal for Cllrs to get involved.

2. The date of the next meeting of the Bio & Enviro WG is 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Cllrs J Bull and Skibsted will meet with James Collingridge at 4.30pm. The full meeting will start at 5pm.



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Arising from that meeting-

- Helen McGlashon (NPA) was tasked with looking into the possibility of improving Longueville Pond, but she hasn't reported back yet.
- Non-use of glyphosates. The preferred alternatives are vinegar or steel brushes.
- Up The Garden Bath-  
Dave Poulter and Cllr J Bull are looking at three possible projects in the parish.  
Re: Licence to Cultivate-the preferred option would be written consent from James Collingridge.

Other proposed projects (UTGB)

- i. Street sign regeneration. A proposal to position planters around the signs that lead into Orton (Goldhay Way, Malborne Way etc). This would be offered as part of the Queen's jubilee celebrations.
- ii. 'Garden Angels' This would involve renovating gardens that have become unmanageable for their owners for whatever reason, and the aim would be to have a positive impact on their wellbeing and mental health. Residents would be nominated by their neighbours, and then the neighbours would be involved in the renovation and maintenance.
- iii. UTGB have been given some large planters by PCC, which previously stood in the city centre. UTGB will set them up and plant them but volunteers would be needed for maintenance.
- iv. Dave Poulter is in discussion with PCC and Stagecoach about a plan to turn bus stops into 'Buzz Stops' by planting on the top of bus shelters to attract bees and help clean the air.

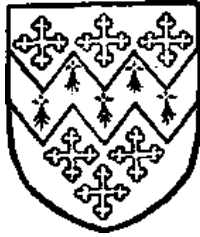
### 3. Boundary Walks

- Cllr Penniall has been tasked with preparing a map for each walking area.
- The deadline for walks has been extended until the end of May and Cllr J Bull will send out an amended checklist to include areas where bird boxes, wildflower strips, hedgehog houses might be apposite given we've had no responses from last newsletter.
- Cllrs will now pair up to cover the areas, which will mean some areas will have to be covered in the summer.
- Cllr Armstrong agreed to apprise Cllr Penniall of these decisions.

### **485.13 Parish Newsletter** - review after first year

It was felt that the newsletter looked too wordy and text-heavy, so the intention is for it to contain more pictures in future. It was decided to produce it twice a year in future, in June and December. Cllr Skibsted will carry on as editor. Method of delivery was discussed and it was decided to continue with the present arrangement for the next edition.

### **485.14 Environmental Issues**



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- Thuro Grove has already been discussed. Cllr Skibsted will discuss with James Collingridge tomorrow
- Residents have asked if shrubs could be planted behind Bardney, on the Wellingtonia cycleway, to discourage graffiti, which is a perennial problem there. Cllr J Bull will discuss this with James Collingridge tomorrow.

### **485.15 Reports from outside bodies**

Cllr J Bull had submitted written reports before the meeting for Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee; Children & Education Scrutiny Committee; CAPALC Forum (including presentation from Stagecoach) and PCC Parish Council Liaison meeting.

There were no questions from members apart from the backdrop to these meetings for new councillors.

Cllr J Bull advised that the PPC Parish Council Liaison Committee is to be replaced by a tripartite arrangement between the Good Neighbour Scheme Rural Peterborough, PCC, and Parish Councils. There will be a conference in May. Among the issues to be discussed will be Green Buses and Energy efficiency and compliance plus Peterborough Armed Forces Covenant Parish Champions.

### **Armed Forces Covenant (AFCO)**

Cllr Armstrong, having been nominated as the PC's 'Armed Forces Covenant Champion' confirmed that she had met with Tommy Kelly, the PCC officer for AFC. He told her the history of the covenant and how he would like the network to develop in Peterborough. The first step for the OLPC is to decide which of the suggested actions Cllrs feel they would be able to commit to. Cllr Armstrong will circulate the template to Cllrs so that they can come to the next meeting prepared to discuss them. Once these are decided upon the Chair can sign the Covenant on behalf of OLPC Cllrs, confirm Cllr Armstrong as Champion, who would then send a copy of the Covenant and commitments to Tommy Kelly.

**Good Neighbour Scheme** – Cllr Skerritt still has to contact Cate Harding.

### **485.16 Finance**

1. Financial reports – these were passed
2. The proposed budget and precept have been sent to PCC after being checked by the Clerk at Hampton.
3. The end of month accounts have not been completed because without a Clerk, it has been impossible to access the system. Records are being kept manually.

### **485.17 Correspondence**

All correspondence was listed on the agenda.



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### **485.18 For Information**

A passport photo of Cllr Bulkeley is needed for his ID badge.  
New Cllrs were reminded of the training available.

### **485.19 Planning Matters**

Reference:

21/01802/HHFUL - The height of the proposed fence will be queried.

21/01958/HHFUL - No material observations.

### **485.20 Recruitment of Clerk**

One applicant has been interviewed and seems very keen. She doesn't fulfil all the criteria specified but another local Clerk has agreed to mentor her and she will need training in parish finances.

Cllrs voted to offer her the job, subject to references, and on six months probation.

Cllrs thanked Cllrs Skerritt and J Bull for all they have done in the absence of a Clerk. It is greatly appreciated. Cllrs felt that out of pocket expenses should be reimbursed to both Cllr Skerritt and Cllr J Bull.

**485.21 Date of next meeting- 7pm** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Goldhay Centre, 105 Paynels.

Cllrs V & J Bull gave their apologies in advance.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm