

OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes - 217

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 7th September 2017 at Barlestone School.

1) Apologies:

Mrs M Ingham, Mr W Crooks.

2) Present:

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

3) Minutes of last meeting:

Read and approved from September meeting.

4) Matters arising:

None.

5) Finance:

a) Statement of Accounts:

It was reported that the current account held £ 5949.20 and deposit account held £2,240.33 as at 22.11.17. Totalling £8189.53.

b) Invoices and quotes received:

Invoice - Barlestone Primary School – Room Hire September

Invoice – The App Office (Kwiktrade) – Annual Website Hosting

c) Cheques for approval:

Barlestone PS – Room Hire May 2017	£18.00
The App Office (Kwiktrade) – Annual Website Hosting	£150.00
Mrs S Reading – salary	£212.50

d) Precept:

OPC will soon be asked to set their annual precept amount. Discussion followed and an agreement that we would request £4500 was agreed upon. This is £500 more than previous year to meet rising costs with website, street lighting etc...

6) Website update:

An update was delivered to all present from the Clerk. The website is now live and will be updated with all relevant content over the next few weeks. A further administrator will be

required if the Clerk is ever unable to update site. Mr David Sanderson and Ms Helen Earp volunteered their services and will receive training in the New Year.

7) Affordable Housing update:

8) Gate Inn update:

This item is still ongoing but to date Mr Guttridge is happy with the support shown by OPC. He has asked, via email, that OPC help him continue to ensure all conditions placed upon The Gate Inn are adhered to. OPC are more than happy to continue their support of Mr Guttridge in this matter.

9) Citizens Advice funding:

An email has been received by all Parish Councils asking if they are able to contribute towards Citizens Advice funding. It was felt that this cause did not benefit the Parish as a whole and was generally aimed at supporting individuals so OPC have declined to donate at this time.

10) Police UK Subscription:

Further investigation is needed in regards to this item. OPC would like to know exactly what the subscription provides. Mrs Reading (Clerk) to look into this and report back at next meeting.

11) RCC Membership:

12) AOB

Councillor Ould report – forwarded to all members via email, please see attached.

Councillor Crooks report – Please see attached.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed:- _____ Dated:- _____

Councillor Ould Monthly report – June 2017

General

- 1. I attended the Parish Council Forum last Thursday at Bagworth Community Centre. Of particular interest was a presentation on Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP), and the encouragement from the Borough Council for these to be completed. This enabled me to state that there has to be consistency from the Planning Committee in assessing planning applications, otherwise what is the point of all the work. I specifically mentioned Barton Road, Market Bosworth as a very recent example where planning permission was granted even though under the neighbourhood Development Plan it should have been refused. The Chair stated he would take this issue up with the Planning Portfolio holder.**
- 2. I am in the process of arranging dates for a meeting with EMAS (East Midlands Ambulance Service) regarding 5 less than satisfactory issues involving the EMAS Service in the Witherley and Sheepy Parish areas. The concern is that for a border area, the reliability of ambulance response is not at the level it needs to be.**
- 3. On 3rd May I was invited to attend the launch of the new Children and Adolescent's Mental Health Service. This was then postponed and to date no further arrangements have been made, which is rather worrying. It is estimated that in excess of 800,000 children and young people experience mental health needs across England yet recently a Leicestershire young person had to access a bed in Scotland as none were available in England.**
- 4. The new Oncology Unit at the George Eliot Hospital formally opens on July 26th and I have been invited to attend.**
- 5. In June I attended Market Bosworth, Sheepy, Stoke Golding, Higham on the Hill, and Carlton Parish Council meetings.**
- 6. At the full County Council meeting on 28th June, as well as answering 3 specific questions regarding school issues, I also gave a position statement on the 'Supporting Leicestershire Families' programme' and the Youth Offending Service. We are very successful in both areas.**
- 7. In 1 above I referred to Neighbourhood Development Plans. I have been lobbied by 39 families objecting to a planning application in Stoke Golding, although 4 families have also expressed support. The position of the objectors would have been strengthened by the existence of an approved NDP.**
- 8. Casework has been very busy, and I have been resolving an additional 11 new cases over the last month. It would be gratifying to say that these are all resolved but unfortunately only 1 has been!**
- 9. The meeting on 30.05.17 regarding the 153 bus was a success, thanks to Nailstone Community Group and Nailstone Parish Council. Unlike the anger and over reaction seen so often on news reports, the 58 residents who attended the meeting made their comments with clarity and objectivity. So much so that Arriva went away to think again, replying in due course that they will re-instate a limited bus service to Carlton, Barton in the Beans, and Nailstone from August 27th. This is a stunning outcome and well deserved.**
- 10. I was on annual leave from Wednesday 14th June to Sunday 25th June. It was catch up time at home!**

County Council Meeting – this can be found on the County Council website for those who are interested.

Cabinet – I was not in attendance so cannot comment beyond that which can be found on the County Council website.

**Ivan Ould
County Councillor for the Market Bosworth Division**

September report to Parish Council from Councillor W J Crooks

Full Council Meeting

There was only one item on the agenda for the Full Council meeting at the Borough (which is very unusual). The item was about 'People Strategy' which is to support the work force in the Borough.

Communities Fund

So far the fund has received seven applications. It was recommended that the Markfield application for £178k to carry out major works to their community centre and sports facilities be approved (subject to them being able to get match funding). The Market Bosworth application to revamp the Market Place was not supported. The other five applications are still being considered (including Barlestone).

Environmental Improvement Programme

This programme is looking to support 12 schemes with a net cost of £33k. Various items are supported from supplying and erecting Heritage Lighting, Canal Bridge refurbishment, important gravestones/tombs and Blue Plaques.

Air Pollution

The checks on air pollution are being carried out at various locations throughout the Borough. Three sites were giving some concerns: - Shaw Lane at Markfield being the highest and two monitors on Rugby Road in Hinckley also showing high readings. The Markfield site reading is 39ppm and when it attains 40ppm it will require further attention.

Annual Sports Review

This yearly sports review is carried out in partnership with all the other districts and the City. It reads as though as a whole the county is still doing well. The figures for HBBC show our achievements in claiming funding have fallen with Oadby & Wigston claiming the lowest amount at £93k and the City claiming £487k with four other districts being higher puts HBBC mid table.