



Orton Longueville Parish Council



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Minutes of the Orton Longueville Parish Council meeting on Thursday 1st July 2021 at 7:00 pm at Herlington Community Centre, Herlington, Orton Malborne.

Present: Councillors P. Skerritt (Chair), J. Armstrong, J. Bull V. Bull, L. Passero, H. Skibsted and Mrs Brown (Clerk).

Members: 11 Quorum: 4

Public: 2 Orton Park Cricket Club (OPCC): 1 Members of the press: 1

Public question time - Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LGA 1942 s100

None.

479.1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Brentor and Penniall (personal).

479.2 Declaration of interests and dispensations

J Bull – 479.3

479.3 Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR) Grant Request

Item deferred until September 2021 meeting as the CamSAR representative attending the meeting was unable to answer councillor questions. CamSAR Chair, Barry Carter and the Fundraising Lead, Gilly Bamber will attend the September meeting.

479.4 Family Voice Peterborough

Item deferred until September 2021 meeting as representative from Family Voice Peterborough was unable to attend.

479.5 Co-option of Parish Councillors

Mr Ousman Gaye attended the meeting and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and was questioned by councillors.

It was RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Ousman Gaye onto Orton Longueville Parish Council and he was invited to join the Parish Council for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr J Bull left the meeting.

479.6 Local Police matters

None.

Cllr J Bull re-joined the meeting.

479.7 Herlington Community Centre lack of footpath concerns

Ward Cllr Graham Casey stated that he has presented the residents petition (137 signatures of which 134 were acknowledged), to the recent PCC Full Council meeting, requesting a footpath around the community centre. Cllr Casey acknowledged the fact that in the past Shailesh Vara MP had been refused his application as the cost was going to be between £8,000 - £15,000, and said that he wanted a different answer and the approach to be 'how he/we can make this happen'. He also mentioned that the Gloucester Centre application CIL money could enable something like this to happen. As the petition has gone over a certain threshold, it can now be debated at either Full Council or a cabinet meeting. It was noted however that any CIL money from the Gloucester Centre development is several years away.

Cllr J Bull stated that the issue is a matter of urgency as lives are being endangered and she commends that it be debated because of the gravity of the issue. The fact that residents are very animated by it, and that there is a petition, means that there is an undercurrent of anxiety and an ambition to get a resolution to the problem. Cllr Casey responded that he did not think there is enough time for the matter to be debated at the Full Council meeting at the end of July as they need to do their report however Cllr J Bull suggested that the matter could be called in as a matter of urgency because potential children's lives are in danger – only 2 weeks ago a lady with a pram was nearly clipped by a car and had to snatch back the pram to prevent the child falling out of the push chair and into the way of the car. Cllr Casey agreed to explore which route would be quicker for the issue to be dealt with and will liaise with the Clerk.

Cllr Skibsted reported that there was also the matter of speeding cars in general around the community centre and that she has written to Highways about the incident. Rick Bean has subsequently passed it onto Lewis Banks because of restraints with Peter Tebb being away however he has not yet followed up on it. It was noted that the two matters are integral but the petition was not for speed bumps outside the centre but for a footpath although residents are concerned about both issues.

Cllr V Bull asked if the main issue to solving this problem was funding and whether it can be found out who owns the building as it may be the case that funding is available but then permission from the building owner is needed for any works. Cllr Casey stated that a funding issue was the response which Shailesh Vara MP got however he wants PCC to also look at who owns the building as the Herlington Centre is also the Children's Centre and by going to Cabinet it enables different departments to look at the issue. Cllr Casey was informed that Bill Tilah of NPA is able to tell him who owns the building as he holds all the property records for PCC.

Cllr J Bull observed that there would be a better broader approach if the matter goes to Full Council as Ward Councillors for the area are seeing what is happening, including Parish Councillors whereas by just going to Cabinet you are not necessarily having the people who fully understand what is going on dealing with it.

Cllr Skibsted was asked if she could make representation to the council about the matter however she stated that she does not have the time as she is busy with other Ward matters.

Cllr J Bull suggested and it was agreed that as the Parish Council itself has not made any representations to PCC about the matter, the **Clerk** will write to Paul Robertson and ask about the footpath and speeding and whether the Parish Council can do anything itself.

479.8 Cricket Club

1. Land Registry has issued requisitions in respect of the lease registration which has highlighted issues which were not addressed by Terrells Solicitors during the process of when the lease was being drawn up. It was agreed that the Clerk will explore the costs

as to whether to start the process again or continue with the current legal team. Councillors will be sent the costs via email for a decision to be made as to the way forward.

2. OPCC committee meeting has not yet taken place as it has been difficult to get everyone together.

3. Quotations are still being obtained for the works identified in the recent Anglian Water 'Water Regulations Compliance Inspection' report.

4. It was noted that the grass either side of the driveway is very long. OPCC stated that the Chair who normally cuts the grass has not had the time due to work commitments and it is not part of the groundsman's duties. An external contractor has been cutting the grass at least once a month when he is on site doing other work but there is a cost attached to this. **Cllr V Bull** and **Cllr Skerritt** volunteered to help with the grass cutting and weeding of the driveway and asked to be called when needed.

5. Cllr V Bull asked when the contractor is going to be carrying out the improvement works to the ditch outside the entrance gate. The Clerk stated that she has chased him several times. **Cllr V Bull** asked the **Clerk** to provide him with the contractors contact details so that he can contact him.

6. OPCC has not yet looked at the tree report as there has been no committee meeting.

479.9 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2021 were agreed and RESOLVED as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

479.10 Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings

1. **477.8 - Orton Local Action Group** – Cllr Skibsted reported that she has made various enquiries and it appears that the group no longer exists.

2. **477.24.11. Road surface on The Village/junction of Oundle Road** – Cllr Skibsted reported that Highways have informed her of the following:

'I can confirm The Village will be included within our 3 year plan. In addition, we have also identified signs of failure at Longwater and this was included on last years, 3 year maintenance plan. We therefore intend to carry out surfacing patching repairs to both roads during 2022/23 and a suitable surface treatment will be laid during 2023/24.

Also, the section of Oundle Road that runs past The Village will be re-surfaced this financial year. Our design team are working on drawings at the moment. We will let you know confirmed dates for construction as soon as possible'.

It was noted that Cllr J Bull had sent photographs of the bad condition of the road surface to Cllr Skibsted however since then the road surface has worsened and some of the potholes have deepened.

The Chair used his discretion and moved agenda item 479.16 forward for discussion as Cllr Skibsted would be leaving the meeting early.

479.11 Gloucester Centre redevelopment

The Clerk has been informed by Planning Officer Janet MacLennan, that she cannot find any details regarding notes from the site meeting that Nick Harding had with local residents and OLPC councillors. She understands that Nick will be back next week on a phased return and she will ask him to respond on the issues.

As an update she can advise that the decision is expected to be issued shortly. The applicant will be required to apply for a Bat licence from Natural England and therefore many of the concerns raised regarding bat mitigation will be considered as part of this process. Some of the issues included on our list would have been considered at

planning committee, unless there were particular questions, to Nick Harding, which she is not aware of.

Janet MacLennan appreciates that this response is not very helpful; however she will endeavour to get back to us as soon as they can.

The **Clerk** will continue to ask for a response to the questions raised at the site meeting.

479.12 Good Neighbours Scheme

The Clerk reported that 15 postal survey responses for the Good Neighbours scheme had been returned. Cllr Skerritt stated that 8 responses had been received via SurveyMonkey. The survey closes on 31 July 2021 and **Cllr Skerritt** will produce a report showing the responses received.

479.12 Future Co-option procedures

Cllr Skerritt has amended the policy as suggested and subsequently adopted at the last meeting.

479.13 Climate Emergency Action Plan

1. The minutes from the first meeting of the Biodiversity and Green Environment Working Group had been circulated by Cllr J Bull prior to the meeting and two issues were highlighted:

- It needs to be decided how payments will be made to those wishing to improve areas of the parish.

Any payments made from the budget by the Parish Council for plants, trees and shrubs must be to a constitutional body, as confirmed by CAPALC, however the working group believe that the money should be made available to everyone e.g. a group of neighbours who want to beautify an area in their community and it was suggested that perhaps UTGB could act as bankers who could then pay the individuals or groups which would go through their books. Nene Park Academy (NPA) could also be approached with the idea of them acting as banker as well as Helen McGlashon, the volunteer who attended the working group party, works at the Academy.

- Up The Garden Bath (UTGB), ultimately wish parishes to take over the licences which they have already been given as they do not want to keep them indefinitely.

This is a concern as it can become a long term financial burden on the Parish Council taking over licences to cultivate for various projects on parcels of land. Cllr J Bull stated that she will be speaking with Peterborough Limited to find out what the legal implications are of taking over the licences to cultivate from UTGB and whether other Parish Council are taking over these licences. She will also ask whether it is necessary to always take out a licence to cultivate.

It was suggested that the Clerk could ask the other 26 parishes if they have been asked to take over any licences to cultivate. The Clerk stated that the neighbouring parish Orton Waterville has not been asked this question and it was agreed to wait until **Cllr J Bull** had spoken with Peterborough Limited first regarding licences to cultivate.

The next meeting of the working party is Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 3.00 pm. The **Clerk** will book the venue.

Cllr Skibsted left the meeting.

2. The Co-benefits excel spreadsheet report was circulated by Cllr J Bull to councillors prior to the meeting. The spreadsheet has been designed to bring the Energy, Transport and Biodiversity and Green Environment action plan together to see how it will work and who will benefit. Cllr Skerritt stated that the Parish Council needs to spread awareness of the report and that it should influence employers and schools however behavioural changes are going to be long term.

Cllr J Bull asked the meeting if the spreadsheet required any status changes i.e. were any too high that could be moved lower and vice versa and would appreciate any feedback as this is the third time she has spoken about the plan and asked for comments. She understands that the Biodiversity and Green Environment action plan is more attractive but we are now half way through the year, nothing has been done on either the Energy or Transport action plans. It was agreed that the working group meeting needs to be more focused and more involved with commitment from PCC. Ward Cllr Casey was asked if he could find out who at PCC and the Combined Authority is involved in Climate matters and let the Clerk know. All Parish Councillors were reminded that they can be involved and attend working party meetings.

Cllr J Bull asked councillors to email the Clerk with their views on the co-benefit plan and whether they wish to join the working group meeting on this subject.

3. There were no other matters.

479.15 Malborne House redevelopment

Cllr J Bull gave the following update on the matter:

‘The owner is likely to lease the flats to the Supported Housing Fellowship who in turn will use the premises to house up to 16 homeless people.

Residents angry on several fronts. Namely:

- Commercial and general waste (food bags) being left as the property is being developed for a change of use; rat infestation due to latter; plus various sub-contractors working on Sunday – which is not permitted within the existing planning conditions. Bins have not been registered as per planning application and no parking provision for up to 12 vehicles has been implemented. Exceptionally Cllr J Bull, got James Collingridge (PCC), at Malborne House (private property) to get Aragon to trim back bushes and hedges to prevent rats feeding and breeding and further encroaching into gardens and homes in Benyon Grove. Additionally, and unusually, NPS Peterborough got Dalpest to set rat bait boxes in this private property’s grounds and will report back to Cllr J Bull re. any bait caught;
- Manhole cover stolen and at Cllr J Bull’s request recently replaced by Highways but more importantly....
- Residents concerned about proposed new tenants and lack of consultation. Potential alcohol and/or drug misuse; anti-social behaviour; emotional & mental health requirements of residents not being met – knowing that some will have learning difficulties and/or possess reduced understanding.

Residents’ representative Mr Brian Betts wishes the Parish Council to intervene and intercede on residents’ behalf. They have been advised that Ward Cllr Casey had asked Enforcement to deal with at least one of the above issues.

It was agreed that Cllr J Bull will find out the contact details for all those involved and pass them onto Cllr Casey to investigate further and find out why no consultation had taken place. The **Clerk** will acknowledge Mr Betts and inform him that the matter has been discussed by the Parish Council and that **Ward Cllr Casey** will follow up with him.

479.16 Parish Council newsletter

It was noted that the newsletter had not been delivered to a few places in the parish however this could be due to the fact that the streets list given to the distributor were not correct. It was agreed that the next distribution will be better monitored now that the Parish Council has a parish boundary map and that the distributor will be asked to report back every time he has delivered to an area. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will obtain copies of the parish boundary maps which are also required for the Biodiversity and Green Environment Working Group – 3 x size AO and 2 x A1.

The deadline for the next issue is 16th July 2021. Articles for the next issue were discussed. The **Clerk** will ask John McHattie, Community Connector if he can write a small piece introducing himself and **Cllr Skerritt** will write an article on the Historic Local list project being undertaken by PCC.

479.17 Bulky waste collections at the Herlington Centre

A provisional collection date has been booked for 14th August. It was noted that the free bulky waste collection service by PCC has not yet started therefore it was agreed that the **Clerk** will contact City Councillor Nigel Simons, PCC Cabinet Member for Waste, Environment to try and find out when it will. Cllr V Bull stated that it will in effect be double taxation if the Parish Council continues with a bulky waste collection if the City Council also provides a free collection.

479.18 Purchase of new bins for the parish

New bin for Thuro Grove layby - Paul Robertson has informed the Clerk that he would like to thank the Parish Council very much for this offer and appreciate that they are really keen. However he has asked Environmental Enforcement and Aragon and both are agreed that it will attract fly tipping. Based on the advice the Parish Council cannot go ahead with this.

479.19 Holy Trinity Churchyard Tree survey report

The Clerk has not yet obtained quotations for required tree works.

479.20 Environmental Issues

1. There is a bee/wasps nest in the top car park at Lythemre, Orton Goldhay (opposite number 9). The **Clerk** will report this to PCC.

479.21 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

1. CAPALC Forum meeting 18th June – Cllr J Bull gave a report of the meeting.
2. Parish Council Liaison meeting 30th June 2021 – meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled as the Chair was changed from Cllr Allen to Cllr Over which had to be approved by City Councillors at a Full Council meeting.
3. Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee – Cllr J Bull advised that the next meeting is 13th July 2021.
4. Education Scrutiny Committee - Cllr J Bull is the reserve for co-optee Cllr J Goode.

479.22 Finance

1. To following payments were authorised:

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| Adrian Kisby | Newsletter delivery | £129.73 |
| Herlington Community Centre | Room hire for meetings | £50.00 |
| Mrs A Brown | Clerk's salary June 2021 | £402.10 |
| Mrs A Brown | Expenses – (Use of home as office June 2021, stationery, mileage allowance) | £36.35 |
| HMRC | PAYE Tax & NI - Clerk June 2021 | £100.40 |
| R Harding & Son Landscaping | Holy Trinity maintenance June | £367.50 |

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| CAPALC | Councillor Training – Cllr Armstrong | £75.00 |
| Mrs A Brown | Clerk’s salary July 2021 (For payment at end of July) | £402.10 |
| Mrs A Brown | Expenses Use of home as office July 2021 (Approval for payment at end of July) | £26.00 |
| HMRC | PAYE Tax & NI - Clerk July 2021(For payment at end of July) | £100.40 |
| TOTAL | | £1689.58 |

2. Income received: £410.71 - OPCC Ground rent and pavilion insurance premium.

3. End of month account was noted.

479.23 Correspondence received

1. CAPALC: Bulletins & update.
2. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority: The Combined Authority Update: Issue 1 and 2.
3. Peterborough City Council: Invitation to Sharing Stories, Sharing Life online event - Tuesday 20th of July 2021, 1.00 - 2.30 pm free online event. To register, please e-mail: sharing.stories@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.
4. Peterborough City Council: Peterborough Local List Project.
5. Local resident email: Impact of Orton Mere car park charges affecting The Village – The Clerk has responded and informed the resident that the Parish Council has written to Nene Park Trust expressing their concerns and issues which may arise from the new car parking charges.
6. Local resident email: Overgrown bushes on public highway (Dry Leys) – Highways have been informed and have written to the resident to whom the overgrown bushes belong to. The resident has been informed of this action.
7. Local resident email: Damage to grass verges and request for 20 mph speed limit in The Village – CityFibre has informed residents to contact them directly regarding any issues and therefore not a matter for the Parish Council to get involved in as they have no Highways responsibilities - this lies with Peterborough City Council. The Parish Council has previously considered a 20mph speed limit with Peter Tebb, Head of Highways at Peterborough City Council and as a result white hatched lines were painted on a section of the The Village.
8. Local resident email: Further information requested re: Green Homes article in newsletter – a link has been provided to the government website.
9. Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough: Covid Recovery – How we can all help to support our local Communities.
10. Local resident email: Mixology premises licence at Orton Mere – A premises licence for events under the parkway at Orton Mere has been submitted to Peterborough City Council. Licence hours applied for are 10 am – 11 pm daily with no end dates. The Parish Council will submit a response objecting to the licence as it will cause anti-social behaviour, noise pollution, road congestion, and car displacement. There is also concern that the licence is for every day with no end date.

479.24 For Information

The **Clerk** will be meeting with the new Community Connector John McHattie to introduce himself and to learn more about the Parish Councils work. John will be attending the September meeting.

479.25 Planning matters

It was RESOLVED to submit comments to Planning where appropriate on applications:

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| 21/00768/HHFUL | Single storey rear extension and part garage | No Material |
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| | conversion at 7 Mary Armyne Road, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE2 7DR | observations |
| 21/00824/HHFUL | Rear extension for disabled person at 87 Bifield, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5SW | No material observations |
| 21/00869/CTR | Works to Trees: Aesculus Hippocastanum 680640-Reduction of the large branch over the road by up to 8m or half of its length. Campestre 680652-lift low branches over the footpath sympathetically to 2.5m. Tilia Cordata 680660- Lift low branches along the roadside sympathetically to 5.5m, but shaped to the crown of the tree at The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough | Comment to be submitted: The Parish Council would like it ensured that the crown of the tree is shaped instead of just cutting off branches. |

479.26 Date of next meeting – Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Meeting closed at 9.32 pm.