

OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Nr. Nuneaton

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Minutes - 213

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at Barlestone School.

1) Apologies:

Mrs M Ingham, Mr I Ould, Mr W Crookes (Report sent).

2) Present:

Mr R Payne (Chair) Mr D Sanderson, Ms H Earp, Mr S Butler, Mrs S Reading (Clerk).

3) Minutes of last meeting:

Read and approved.

4) Matters arising:

Telephone Box – Still not removed. Roger Payne informed all present that someone has come out and looked at it and taken photos. We now have a possible removal date of April 2017.

5) Finance:

a) Statement of Accounts:

It was reported that the current account held £6,869.42 and deposit account held £2,239.40 as at 22.11.16. Totalling £9108.82.

b) Cheques for approval:

Street Lighting 2015/16	£739.27
Mrs S Reading – Salary	£212.50
Mrs S Reading - Expenses	£6.60
Room Hire – Dec 2016	£16.82

c) Precept:

Mrs Reading asked what figure we would be asking for the forthcoming financial year as requests need to be in January 2017. It was agreed to request £4000 to meet all of our costs for the forthcoming year.

6) Website update:

Mrs Reading has now received the quote from John Cooper, the gentleman that is currently provided website services for Newbold Verdon. This was shown to all present and decided that the costs were too high as the services offers no more than our original quote from the 'App Office'. Mr David Sanderson had found an item offering 'free' Parish Council website

services, so Mrs Reading to look into this. It was also agreed that before making a final decision on this matter Mrs Reading would contact the 'App Office' and find out which other Parish Councils it services so Osbaston PC can view these. Mrs Reading will forward the afore mentioned information to all Parish Council members as soon as it is known.

7) County Councillors report:

These were emailed to all members with a paper copy being sent Mrs Marion Ingham at the meeting. Reports attached.

8) Standing Orders:

Mr Roger Payne, Ms H Earp and Mr David Sanderson had, prior to meeting, done some work on Osbaston Parish Council Standing orders. Mrs Reading has put the document together and presented the final draft at the meeting. This was accepted and signed. All members have received an electronic copy, a paper copy will be sent to Mrs Ingham by Mrs Reading.

9) Neighbourhood Plan:

Approximately 3 weeks ago Mr Roger Payne received a call from Barlestone Parish Council. This was on the back of their latest PC meeting where Barlestone had decided to undertake creating a Neighbourhood Plan and wanted to know if we would like to amalgamate with them on this project.

Osbaston had previously not done a plan due to Geographic's; it was felt it was not needed.

Mr Roger Payne contacted David Birchall and visited him with Mr David Sanderson. David Birchall outlined the plans for them. Mr Payne and Mr Sanderson also visited Mr William and Mrs Joyce Crooks regarding their village plan (Newbold Verdon). Mr Roger Payne and Mr David Sanderson discussed the topic and it was decided that Mr Roger Payne would visit Derek Crane for further information. At this meeting Derek Crane stated the village plan for Barlestone may not actually get off the ground as the initial survey didn't furnish many responses and the meeting was not well attended.

It was agreed by all at this Parish council meeting that Osbaston PC would not participate in a joint Neighbourhood Plan, if it came to it we would do our own, but as stated before it was felt it was not needed at the current time. A neighbourhood plan does not overrule the planning system so as it stands members felt there was not a necessity at the present time. Mr Roger Payne to inform Derek of our decision and to ask that when and if they do go ahead and do a neighbourhood plan for Barlestone they do not encroach on our parish boundaries.

10) Transport Survey:


All Parish Councils have been asked to complete a survey and return it as soon as possible. Mr Roger Payne read through the questions and all present took part in helping to complete it. Mrs Reading to return document.

11) AOB

Councillor's reports – report received from Mr W Crookes, this was forwarded to all members.

Affordable Housing Update:-

Mrs Reading had emailed Elaine Smithard for an update. Please see email response attached.



County Councillor's Monthly Report for September 2016

Local Issues – Individual Casework

Current number is 5 and are all unresolved.

Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

I attended 8 parish council meetings in September.

Highways issues and the impact of tree shadow were the issues for Higham on the Hill.

The sale of the Golf course is the number one topic for Market Bosworth.

Carlton are concerned about the location of the bus stop outside the Marina.

Shackerstone and Twycross are dealing with the Crown Estate over the sale of Gopsall Park.

Sheepy raised the issue of safety at Pinwall crossroads, s I suggested they ask Highways for a safety survey.

Witherley are holding their first Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting.

Osbaston raised an issue over BT and a redundant telephone box that is in the process of being dealt with.

Two residents of Barlestone have contacted me over 'No Waiting' areas and general speed of traffic on Newbold Road.

County Hall Meetings

1st: Meeting with the Interim Director for Children and Families, followed by the short listing of applicants for the vacant Director of Children and Families Post.

5th; Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Children and Young People (CYPS)

6th; Strategy Co-ordination Group (SCG)

12th; Extraordinary Board meeting of the Local Safeguarding Children Board(LSCB)

13th; SCG, followed by Cabinet Briefing, followed by Lead Member meeting

15th; Meeting with Stuart Youngs, Chief Executive of the East Midlands Councils, followed by attending the Health & Wellbeing Board

16th; Cabinet, followed by Economic Development workshop

19th; I chaired the Supporting Leicestershire Families Executive.

20th; SCG and Lead Member Meeting

21st; Meet the candidates for the vacant Director's post, followed by feedback from the panels.

22nd; I chaired the formal interview panel for the Director of Children and Families post – an appointment was not made!

26th; Corporate Parenting Board

27th; SCG, Followed by Lead Member meeting, followed by agenda setting for CYPS

28th; Full County Council

Other Official Meetings

2nd; Meeting of East Midlands Lead Members for Children and Families at Kegworth

9th; Meeting of the A5 Strategy Group at Market Harborough

20th: Meeting of the East Midlands Regional Migration Board at Melton Mowbray (I have been appointed to this Board as the County Council's representative.
27th; Meeting of the Highways Forum at Hinckley
29th; Parishes Forum at Newbold Verdon Library
30th; Witherley to attend their first Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cabinet met on 16th September

Topics:

- 1. Medium term financial strategy**
- 2. Response on business rates retention**
- 3. Annual report for LSCB**
- 4. Better Care Fund – Disabled facilities Scheme**
- 5. Dry Recycling Credits Savings**
- 6. Future strategy for the delivery of Library Services in Kirby Muxloe and Desford**
- 7. Market Harborough transport strategy**
- 8. LTP3 – Hinckley area proposed transport improvements**
- 9. Proposed traffic regulation order for A50 from Markfield to County Hall**
- 10. Infrastructure Plan**

Further details can be found on the County Council website

Full County Council on 28th September

Topics

- 1. Chairman's announcements**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Answers provided to 4 questions**
- 4. Position statement by Leader**
- 5. Position statement by Deputy Leader**
- 6. Notice of motion re Armed Forces**
- 7. Notice of motion re grammar schools**

A5 Strategy Group

Topics

1. Minutes and actions arising
2. Highways Agency presentation on Accidents/Improvements
3. Midlands Connect update
4. A5 Action Plan update
5. Impact of further development at Magna Park

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council have now launched a website for this Partnership

Regional Migration Board

Topics

1. Board governance
2. Asylum seeker dispersal
3. The Syrian vulnerable persons resettlement scheme
4. Unaccompanied asylum seeking children
5. Vulnerable children's resettlement scheme
6. Lord Dub's amendment
7. Financial implications

A busy month but also enjoyable

Ivan Ould

County Councillor's Monthly Report for October 2016

Local Issues – Individual Casework

Current total is running at 12. Four resolved during the month.

Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

I attended 9 parish council meeting in August.

Planning and highways have been the main issues this month.

County Hall Meetings:

In October I attended the following meetings:

4th: Strategy Co-ordination Group (SCG) followed by Children and Families Lead Member meeting (CFLM), then a catch-up meeting with the Interim Director for Children & Families.

10th – Leicestershire Educational Excellence Partnership, then Senior Management Group.

11th – SCG, then Cabinet Briefing, followed by full Cabinet.

14th – Children and Families Budget briefing meeting, followed by meeting with Joe Tuke, national Head of the Troubled Families programme.

17th – Children's Social Care Panel, then meeting re Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children UASC)

18th – CFLM on health, followed by SCG

19th –Star Chamber meeting monitoring Children and Families 2016-17 budget progress.

20th – 27th Inclusive – annual leave.

28th – Local Safeguarding Children Board

31th – County Hall – catch-up meeting with Director for Children and Families.

This was a crazy month for e-mails, with over 1,000 being received, about 80% of which required a reply. Needless to say that coming back from annual leave to find some 457 new e-mails was very irritating! However, job completed in responding.

Cabinet:

This took place on 11th :

The first item concerned the medium term financial strategy

The second item confirmed that until the Government is willing to pay all costs arising from Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children, the County Council would withdraw from the scheme.

The third item concerned Adult Social Care and the need to consult on Community Choices.

The fourth item concerned Fracking

County Council:

No County Council took place in October.

Personal:

I will answer questions on any or all of the above. Please contact me directly either by e-mail to ivan.ould@leics.gov.uk, or by telephone on 01827-881087

Ivan Ould

County Councillor's Monthly Report for November 2016

Local Issues – Individual Casework

Current total is 24. None resolved during the month.

Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

I attended 10 parish council meeting in August.

Planning and highways have again been the main issues this month.

County Hall Meetings:

In November I attended the following meetings:

1st: Strategy Co-ordination Group (SCG), followed by Cabinet briefing, followed by the Children and Families Lead Member meeting (CFLM), then an all member meeting on social media.

2nd – Education of Children in Care Board, and Asylum Seeking children meeting.

4th – Hearstone story modules meeting.

7th – All member meeting on Child Sexual Exploitation, Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee, then Dorothy Goodman school expansion plans.

9th – Star Chamber – corporate resources department.

14th – Star Chamber for Adult Social care, followed by Star Chamber for Communities and Wellbeing.

15th – SCG, followed by CFLM, followed by agenda planning for Overview and Scrutiny. OFSTED started a three week inspection of Children's Social care!

16th – Star Chamber – Highways & Transportation, Star Chamber – Public Health, Star Chamber – Health & Social care, followed by CFLM, followed by Health & Wellbeing Board

21st –Private briefing for all members by Chief Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner.

22nd – Star Chamber – Environment, followed by CFLM.

23rd – SCG, followed by Cabinet Briefing, followed by Cabinet.

24th – Star Chamber – Children & Families, followed by early OFSTED feedback.

External Meetings

8th – Birmingham - Regional Local Authority Children's Services Improvement Strategy conference

16th – Melton Mowbray – Regional Migration Board

18th – Leicester City – welcoming speech to anti-bullying conference.

29th – London – Portcullis House – chaired a F40 delegation at a meeting with Justine Greening (Secretary of State for Education) re Fair School Funding.

Cabinet:

This took place on 23rd November

The first item was the Annual Performance report for the County Council – (this will be debated at full County Council on 7.12.16)

The second item was the outcome of consultation on the Adult Social Care strategy

The third item was a progress report on the Implementation Plan for the Communities and Wellbeing Strategy.

The fourth item was the annual report of the Director of Public Health, focussing on an overview of health in Leicestershire and the role of workplace health.

Fifth Item concerned a strategy for transforming and integrating practical housing support in Leicestershire

Sixth item was a report on 'Supporting Leicestershire Families, where the return on investment has gone up from 39 pence per pound spent to £1.47 per pound.

Seventh item was our response to the Government consultation on 'Schools that work for everyone'

Eighth item was unaccompanied asylum seeking children and our efforts to recruit additional foster carers. (It is a matter of deep regret that we had to take down one of our social media outlets due to racist abuse).

Ninth item was a report on the present position concerning the Syrian Vulnerable persons resettlement scheme.

Tenth item concerned developer contributions towards county council services.

Eleventh item was an outline business plan for a Place Marketing Organisation

Twelfth item was an objection to a traffic regulation order for Hugglescote

Personal:

I apologise for the delay in sending this monthly report. Quite apart from the fact that casework has doubled without any issues being resolved, the impact of the OFSTED inspection of Children's Social Care has taken up much more time than anticipated.

Don't forget the Parishes Meeting organised by HBBC next Tuesday 13th December at Twycross Zoo. It really is important that each parish is represented. I have been given permission by the Leader to miss Cabinet to attend for the full day, so I hope to see you there.

As yet I do not have an answer to the question about who will take over the Rural Watch scheme for the Police now that Rob Cross has moved to the Team at Market Bosworth Police Station. Perhaps we can get the answer next Tuesday.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you as Parish Councillors, and your constituents, a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

I will answer questions on any or all of the above. Please contact me directly either by e-mail to ivan.ould@leics.gov.uk, or by telephone on 01827-881087

Ivan Ould

November Report to Parish Council
From Councillor W J Crooks

I attended the planning committee meeting last night and must report that rules are still being tightened up. About half the 6 items on the agenda members were mindful of turning down, but we were leaned on by the legal section and the planning officers.

The latest move is that no applications can be refused, only deferred with a mind to refuse and be brought back to the next planning meeting for members to have another 'Go'.

A couple of years ago I advised the Parish Council about the 'Leader Programme' this programme is a joint bid with North Warwickshire for EEC money to support rural areas. I was the lead member, along with several officers and we were successful in our bid and received £1.4M. So far HBBC has had three grants from this fund and North Warwickshire two. Our total so far is £61k and North Warwickshire £27k.

Next year 8 roads on the Meadow Road Estate are to be re-surfaced, also 3 in Nailstone and 2 in Osbaston.

HBBC are still asking for expressions of interest in obtaining grants from the new Communities Grant Scheme worth £85k.

The Borough Council managed to reduce their carbon emissions by some 27%

Tourism continues to grow. This has been helped by the re-interment of the remains of King Richard 111. The suggested economic gain is approximately £184m.. Tourist Numbers for the County 3780,000 with 2321 employed in tourism. This is a 13% increase in overall figures.

Email response from Elaine Smithard:

Hello Sherene

Sorry for the late reply. I'm been out of the office and on leave.

We are still working to address points that have been raised during the planning process. You will be aware that I emailed a while ago regarding an issue raised over standing water on the site, and we altered our layout to incorporate a 'basin' to accommodate surface water. Our engineers have been liaising with people at the County Council regarding the drainage, and we are hopeful for a positive planning outcome in the near future.

We are looking to instruct the ground investigation report, which will tell us the ground conditions and inform how the scheme would be built, depth and type of foundations etc. This then enables the contractor to firm up their works estimate. We are aware that there have been some costs increases due to the drainage requirements and the increase in labour and material costs generally, so have been reviewing funding required for the scheme.

I'll be in touch as soon as we have some definitive news, which will hopefully be a positive planning decision.

If there is anything else I can assist with in the interim please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks
Elaine