

OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Nr. Nuneaton

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Minutes - 212

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 8th September 2016 at Barlestone School.

1) Apologies:

Mr S Butler, Mr D Sanderson.

2) Present:

Mr R Payne (Chair), Ms H Earp, Mrs M Ingham, Mrs S Reading (Clerk), Mr W Crookes, Mr I Ould.

3) Minutes of last meeting:

Read and approved.

4) Matters arising:

Telephone Box – Still not removed. Roger Payne has contacted the Network Maintenance Manager (Jamie Needham) at the County Council in regards to this. They are asking a Streetworks inspector to visit and take photos so they can discuss the matter with BT to see if they can encourage them to carry out the work to remove the phone box.

5) Finance:

a) Statement of Accounts:

It was reported that the current account held £4,887.97 and deposit account held £2,238.63 as at 22.08.16. Totalling £7,126.59. Mrs Reading wanted all present to note that the precept of £1750 was due to go into the account this week.

b) Cheques for approval:

Room Hire – May 2016	£16.82
LRALC – Annual Fees	£134.04
JW Prestons – Grounds maintenance	£122.87
Came and Company insurance	£299.02
LCC website services	£30.00
Ladywell Accountancy Services	£28.00
Mrs S Reading – Salary	£212.50
Mrs S Reading - Expenses	£11.34
Room Hire – September 2016	£16.82

c) Yearly Expenditure Form

Mrs Reading handed out a form of approximate yearly expenditure. This was suggested by David Sanderson some weeks ago as a guide for all Parish Council members. Please see attached.

6) Website update:

After having looked into 'free' websites as discussed at previous meeting Mrs Reading informed all present that actually they are not free, and prices somewhat rocket after the first year. Mrs Reading therefore did some further investigations and got a package quote from The App Office, which seems very reasonable and covers everything our PC would require in a website. All present were given a hand-out outlining all the website package details. (see attached). It was decided that a further quote should be gained before going ahead. Mr Crooks to provide Mrs Reading with contact details of John Cooper, the gentleman that is currently providing Newbold Verdon PC's website. Mrs Reading to contact him for a quote as soon as possible.

7) County Councillors report:

These were emailed to all members with a paper copy being presented to Mrs Marion Ingham at the meeting. Reports attached. Mr Ould then went through these reports with all present.

8) Archiving:

A letter was recently received from the archive office stating that they had been through all the documents which we had requested be archived. They have sorted through these documents and have put to one side all 'dated' or 'irrelevant' documents which they feel need disposing of. This will take place at the end of October unless we state otherwise. It was agreed at the meeting that we are to go ahead and dispose of said paperwork. All other documents will be kept in their records office.

9) Affordable Housing:

The flood planning report has come back and notes a history of flooding. This now may not go ahead due to this. Mr William Crookes is to speak to planning tomorrow (09.09.16) and find out what exactly the issues are. If he receives no answer Mr Roger Payne to compose letter regarding this issue, as he has a good local knowledge of the area and is unaware of any localise flooding.

Mr Payne also mentioned an email we had received from the affordable housing team in relation to letting. We are to have a look and reply. It states that properties will be offered in this order, and must have a local connection and have previously lived in the Parish for 3 years:-

- a) Barlestone
- b) Osbaston
- c) Nailstone/Shackerston/Bagworth
- d) Thornton/Newbold

e) Hinckley & Bosworth

This was discussed at the meeting and it was felt that as the build was taking place in Osbaston, Osbaston should have first priority. Mrs Reading to email Elaine Smithard suggesting this.

10) Pension update:

Mrs Reading informed all present that we have opted out of the pension scheme but there are still certain 'hoops' that need to be jumped through. All future correspondence will come to Roger Payne as Chairman (via Helen Earp's email) and must be acted upon as and when it arrives. Mrs Reading will continue to receive any email relating to the administration side of things. Our Staging date is January 2017 and Mrs Reading is currently on top of all that we need to do, with the next stage not being able to be processed until October 2016.

11) Neighbourhood Watch emails:

Do Parish council members want the above forwarding be email? It was discussed and agreed that if the emails where relevant, i.e. about local area, then yes, they are to be forwarded on.

12) AOB

Insurance – It was noted by Mr Payne that the ICT equipment was not included on the insurance documents and needed to be. Mrs Reading to contact insurance providers and arrange this.

Funding for Parishes and communities – An email was received relating to the afore mentioned but it was agreed that Osbaston have no need to apply at this time.

Approximate Yearly Expenditure for Osbaston Parish Council

Invoiced items

Internal Audit	£120
Ladywell accountancy	£28
LRALC Subs	£130
Room Hire x 4	£68
Clerks Salary	£850
Insurance	£300
Website	£60
Grounds maintenance	£123
Street Lighting	£630
Clerks expenditure (approx.)	£20
TOTAL	£2329

Donations

Barlestone Cemetery	£500
Nailstone Cemetery	£100
1 st Reponders	£250
TOTAL	£850

Overall approximately yearly expenditure is £3179. I have listed below other/occasional expenditure which will need to be taken into account

Other

Elections fee (4 yearly)	£86
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NB: all figures have been rounded up for ease. We are also eligible to claim back VAT that we have paid during the year. I am currently doing a claim for the last 2 years which totals £517.19.



County Councillor's Monthly Report for May 2016

Local Issues – Individual Casework

Current total is running at 21. Four resolved during the month.

Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

Following the meeting organised by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on May 4th, it is now very clear that each settlement in the Market Bosworth Division faces further development in terms of additional housing. Depending upon which officer from HBBC attended the table I was on, the range of additional housing required between 2025 and 2035 varied between 4,500 – 11,000 new homes across the whole borough.

Concepts ranged from a completely new village of 1,000 – 1,500 homes, obviously sited in current open countryside, to potential expansion of existing settlements by a similar number of houses. Even if you live in a small hamlet, e.g. Norton Juxta Twycross, it could easily be chosen for expansion, such is the need for new homes.

It was made quite clear that if there is no neighbourhood development plan in existence, individual parishes will be in a much weaker position to resist development.

The sale of the Gopsall Estate by the Crown is also causing anxiety to some of the smaller parishes, i.e., Twycross.

It has also been announced by Highways England that a new development on the A5 between Dodwells Island roundabout and the Longshoot is proposed in their development plan. The creation of this area of dual carriageway will affect many residents of the Division during its construction.

The above issues do not include individual casework.

I attended 8 parish council meetings in May, including 2 Annual Meetings. I also attended the Patients Advisory Forum at the George Eliot Hospital on Thursday 12th May, where I represented the County Council.

Can you please note that I shall not be attending any parish meetings in June, as I am on annual leave from 5.06.16 until 19.06.16

County Hall Meetings:

In May I attended the following meetings:

3rd: At County Hall for Strategy Co-ordination Group, followed by Lead Member meeting for Children and Families, then a special briefing on a primary school in Hinckley.

5th: School place planning meetings for Charnwood and Hinckley & Bosworth, followed by attending the Health & Wellbeing Board.

9th: Strategy Co-ordination Group, then Cabinet Briefing, and finally Cabinet in the afternoon.

10th: School place planning meeting for Blaby area.

12th: Economic growth workshop, followed by a special briefing for School Place planning for Hinckley area. Very frustrating as only 1 county councillor turned up, apart from me!

17th: Strategy Co-ordination Group, then Cabinet Briefing, and finally Lead Members for Children and Families.

18th: Pre-county council meeting, followed by Cyber Security briefing, then full County Council, and finally Children in Care Council

24th: Strategy Co-ordination Group, followed by Lead Members for Children and Families with a focus on Youth Offending.

31st: Scheduled to attend Strategy Co-ordination Group, Lead member Meeting, Cabinet Briefing, and a special meeting to discuss the resignation of the Director of Children and Family Services.

London/Regional Meetings

23rd: Chaired a Conference in London regarding ‘How to improve the achievement of Looked After Children@

Cabinet:

This took place on 9th May covered the following items:

**Progress with the development of a Melton Mowbray Transport Strategy
Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan**

Countywide infrastructure organisation for the provision of voluntary and community sector support

0-19 Healthy Child programme

Better Care Fund update

Enforcement programme for Underage sales of tobacco products and aerosol paint products for 2016-17

Potential strategic development area – Lutterworth east.

County Council:

This took place on Wednesday 18th May

As this was the Annual General Meeting of the County Council, there was a position statement by the Leader of the Council followed by appointments.

(Further details of these meetings can be found on the County Council’s website.)

Personal:

At the annual meeting of the County Council, I was re-appointed to the role of Lead member for Children and Families until the county council elections in 2017.

I also remain third in the hierarchy, and attend all meetings of the core Strategy Co-ordination Group.

Finally after a selection process that included becoming an ‘approved’ candidate for the County Council elections next year, defeating other approved candidates for the Market Bosworth Division, I was formally ratified as the Conservative Candidate for the Market Bosworth Division at the Executive Meeting of Bosworth Conservative Association on 12.05.16. I am sorry that some parish meetings have been missed as this process proceeded but obviously very pleased at the outcome. The reason for this process was the decision by the Boundary Commission to change the size and boundary of a number of County Council Divisions, thereby triggering the implementation of Conservative Party rules regarding candidate selection.

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 for the Market Bosworth Division

County Councillor's Monthly Report for July 2016

Local Issues – Individual Casework

Current total is running at 5. 12 resolved during the month.

Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

I attended 6 parish council meetings in July.

No one item dominated the month.

County Hall Meetings:

In July I attended the following meetings:

1st: Meeting for the meeting of the Safeguarding Board.

7th: Health and Wellbeing Board

8th: Strategy Co-ordination Group

11th: Action for Children Meeting, followed by my co-chairing the Parishes Forum Meeting.

15th: Star Chamber meeting on progress of Children and Families budget.

18th: Cabinet Briefing, then Cabinet Meeting

19th: Meeting re Regional Adoption agenda, followed by Lead Member Meeting for Children & Families Dept., followed by meeting regarding the appointment of a new Director of Children & Families.,

26th: Lead Member meeting, followed by Members Development working party meeting.

London/Regional Meetings

13th Attend the County Councils Network meeting in London to hear an address by Nicky Morgan, (the then Secretary of State for Education).

Other Meetings:

11th July - Annual Parishes Liaison Event

Topics covered

I gave a welcoming speech, (a copy of which can be supplied if required)

Jake Atkinson gave a LRALC update

Jackie Mould gave a LCC update

Workshops then took place around the following three subject areas

- 1. A-Roads to Zebras, a comprehensive maintenance review**
- 2. Community Resilience and emergency planning at local level**

3. Joint working for the health and wellbeing of local communities.

20th : Children in Care Council Meeting at Beaumanor Hall

Cabinet:

18th July: Topics covered were as follows:

Two urgent items were taken.

A report on the proposed closure of heart surgery at Glenfield Hospital

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

Other Items

Communities & Wellbeing Strategy

Community Life Choices Framework 2017-2020

Integrating Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland points of access

Integrated commissioning of Mental Health Recovery and Resilience Services

Corporate Asset Management Plan

Signs of Safety Policy and Practice for Children and Families

Remodelling of 'Stop Smoking' provision.

Annual Treasury Management Report

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