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Minutes of the Orton Longueville Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2025, 7:00pm at Herlington Community Centre, Orton Malborne, Peterborough PE2 5PW

Present: Councillors: N. Penniall (Chair), B. Bell, D. Brennan, R. Bulkeley, D. Hardy, J. Orchard, H. Skibsted and Mrs Brown (Clerk).

Members: 11 Quorum: 4 Public: 2 Orton Park Cricket Club: 1

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

None.

519.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

519.02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Skibsted – 519.04.

519.03 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

No applications received.

Cllr Skibsted left the meeting.

519.04 PLANNING

a. Resolved comments on received applications

- [25/00077/HHFUL](#): Single story wrap around extension and conversion of existing garage space at 27 Latham Avenue, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE2 7AD
RESOLVED: No material observations.

Cllr Skibsted re-joined the meeting.

b. Planning applications decided since previous meeting – for information:

- 24/01536/HHFUL: 2 Grange Crescent, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE2 7EB – Permitted.
- 24/01606/CTR: Works to trees - at Orton Longueville Wood, Peterborough – Permitted.
- 25/00007/HHFUL: 6 Royston Avenue Orton Longueville Peterborough PE2 7AA – Permitted.
- 25/00058/HHFUL: 27 Rothwell Way, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE2 7WE – Awaiting decision.

519.05 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

519.06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

519.07 COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Parish Lengthsperson** – Cllr Orchard stated that he had reported to the Clerk, discarded fireworks casings at Oakleigh Park and asked if the Lengthsperson visited this area as part of his rounds. Cllr Brennan stated that the Lengthsperson had set rounds and would send him a copy of the schedule.
- Defibrillators in the parish** – Cllr Bell reported that he had contacted the Gordon Arms public house and Coop on Oundle Road for possible locations for the 3rd defibrillator. It seems likely that the Gordon Arms will be the 3rd location. The Clerk stated that she had placed the order for the 2 defibrillators at The Herlington Centre and Oakleigh Drive post office but had not heard back from Gemma's Hearts. Cllr Bell stated that he was due to meet with Gemma's Hearts and would chase

this up. He will also be giving the post office a specification sheet which is given to all new defibrillator custodians. He will also organise the free 2 x 1-hour training sessions on how to use defibrillators which is provided by Gemma's Hearts.

- c. **Bulky Waste collections** – The recent collection was very well attended. Cllr Penniall stated that he may know someone who may be willing to help with pick-ups from residents' homes at future collections. Next collection dates are: 28th June, 8th November and 7th February 2026.
- d. **Additional Traffic calming measures in the parish - purchase of Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS)** – The Clerk stated that Highways Officer Stuart Tough had collected the 3 units from her house and had taken them to the Highways depot for storage until they are put up.

Cllr Hardy reported she was still waiting for Stuart Tough to provide her with detailed costs and a schedule of works for mounting the VAS. She stated that she still had to consult with several residents in The Village to ensure that they would be happy with a VAS near their property. The care home has still not responded to Cllr Hardy's request for help with funding The Village VAS even though most of the traffic which speeds on this road is going to and from the care home.

- e. **Community festival 2025 at Orton Park Cricket Club** – Cllr Bell reported that he had spoken with Lynette Durham regarding a community festival which will take place on Sunday 20th July 2025. Cllr Bell will help the club organise the event which will raise funds for the club and hopefully attract new members. Cricket matches will also be played during the event. This was noted by the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Parish Council could have a stall at the event to recruit new councillors. Cllr Bell will be meeting again with Lynette Durham on 6th March 2025 to start planning the event, set out stall holder requirements and plan a contingency for the event should there be bad weather on the day.
RESOLVED: To permit and support Orton Park Cricket Club to hold a community festival on Sunday 20th July 2025 as a fund raiser event for the club. Cricket matches will take place during the event to comply with the lease specifications.
- f. **Future of The Goldhay Centre** – Cllr Skibsted reported that a Christian charity was taking over the Goldhay Centre. They will be paying rent to PCC and be responsible for all repairs and maintenance of the building.
- g. **Potential biodiversity opportunities at Oakleigh Drive tree planting** – Options and quotations for tree planting on Oakleigh Drive field provided by Aragon Direct Ltd were discussed. It was agreed that clarification was required that in the event of a tree failing during the 3 years that Aragon maintain and water them, would they be replaced. Hedgerow and bulb planting were also possible low-cost options for biodiversity. It was noted that residents living close to Oakleigh Drive should be consulted and asked for their thoughts before anything is planted.
RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £4991.20 + VAT from Aragon Direct Limited for planting 8 trees, watered and maintained for 3 years subject to clarification on a tree failing within this time period subject to the results of the resident's consultation. Cllr Orchard will draft a resident's consultation letter for approval by councillors before distributing to local residents.
- h. **Bins in layby opposite Thuro Grove** – Cllr Skibsted reported that PCC are reluctant to install news bins in the layby as they believe it will increase fly tip and have contacted licensing for their comments on the matter as the rubbish in the layby is left by taxis' waiting for their next fare. PCC Enforcement Team are also looking into the possibility of installing CCTV cameras to monitor the area. It is not possible to close the layby as it is a service layby. As a last resort if all options have been explored, PCC will consider installing bins again if the Parish Council agrees to share the cost of emptying them.
- i. **Good Neighbours Scheme** – The invitation to join the Good Neighbours Scheme was discussed. The scheme has been supporting rural parish residents across Peterborough since 2020, and now has 15 parish members. Their work is free to residents and supports people to stay safe and well for longer in their own home, with in home support, befriending and transport to medical appointments. Paid membership, which is £1.25 per household for this coming year will increase back to **£2.50 (**estimated for 26/27). However, a reduced introductory fee, to work with the Orton Longueville Parish Council and develop the support needed in the parish, the fee basis would be .62p per household across April 1st 2025 to 31st March 2026. The Clerk stated that Orton Longueville has 4299 households, and that once the introductory period was over, the cost to the Parish Council would be £10747.50 and therefore the precept would most likely have to be increased to cover the annual membership. It was acknowledged that rural

parishes already part of the scheme do not have as many properties as Orton Longueville and therefore their membership costs are much lower.

RESOLVED: Not to join the Good Neighbours Scheme due to the high membership costs when the low introductory fee expires.

519.08 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Cllr Skibsted stated that she keeps reporting the overflowing bottle bank in the Herlington Centre car park to PCC.

Cllr Skibsted reported that there is a fly tip issue at Leighton Primary school where by large amounts of rubbish are being left around the edge of the field. She is working with the school and Enforcement to try and prevent this constant occurrence. The school may consider fencing in the field if the issue continues.

519.09 REPORTS, NOTIFICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE OF NOTE

- a. **Reports from representatives of outside bodies** – None.
- b. **Ward Councillor report** – Cllr Skibsted’s report was circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting.
- c. **Correspondence of Note** – None.

519.10 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

a. Cricket club

Mark Durham from Orton Park Cricket Club reported that:

- Cllr Bell had spoken with Lynette Durham regarding a community festival to be held at the cricket ground.
- New equipment had been purchased for the ground.
- The club would be having the same number of teams as last year.
- The club was still trying to set up an account with £500.00 as specified in the new lease.
- A walkabout still needs to be arranged for councillors.
- The club would like to develop the corner of the field which was cleared last year, possibility into a wildflower area. It was suggested that the club should approach Peterborough Environment City Trust (PEC) or the PCC Wildlife Officer for advice.
- There is potentially a parking issue at the club as there are now more members which may need addressing in the future.

b. **RESOLVED: Payment of February 2025 invoices:**

Peterborough Limited	Lengthsperson service February 2025	£2991.34
Christ Church Silvertops	Grant S137 LGA 1972	£250.00
Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges January 2025	£6.00
Herlington Community Centre	Room hire – February 2025	£25.00
Mrs A Brown	Clerk Salary/reimbursements – February 2025	£652.39
LGPS	Clerks pension - February 2025	£181.66
HMRC	Clerk Tax & NI – February 2025	£152.52
Herlington Community Centre	Room hire – March 2025	£25.00

- c. **To note any income received** – None.
- d. **RESOLVED:** The end of month accounts and bank reconciliations were approved.
- e. **Botolph Green Festival Grant application** – The grant request for £1000.00 towards 2025 festival was discussed. No one from the committee was able to attend the Parish Council meeting as they were attending a Botolph Green Residents’ Association committee/Festival planning meeting tonight as well. The applicant, Rebecca Dangerfield had confirmed to the Clerk that there have been no significant changes to the application made last year or the way they intended to run the festival.
RESOLVED: To award the full grant of £1000.00 towards the Botolph Green Festival in June 2025. The Parish Council will provide the applicant with electronic versions of its logo to use on festival posters and social media platforms.

519.11 FOR INFORMATION

Future agenda item: Litter bin and replacement swing for Oakleigh Park play area.

518.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 27th March 2025.

The meeting closed at 8:21 pm.