

OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes - 218

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 7th December 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 Dec 2017	£18.00
The App Office (Kwiktrade) – Annual Website Hosting	£150.00
Mrs S Reading – salary	£237.50

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:

Mrs Reading, Clerk, has contacted Elaine Smithard for an update but has as yet received no response. Please see point 14 for further details.

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:

It was decided to decline membership at this time.

12) Memorial Bench request.

A request has been received from Mr Kevin Morrell on behalf of a Mrs Catherine Bradley, to have a memorial bench placed on the A447 near Market Bosworth. This is in memory of Mr Rowley who passed away on the 29th October 2017 in a tragic accident. Mrs Bradley is happy to undertake any upkeep the bench may require. A discussion followed and a unanimous decision was reached passing the request. Mrs Reading (clerk) to liaise with Mr Morrell and Mrs Bradley to inform them of OPC's decision and take the next steps in getting the bench sited.

13) Data Protection Officer.

Each Parish Council is to have a DPO and this is to come into force from May 2018. It was discussed and proposed by Mr S Butler to appoint the current Clerk (Mrs Reading) and was seconded by Ms Earp.

14) County Councillors report.

All reports received were forwarded via email to all members, please see attached. Mr I Ould was in attendance and updated all members present as to the affordable housing project. At a full county council meeting on 6th December 2017 it was discussed that the

county council has pulled back on the original affordable housing project of 12 homes, and is in discussion for a much larger development to be built on the same area of land. Members of OPC were not very happy with this new development as 1) they had not been informed and 2) it would have a very different impact upon the parish. A discussion followed with all members opposing the new development as it was felt it was not needed. It was therefore decided that Osbaston undertake a 'housing needs survey' by an independent body and withdraw our original 'goodwill' gesture on the grounds the plans have been changed beyond recognition. The Clerk to email Jon Bennett (head of strategic property – County Hall), David Birchall (Chairman Barlestone PC), Bill Crooks (Councillor) and to copy Councillor Ivan Ould in on this correspondence. The Clerk to also contact Richard Mugglestone to enquire about starting the survey as soon as possible.

15) AOB:

Gnarley Farm – Further planning application, as original was turned down as it didn't meet the criteria of 'Agricultural worker' dwelling. Councillor Bill Crooks contacted Mr Roger Payne and discussed their intention of both backing the planning application. Clerk to email planning with this and send a copy to Gnarley Farm so they are aware of our backing. Forum held at Newbold Verdon: Mr Roger Payne attended on 21st September 2017. Edwina Grant informed all in attendance on 'Extremism – raising awareness', she provided information on what to do in regards to reporting and contact numbers were provided. These can be found on HBBC website
National Highways and transport public satisfaction survey – OPC decided not to take part this time around.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed:- _____ Dated:- _____



County Councillors report – July 2017

General/Local

1. In July I attended parish council meetings for Stoke Golding, Market Bosworth, Sutton Cheney, Twycross, and Witherley parishes.
2. I attended the annual Parishes Forum at County Hall on Monday 10th July. This was a very well attended meeting, with over 90 representatives being present. The Chief Executive of the National Association of Parish and Local Councils gave a short talk, along with Jake Atkinson from our local NALC association. Questions were invited from the floor, and the first one concerned the prospects for a unitary council replacing the current county council and the seven district and borough councils. The reply given was that this was unlikely to take place.
3. At this point in time the date for a meeting with EMAS (East Midlands Ambulance Service) has not been agreed. There are now 7 less than satisfactory issues involving the EMAS Service in the Witherley and Sheepy Parish areas. Apparently the West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group actually pays for the Service and I have asked how they monitor the subsequent service provided.
4. Last week, on 26th July, I attended the official opening of the new Endoscopy Unit at the George Eliot Hospital. This is a state of the art building that already has full accreditation from the NHS and puts the patient first. The one proposed for the Hinckley Community Hospital will not be able to compete with the George Eliot facilities.
5. I also stayed for the A.G.M. of the George Eliot Hospital.
6. Throughout July meetings were arranged to brief county councillors representing the seven district or borough councils regarding school place planning. Hinckley is a particular pressure point that is not helped by the Borough Council passing planning applications that are deemed unviable in terms of providing money from the developers for new school places. There is a growing danger that children will not be able to attend their local school and instead be taxed to the nearest available school due to this policy. We hold the view at County that if a development cannot provide 106 money for new school places, it should not go ahead.
7. My first meeting with Lord Willy Bach, the current Police and Crime Commissioner, on 11th July was successful in establishing a working relationship. We are due to meet on a bi-monthly basis, and those dates have now been agreed.
8. Casework has overloaded me. There are currently 73 active issues across the Division, with planning issues and highways problems being prominent. I've also been acting deputy leader at County Hall since 14th July and that will continue until my annual leave.
9. Meetings that I have attended include the Safeguarding Children's Board, the Education of Children in Care Strategy Group, the Leicestershire Education Excellence Partnership. Children in Care Council meetings, an all member briefing on the Customer Services 'experience', and the Health and Wellbeing Board, including an additional development session.
10. On 25th July I was asked to attend a meeting at the Department for Education to meet with the special adviser to Justine Greening, the Secretary of State for Education, and a senior civil servant regarding fair school funding. This was in my role as Chair of the F40 Group. It was a constructive meeting but we remain far apart in our respective interpretations of 'fairness'.

11. Nicky Morgan, M.P. for Loughborough, asked for a meeting with me regarding school place planning issues in her Constituency, and individual special educational needs casework. This took place On Monday 24th July.

12. It has been decided to stop the Highways Forums for the County. The fundamental reason for electing a county councillor is that they are there to represent their Division. As such it has been decided that effective representation should come from the relevant county councillor and not from a Forum.

13. HS2 will now not be a threat to the northern part of the Division. The published route shows it following the line of the A42, and not cutting through the car park at Twycross Zoo, through Gopsall Woods, and out adjacent to Shackerstone. David Tredinnick has been hugely supportive and active on this, and I have in my possession, on a confidential basis, e-mails from Government Ministers confirming that no part of the Market Bosworth Division is at threat. In particular the Chair of Twycross Parish Council has been very supportive and helpful to me on this subject.

14. I will be on annual leave from Thursday 17th August until Friday 1st September.

Ivan Ould
County Councillor for the Market Bosworth Division

County Councillors report – September 2017

General:

I have attended 37 meetings this month, not including attending 10 parish council meetings. Casework is currently very high, at 73 individual cases, with very low resolution, i.e. work in progress.

Major meetings include Cabinet on Friday 15th September, and full County Council on 27.09.17. I also chaired the F40 Executive held at Amerton, Staffs, on Saturday 23rd September and attended the A5 Strategy Partnership held at Stafford on 29.09.17.

Major items for the Cabinet included a paper recommending a £2.5M injection of cash into children's social care to deal with issues arising from the OFSTED Inspection. Approval for consultation was agreed to close the residential unit at Maplewell Hall Special School. The annual report of the Leicestershire Safeguarding Children Board was also accepted. Other items included approval to consult on changes to Special Educational Needs transport, a Highway Infrastructure maintenance plan, and revisions to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Further details can be found online at politics.leics.gov.uk

Major items for the County Council meeting concerned the Minerals and Waste Local Plan, Corporate Governance report, report from the Independent Panel on remuneration of councillors allowances, and two notices of motion, one from the Labour Group concerning pay awards, and the other from the Lib Dems regarding the electrification of the Midland Mainline. On the subject of the Remuneration recommendations, I abstained from voting and put on record my intent not to accept the increase.

I met with the Police & Crime Commissioner on 28.09.17 in the afternoon, having attended the regional Migration Board at Melton in the morning.

Local Issues:

I have asked for a full safety assessment of the B585 from the A444 to the 30m.p.h. zone at Market Bosworth, raised the safety of pedestrians to the Water Park at Bank Holidays with officers at County Hall and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, requested markings for the junction outside the Horse and Jockey in Congerstone, argued unsuccessfully against the closure of Nuneaton Lane in Higham when work was projected for a chicane, requested that the A444 is relined, and that the VAS sign at Twycross is properly repaired. The latter has not worked since March of 2016! I have also asked for the re-instatement of street furniture on the A444 near the Fenn Lane and Fenny Drayton junction, the 40m.p.h. sign at Market Bosworth, and have taken up the issue of water on the road at Dadlington.

On planning matters I am supporting Twycross Parish Council over yet another planning application for Wood Lane, have liaised with the Chair of Witherley over a planning issue, and followed up a request from Osbaston. I have also raised, as an issue of child safety, Convent Drive, Stoke Golding.

I have reminded Carlton, Shackerstone, and Nailstone Parish Councils of the need for the community to use the 153 bus that has been re-instated.

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