

# OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes - 210

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Barlestone School.

**1) Apologies:**

None.

**2) Present:**

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

**3) Minutes of last meeting:**

Read and approved.

**4) Matters arising:**

**Telephone Box** – Still not removed, this to continue to be followed up.

**Bank Mandate** - Mrs Reading has been into the HSBC local branch and has been advised to leave the mandate form there for all parish council members to go in and sign. Once all have signed the new mandate will be scanned into the system and will replace the previous one, hence removing Mr M Hill. Mr R Payne to take the form into HSBC on 11.03.16.

**Joint meeting with Barlestone PC** – As yet Osbaston PC have not had any further contact from Barlestone PC. All documents that they requested at the joint meeting in January have been forwarded on to them. We await further contact.

**Precept** – Requested £3500 and this has been accepted.

**5) Finance:**

**a) Statement of Accounts:**

It was reported that the current account held £4,312.18 and deposit account held £2,237.84 as at 22.02.16. Totalling £6,550.02.

**b) Cheques for approval:**

Mrs S Reading – Salary	£169.90
HMRC – Tax on salary	£42.60
Prestons – Grounds maintenance 2015	£145.55

**6) Email address - New:**

Our new email address [osbastonpc@gmail.com](mailto:osbastonpc@gmail.com) is now up and running and all relevant parties have been informed.

**7) County Councillors report:**

This was emailed to all members with a paper copy being presented to Mrs Marion Ingham at the meeting. Report attached.

**8) Environment improvement programme:**

An email was received from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council regarding the above. This is a small scale improvement scheme to help fund any projects that are to be carried out in the parish. Osbaston have nothing in planning at present so will not be applying this time.

**9) LCC Website:**

As from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 the LCC will be shutting down the server that hosts the Osbaston PC website. **2commune** have won the contract to take over UK local Council websites but the costs are much higher than Osbaston PC previously paid, i.e. £500 for initial year and then £250 per year there on after, compared to £60 that we pay at present. A discussion followed as to what the Parish council would like to do in regards to this and it was decided that we could set up our own website and not buy into this scheme. Mrs Reading will look into this and report back at the next PC meeting.

**10) Trussel Meadow update:**

Mr Roger Payne spoke to Simon Ather at Planning in Hinckley regarding the outline plan that developers had put in to planning. This went to appeal but was withdrawn by the developers. The other plan (450 properties) is still in the appeals process, but may have had slight changes made. Osbaston Parish council would like to know if previous objections still stand or if we need to reissue our former objections and if the chance of representation and to speak at appeal also still stands. We would also like to know the official date the appeal process ends and why, as the Parish most affected by these proposals, we always seem to be the last to receive any information. Mrs Reading to email planning (Nick Thomas) asking the afore mentioned questions. Once a reply is received Mrs Reading to share this with all Parish Council members.

**11) AOB:**

**Grants for town and village community buildings** – Osbaston have no need to apply at this time, but it was suggested that Mrs Reading forward this onto Barlestone PC as it may be something they are interested in.



## **County Councillor's January 2016 Monthly Report to the Parish Councils of the Market Bosworth Division**

### **Local Issues – Individual Casework**

January has become a busy month, with 9 new individual casework requests in addition to the three still on going.

### **Local Issues – Parish Council Areas**

For the 13 Parish areas, there are a number of on-going issues:

**Twycross – Highways, Rural Broadband issues, request for support for a village hall grant application. I have also formally asked for white lining for the A444 and Little Twycross. Additionally I have reported the loss of function of the Vehicle Activated Sign.**

**Shackerstone – I have formally requested the renewal of Road markings at Congerstone, and am in discussions regarding Rural Broadband access in isolated areas of the Parish. Owing to long term sickness in the Solicitor's Department at County Hall I am seeking a meeting over the continuing issue of the restoration of the Round Leicestershire Public Right of Way at Shackerstone Railway Station..**

**Barlestone – Thanks to the Parish Council a number of residents contacted me about the proposal for 26 homes along Newbold Road The e-mail exchange with residents was useful and I have received several thankful acknowledgements. The Highways Planning Officer's report, (copied to Barlestone PC), continues to argue against this development, as does the Lead Flood Authority Report conclusion. I have personally spoken with both Officers. The date for a meeting between the Parish Council and Barlestone Primary School that also involves my attendance s being sought at present. Nic Thomas, Principal Planning Officer for HBBC has not yet responded to my e-mail about the most recent application for 5 pitches on the Good Friday site.**

**Nailstone – Helen requested my involvement over opposing the most recent planning application for the Good Friday site. I spoke directly with the Highways Planning Officer regarding his views on the site and can inform the Parish that his advice to HBBC is that they should continue to oppose granting planning permission. Rural Broadband remains an issue in outlying areas of the Parish. I understand from Helen that the Parish wishes my support for a parish initiative fund application but the form asks for the support of a borough councillor. As a county councillor I may not qualify.**

**Osbaston – Planning issues shared with Barlestone regarding Thrussell Meadows. I have also been involved with one resident over issues involving Seven Trent and potential flooding.**

**Carlton – A brilliant piece of work over contacting the Highways Department with an up to date survey of road markings in the Parish. Before Christmas I raised this**

issue with Phil Crosland, the Director of Environment and Highways, and again at the recent Highways Forum Meeting at Hinckley. Now we have to wait and see.

Market Bosworth – Parking near the Country Park, the delivery of the local library, the re-establishment of a Post Office, and the need for a traffic management plan remain current. Additionally I have visited one resident at home to discuss a request for assistance. I am unable to attend the next Marina Liaison meeting, as I have to attend a briefing on HS2.

Cadeby – There is one outstanding planning enforcement issue affecting one dwelling that I am trying to progress.

Sutton Cheney – Very pleased that Shirley attended the Highways Forum. We were able to ask about speed warning signs on waste bins. What was particularly pleasing was that a formal answer was given within two working days. Andrew Gough at Sheepy has also been working on this issue for at least 4 months.

Stoke Golding – I have visited St. Martin's Academy at their request. It was a worthwhile visit to an excellent school. Safe management of traffic around the schools was discussed.

Higham on the Hill – A resident has contacted me over speeding traffic in the 20m.p.h. zone. The fundamental issue is that the enforcement agency are the Police, and if they won't respond to requests, the only other way is by a Community Speedwatch programme. I shall be taking this possibility up with Higham Parish Council. Another resident contacted me on a different issue where I hope I was helpful.

Witherley – Unable to make your last meeting but I hope to be present at the next one.

Sheepy – Traffic speeds and Rural Broadband in the remoter parts of the Parish. Andrew Gough keeps me well informed on matters relating to the police.

These are the current highest priorities for each parished area. They are determined both by formal requests from the Parish Council itself, and by constituents raising issues.

**County Hall Meetings:**

**In December I attended the following meetings:**

Corporate Parenting Board on 14<sup>th</sup>, Lead member meetings for Children and Families (held on a weekly basis), visited Desford Primary School at their request, met with Nicky Morgan, Secretary of State for Education at her request, became Acting Deputy Leader of the County Council for the fourth time in 2015, and enjoyed Christmas.

**January meetings:**

On a weekly basis the Lead Member meetings and also Strategy Co-ordination Group. I was scrutinised over the proposed Children and Families budget for 2016-

**17, attended 6 different parish council meetings, and attended a celebration of achievement evening award ceremony for looked after children at Loughborough. I also attended the School Forum Meeting and the Leicestershire Safeguarding Children's Board Meeting.**

### **London Meetings**

**London meetings included the Local Government Association (LGA) Children & Young People Board and the Councillors Forum. The hot topics in the latter meeting were the impact of more Syrian refugees and the unwelcome government grants for county councils.**

### **Local Meetings**

**A5 Strategy group held at Daventry, and meeting the Loughborough Inclusion Partnership in Loughborough. I also made two unannounced visits to the Child Protection Teams based at Loughborough and Hinckley.**

### **Cabinet Meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**The agenda for this meeting majored on the Medium Financial Strategy for the County Council.**

**Other topics discussed and voted on were:**

**Charging Self-funders a fee for arranging care services  
Draft Communities and Wellbeing Strategy  
Energy supply for Leicestershire  
Admissions policy for Mainstream Schools  
Deprivation of Liberty Contract procedure Rules  
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act Revised policy Statement**

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

## County Councillor's Monthly Report for February 2016 to the Parish Councils of the Market Bosworth Division

### Local Issues – Individual Casework

February built on January with 10 new individual casework requests in addition to the six still on going.

### Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

For some of the 13 Parish areas, there are a number of on-going issues:

Barlestone –The date for a meeting between the Parish Council and Barlestone Primary School that also involves my attendance is 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00p.m.being sought at present. Nic Thomas, Principal Planning Officer for HBBC has still not responded to my e-mail about the most recent application for 5 pitches on the Good Friday site.

Higham on the Hill – A resident has contacted me over speeding traffic in the 20m.p.h. zone. The fundamental issue is that the enforcement agency are the Police, and if they won't respond to requests, the only other way is by a Community Speedwatch programme. I shall be taking this possibility up with Higham Parish Council. Another resident contacted me on a different issue where I hope I was helpful.

Market Bosworth – I have signed off specific parking restriction proposals for different areas of Market Bosworth. My wife and me attended the tree planting of 2 Himalayan Cherries in the Country Park that we had sponsored as part of the ongoing work in the Arboretum. I also met the volunteers, one who came from Fleckney and none of whom were from within the Market Bosworth Division. The new landing stage on the lake looked very attractive.

Shackerstone – I am discussing with the Chief Executive, John Sinnott, regarding the continuing unavailability of the Leicestershire Round Public Right of Way at Shackerstone Railway Station. The current situation is unacceptable and unsatisfactory.

Sheepy – Debris in the River Sence has been the focal issue over the last month, and the refusal of the Environment Agency to engage in preventative work. I am looking forward to attending the meeting at the School regarding a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Stoke Golding – Issues surrounding development at Laburnum Cottage continue to be prevalent. My wife and I enjoyed our evening in the Village Hall regarding the latest cultural offering and are looking forward to the next event.

Sutton Cheney – Measures to alleviate flooding in Shenton has been discussed with officers from County Hall.

Twycross – In addition to the issues from last month, all of which remain unresolved, I have been in direct communication with our M.P. David Tredinnick, regarding the

proposed route of HS2. Some parish councillors may recall that there was a third engineering option that would bring the route south of Twycross Zoo, through Gopsall Park, and out at Shackerstone. In the light of press statements from Andrew Bridgen, M.P. for Northwest Leicestershire, there is a fresh need for clarification regarding the route.

Witherley – Issues over the removal of bus stops without any consultation with either the Parish Council or me are causing great local concern and are currently under discussion. Technically the A5 is not in Leicestershire where it passes through the Market Bosworth Division but comes under Highways England and Warwickshire County Council.

These are the current highest priorities for each parished area. They do not include individual casework. I attended 7 parish council meetings in February.

County Hall Meetings:

In February I attended the following meetings:

1st: chaired Children's Social Care Panel

2<sup>nd</sup>: attended Strategy Co-ordination Group, Cabinet Briefing, and Lead Member meeting for Children and Families.

9<sup>th</sup>: attended the Strategy Co-ordination Group, Lead Members meeting regarding health issues, followed by a monitoring meeting on the 5 Inclusion Partnerships, and another meeting specifically about 1 school.

12<sup>th</sup>: attended an emergency cabinet briefing meeting.

16<sup>th</sup>: SCG, followed by Cabinet Briefing, followed by a Lead member's Meeting.

17<sup>th</sup> Full County Council for the budget meeting.

19<sup>th</sup> : Transitions Meeting for young people aged 18-25 who have special educational needs.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Attended a two tree planting event in the Country Park. (My wife and I have sponsored the planting of two Tibetan Cherry trees in the Arboretum), followed by School Forum in the afternoon.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Lead Members meeting on community safety, followed by the annual conversation of the Children's Centres in Loughborough.

29<sup>th</sup>: Interviewed by Radio Leicester regarding the First Response service. Attended an all member briefing on HS2.

London/Regional Meetings

10<sup>th</sup> February I was an invited speaker at a national conference regarding the Government's Troubled Families programme. We call this service 'Supporting Families' here in Leicestershire and are currently placed third in England for our success rate.

11<sup>th</sup> February I was asked to represent the County Council at a meeting in Nottingham with the Immigration Minister regarding the issues around successful integration of Syrian refugees. This was on an East Midlands basis.

24<sup>th</sup> February I chaired a conference in London regarding the provision of new school places.

Local Meetings

Friday 5th the police and Crime Commissioner held a meeting for partner agencies at the King Power Stadium regarding a campaign to eradicate child abuse. I was asked to represent the County Council and to sign off the agreed pledge.

**County Council Budget:**

In summary, the County Council will be raising council tax by 3.99%, as allowed by Government rules. 2% of this is specifically for adult social care.

The opposition groups failed to propose any amendments, and that says it all!

**Cabinet:**

This took place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and covered the following items:

Medium Term Financial Strategy  
Strategy for Adult Social Care  
Closure of Greengate Children's Home  
Zouch Bridge replacement

I will answer questions on any or all of the above when I attend your next Parish meeting. Alternatively if you have any personal queries, or your Parish Council does not have a meeting this month, please contact me directly either by e-mail to [ivan.ould@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ivan.ould@leics.gov.uk), or by telephone on 01827-881087

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