

# OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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OSBASTON  
Nr. Nuneaton

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## Minutes - 211

The Annual General Meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Barlestone School.

**1) Apologies:**

Mr I Ould, Mrs M Ingham.

**2) Election of Officers:**

Mr R Payne was proposed as Chairman by Ms H Earp; Mr S Butler seconded the motion. Mr D Sanderson was proposed as Vice Chairman by Mr S Butler; Ms H Earp seconded the motion. Both positions were accepted by proposed persons. Mr Roger Payne then went on to thank David Sanderson for his support and Helen Earp for all the printing and correspondence she has passed on during the previous year. He also thanked all other PC members for their support.

**3) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting:**

Read and approved.

**4) Matters arising:**

Nil.

**5) Finance:**

**a) Accounts for the year:**

Current account stands at £3954.13, deposit account at £2237.84 totalling £6191.97.

**b) Internal audit report:**

A copy of this was presented at the meeting (see attached) and will be forwarded electronically to all PC members.

**c) Risk Assessments/Asset Register:**

The Risk assessment document was checked through. All reviewed and agreed. Asset register for Osbaston Parish council is as it was last year as no purchases have been made. Total of Assets for 2015/16 £15,655.03.

This concluded the AGM

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Barlestone School.

**1) Apologies:**

Mr I Ould, Mrs M Ingham.

**2) Present:**

Mr R Payne (chairman), Mr D Sanderson (vice chair), Mr S Butler, Ms H Earp, Mrs S Reading (clerk), Mr W Crookes.

**3) Minutes of last meeting:**

Read, agreed and signed.

**4) Matters arising:**

**BT Telephone box** – Still in situ, Mrs Reading will continue to chase date for removal but will now do this via email so OPC has a paper trail on requests.

**Bank Mandate** – This has been approved with Mr M Hill being removed and Ms E Earp being added.

**Joint meeting with Barlestone PC** – To date Osbaston PC has had no further contact from them.

**LCC website closure** – it was agreed at the meeting costs were too high to buy into the proposed website package being offered. Therefore we are to look at running our own. Mrs Reading to investigate options and report back to PC as soon as possible.

**Thrussel Meadow** – Proposal turned down as changes were so minor. It can still go to appeal but former objections will still stand. If appeal does go ahead we will have to register interest to speak again. Mrs Reading to resend original email to planning with regards to stressing that OPC be kept informed of any and all information relating to this project.

**5) Finance:**

**a) Statement of accounts:**

As reported at AGM.

**b) Cheques for approval:**

Mrs S Reading – Salary	£212.50
Expenses	£3.78
Internal Audit costs	£120.00

**6) Dates for forthcoming parish council meetings:**

The following dates were set for the next 4 Parish Council meetings:-

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

All to be held at Barlestone Primary at 7.45pm.

**7) County Councillors reports:**

These had been sent electronically to all Parish Council members prior to the meeting. Please see attached. Mrs M Ingham to be sent paper copies via the post.

**8) LCC Annual Parish Conference:**

An email was received stating the above would be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 5.00 – 8.00pm at County Hall.

**9) Transparency fund:**

This is available for all Parish Councils with a small preset, of which we qualify. This may be able to help OPC cover any set up cost incurred with the new website. Mrs Reading to look into this and apply if necessary.

**10) AOB:**

**Affordable Housing** – This is going to planning and should be passed. Plans to date look good.

**Annual Report** – Mr Bill Crookes read through the Annual Report. He will forward an electronic copy to Mrs Reading to forward to all PC members. See attached.

There then followed the Annual Parish meeting:

**1) Election of Chairman**

Mr R Payne was proposed Ms H Earp and seconded by Mr S Butler, he accepted the position. Mr D Sanderson was proposed by Mr S Butler and seconded by Ms H Earp, he to accepted the position.

**2) Minutes of last APM**

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

**3) Matters arising**

None.

**4) AOB**

Mr R Payne took the opportunity to congratulate and thank all Parish Council members on doing an excellent job last year.

**Osbaston Parish Council**

Receipts & Payments

31st March 2016

<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>
3,000.00	Precept	3,715.00	766.83	Clerks Salary	680.00
1.56	Bank Interest	1.56	191.40	PAYE	170.00
715.00	Council Support Grant		278.95	Insurance	286.60
1,085.08	New Homes Bonus		129.43	LRALC Subscription	127.59
50.00	HBBC Contribution		96.00	Internal Audit/Accounts	148.00
200.41	VAT Refund		67.28	Room Hire	67.28
			317.12	Postage, Printing & Stationery	67.37
			1,000.00	Cemetery Expenses	100.00
			143.40	Grounds Maintenance/Repairs	145.55
			60.00	Leics C Council Website Donation	60.00
				Street Lighting	1,499.12
				H&B Election Fees	86.08
			250.00	W Leicester 1st Responders	
			963.00	Notice Board & Works	
			123.60	Telephone & Internet	
<b>5,052.05</b>		<b>3,716.56</b>	<b>4,387.01</b>		<b>3,437.59</b>
			665.04	Excess Income over Expenditure	278.97
<b><u>5,052.05</u></b>		<b><u>3,716.56</u></b>	<b><u>5,052.05</u></b>		<b><u>3,716.56</u></b>

**Balance Sheet**

<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>
3,013.24	Current Account	3,676.72	3,676.72	Current Account	3,954.13
2,234.72	Deposit Account	2,236.28	2,236.28	Deposit Account	2,237.84
665.04	Excess Income over Expenditure	278.97			
<b><u>5,913.00</u></b>		<b><u>6,191.97</u></b>	<b><u>5,913.00</u></b>		<b><u>6,191.97</u></b>

**Councillor W J Crooks**  
**Annual Report to Parish Council**

As in previous years, the Borough Council have had to make savings, and for the first time in six years the current administration has increased the council tax. Apart from the cuts instigated by the Government (reduction of the rate support grant) the County have cut the credits used for the green waste recycling which we used to share from recycling, some £400k. This has caused the Council to impose a charge of £24 for the Brown Bin collection to keep it viable.

**Planning**

The planning regulations seem to change on a daily basis. The latest instructions are changes to 106 money's, (developer's contributions), which Parishes use to improve village amenities.

**Housing**

There is a drive by the Government to enforce the 'Right to Buy' on private housing associations. If the Borough Council were to build new houses for rent it would have to be prepared to sell them after five years at a discount. This is discouraging Councillors to go down that route. Two years ago the Council were looking at setting up a private Housing Company to build houses both for sale and rent which would not be subject to the right to buy, thus ensuring rented housing availability (Many councils are doing this). No doubt the Government will close this loophole in the near future. Taking this stance is going to cause hardship to those people who cannot manage money or do not have any savings.

**Town Centre**

Some three years ago, we again raised a scheme to rebuild the Bus Station site and I am pleased to report that this improvement to the town has been completed and many of the units are now taken up (as well as the cinema which is proving to be a great asset). Again two years ago we decided to rebuild the Leisure Centre after throwing thousands of pounds at the old one to keep it running. The new Leisure Centre opens on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and will be run by a company called 'Places for People Leisure'.

I am just nearing the completion of 28 years representing Barlestone, Nailstone & Osbaston on the Borough Council and the casework seems to grow every year. This year has not been easy at times and I have had to call on my Council Colleagues for help. However, all the issues raised have been followed up. Travellers, Planning, Parking, and dog fouling seem to take up most of my time, but at the moment there seems to be solutions for all of them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman, Parish Clerk, Councillors and Parishioners for their help and understanding in what has been a difficult year.

Sincerely

**Bill Crooks**

Councillor W J Crooks