

# OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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OSBASTON  
Nr. Nuneaton

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## Minutes - 215

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Barlestone School.

**1) Apologies:**

Mr I Ould, Mr W Crookes (Reports sent).

**2) Present:**

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

**3) Minutes of last meeting:**

Read and approved from December meeting and extra meeting held in February.

**4) Matters arising:**

None.

**5) Finance:**

**a) Statement of Accounts:**

It was reported that the current account held £ 6,364.68 and deposit account held £2,239.40 as at 22.02.17. Totalling £8604.08.

**b) Cheques for approval:**

Mrs S Reading – Expenses (Printer cartridges x 4)	£252.00
Room Hire – March 2017	£18.00
Mrs S Reading – Salary	£212.50
Mrs S Reading – Expenses (Postage and paper)	£6.34
JW Prestons – Grounds Maintenance 2016	£147.44
The Graphic – Questionnaires	£36.00
Mr R Payne – Expenses for Questionnaire postage	£39.60

**c) Invoices and quotes received:**

An invoice was received for Grounds Maintenance from Prestons, this was approved and cheque raised. A quote from Prestons for the forthcoming year relating to grounds maintenance was also received and approved.

**6) Hinckley & Bosworth Rural Strategy:**

The Annual Statement of Achievements for 2016 was received by the Clerk. This was handed around to all attending the meeting for information.

**7) County Councillors report:**

These were emailed to all members with a paper copy being sent Mrs Marion Ingham and latest copies being handed to her at the meeting. Reports attached.

**8) Footpaths:**

Mr Roger Payne had requested the Clerk source a new footpaths map at the last meeting so we could view gates S30 and S40 that had been updated by Barlestone Parish Council. This map has now been received and viewed, and Mr Payne has walked the route and looked at said gates, which have indeed been upgraded. It was agreed at meeting that the Clerk contact the footpaths team to see if funding was received for these gates and if future funding would be available if Osbaston PC needed to update gates in the future.

**9) Active Nation Funding:**

An email had been received regarding the above but there are currently no groups running in Osbaston. It was agreed that Mrs Sherene Reading forward the email to Ms Helen Earp and Mr David Sanderson for information.

**10) Website decision:**

A decision needs to be made as to which website provider to go with. It was agreed to go with 'App Office', proposed by Mr Stephen Butler and seconded by David Sanderson. The Clerk will resend costs and links to all, showing other Parish Council websites that the app office maintain. Photographs will be needed of all councillors and certain sites in Osbaston and a synopsis of Osbaston village will also be needed. Mrs Reading to contact the App Office with our decision to go with them and ask what the next steps are in regards to getting up and running. . Mrs Reading to email all councillors once this information is obtained. It was agreed that the clerk will be the main administrator for the website with Ms Helen Earp having access rights too. This was proposed by Roger Payne and seconded by Marian Ingham.

**11) Questionnaire Results:**

Osbaston PC sent out 69 questionnaires to residents of Osbaston in regards to use of facilities located in Barlestone PC. Of these 69 questionnaires 43 have been returned. The results were set out in graph form by the Clerk and handed around for all to clearly see the information. It was undisputed evidence that the majority of residents do not use Barlestone facilities.

Mr Roger Payne then asked all present now that the results were in how did we feel in regards to raising our contribution to Barlestone PC. Mr David Sanderson said it seemed clear from questionnaire results that further contribution should not be made at present but to continue with current cemetery contribution. All other councillors agreed this point.

It was agreed that Osbaston PC would be open to consider raising their contributions in the future but at present we should go with the majority of resident survey results and keep our contributions as they are.

Helen Earp asked if we should respond to BPC in light of the survey? A discussion followed with the outcome being that we would await further contact from BPC before making our response.

## 12) AOB

**A447 Layby** – It had been reported that the bins in the layby were overflowing. Mr Roger Payne visited site and discovered that not only were bins overflowing but it was apparent fly tipping was taking place, children's car seats etc. had been left behind the bins. Mr Payne made a call to the warden and they said they would deal with this. The bins were emptied but all other litter wasn't taken. Mr Payne made a further call and again was informed it would be dealt with. We are unsure at present if the litter has been cleared. David Sanderson made a suggestion of requesting larger bins. Stephen Butler stated the only solution was to have the bins emptied more often, but this was unlikely to happen. Mr Roger Payne to monitor area. Mrs Sherene Reading to find out how often these bins are emptied.

**Borough Councils Environmental Improvement Plan**:-Received email regarding above and it was agreed Mrs Reading would contact them to see if we could request funding for litter bins.

**Street lighting**:- Mrs Reading updated all on current situation. She is still awaiting a response stating why there was such a rise in costs for this current year. Cheque still remains unposted. Mr Payne asked if the street lights were getting changed to LED bulbs? Sherene Reading to query this and report back.

Meeting closed at 9.32pm

Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_

Dated:- \_\_\_\_\_



## County Councillor's Monthly Report for December 2016

### Local Issues – Individual Casework

Current total is 12, and 12 were successfully resolved during the month.

### Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

I attended 5 parish council meeting in December.

Adult social care, hospital waiting times, planning and highways have again been the main issues this month.

### County Hall Meetings:

In December I attended the following meetings:

1st: Catch up meeting with Paul Meredith, (Interim Director of Children & Family Services), followed by OFSTED Inspectors interview, followed by Transformation Board.

2nd – Local safeguarding Board Development (a.m.).

### **5th – Children and Families Partnership Meeting.**

6th – Lead Members meeting with Director; Strategy Co-ordination Group, (SCG); Cabinet briefing, OFSTED briefing meeting with Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board, (HWB). Health & Wellbeing Board p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> – County Council meeting briefing meeting, followed by catch up with Paul Meredith, followed by full County Council.

8<sup>th</sup> – Feedback meeting, on a strictly confidential basis, with OFSTED Inspectors.

9<sup>th</sup> – Economic development briefing, including the latest plans for the National Forest.

12<sup>th</sup> – Leicestershire Education Excellence Partnership, then Asylum Seekers Panel, and an all member briefing on the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017-2021.

15th – HWB development session.

19<sup>th</sup> – Corporate Parenting Board – (This is jointly chaired by one of our children in care and me)

20th – Lead members meeting, then meeting children in care social work teams.

No more planned meetings this month – hooray!

### External Meetings

2nd – Melton Mowbray – Regional Lead members' meeting

13<sup>th</sup> – Parishes Forum at Twycross Zoo

14<sup>th</sup> – London – meeting with Schools Minister, Nick Gibb, with an F40 delegation.

### Cabinet:

This took place on 23rd November

The first item was the Annual Performance report for the County Council – (this will be debated at full County Council on 7.12.16)

The second item was the outcome of consultation on the Adult Social Care strategy

The third item was a progress report on the Implementation Plan for the Communities and Wellbeing Strategy.

The fourth item was the annual report of the Director of Public Health, focussing on an overview of health in Leicestershire and the role of workplace health.

**Fifth Item concerned a strategy for transforming and integrating practical housing support in Leicestershire**

**Sixth item was a report on ‘Supporting Leicestershire Families, where the return on investment has gone up from 39 pence per pound spent to £1.47 per pound.**

**Seventh item was our response to the Government consultation on ‘Schools that work for everyone’**

**Eighth item was unaccompanied asylum seeking children and our efforts to recruit additional foster carers. (It is a matter of deep regret that we had to take down one of our social media outlets due to racist abuse).**

**Ninth item was a report on the present position concerning the Syrian Vulnerable persons resettlement scheme.**

**Tenth item concerned developer contributions towards county council services.**

**Eleventh item was an outline business plan for a Place Marketing Organisation**

**Twelfth item was an objection to a traffic regulation order for Hugglescote**

**Cabinet – 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**(Please note that I did not attend this meeting, [reason set out below])**

**Medium Term Financial Strategy**

**Highways Maintenance Policy and Strategy Review**

**Appraisal of options for the treatment and disposal of residual waste post 2020**

**Snibston Discovery Park**

**Healthwatch Leicestershire review and recommissioning**

**NHS Sustainability and Transformation Policy**

**Melton Local Plan – pre submission consultation response**

**Revised policy statement regarding Investigatory Powers Act 2000**

**County Council Meeting – 7.12.2016**

**9 Questions were formally put and answered.**

**The Leader gave a position statement:**

**The report of the Corporate Governance Committee was approved**

**The Annual Performance Report was approved.**

**The Director of Public Health’s Annual Report was noted.**

**A joint motion by the Labour and Conservative Groups regarding the rights of terminally ill workers was approved.**

**Parishes Forum Meeting – Twycross Zoo**

**This was an excellent meeting, and I was given permission to miss the Cabinet meeting so that I could attend for the full day. It was well worth it.**

**The following items were of particular interest and relevance:**

- **Policing priorities and engaging rural communities – Lord Willy Bach**
- **A national perspective on rural crime and local initiatives – Chief Constable**
- **An overview of strategic/local infrastructure improvements – Maria Machoneses (Director of Midlands Direct, and Ian Vears, LCC)**
- **Tourism**

- The Leader programme that supports Business, Farming, and Tourism
- Anti- metal theft national strategy
- Rural affordable housing
- Voluntary and Community Sector offer – Markfield Mayflower Project
- Local parish profiles to inform future focus
- Future growth and development
- Rural strategy – annual report 2016/17

Not all of the 13 parishes within the Market Bosworth Division were able to be represented, which was a shame, but the majority did attend and judging by the comments made to me, found the day worthwhile.

I am pleased to say that PC Rob Cross will be continuing his rural watch co-ordination.

There is a critically important document, the NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan, that needs your reaction, both as an individual living in the Market Bosworth Division, and wider afield into Warwickshire's version of the same plan. The latter proposes to move the A & E facility at George Eliot to Coventry Walsgrave Hospital. However the Leicestershire version is predicated on only 80% of the population of Leicestershire using its facilities, and this area is not included in those figures.

Furthermore, there is a brand new oncology unit about to open at George Eliot, but Leicestershire proposes such a facility, as a new build, in Hinckley, and we wonder why they are always short of money! It would appear that there has been no liaison cross border. If they get this transformation plan wrong, it will be the constituents of the Market Bosworth Division who suffer.

I will be responding as an individual but also as the County Councillor. Furthermore I will be arguing within the Health and Wellbeing Board for Leicestershire, of which I am a member, for the need for cross border liaison and the avoidance of duplication of facilities. You need to adopt a position as the Community Leaders within your Parish.

The detail of the Government's idea of 'Fair School Funding' was released just before Christmas. It has left a very bad taste in my throat, as many Leicestershire schools will actually lose money. There is a 12 week consultation period and I need parents and relatives of children to write to their M.P. and protest at what is being proposed, as well as reply to the consultation.

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](mailto:ivan.ould@leics.gov.uk), or by telephone on 01827-881087. My county hall office telephone number is 0116-305-6369

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County Councillor for the Market Bosworth Division

## County Councillor's Monthly Report for January 2017

### Local Issues – Individual Casework

Current total is 17, and 5 were successfully resolved during the month.

### Local Issues – Parish Council Areas

I attended 5 parish council meeting in January.

Planning and highways have again been the main issues this month.

### County Hall Meetings:

In January I attended the following meetings:

**5<sup>th</sup>: Catch up meeting with Paul Meredith, (Interim Director of Children & Family Services), followed by Health & Wellbeing Board**

**6<sup>th</sup> : Interviews for Assistant Director, Adult Social Care.**

**10<sup>th</sup>: Strategy Co-ordination Group (SCG), followed by Cabinet Briefing.**

**24<sup>th</sup> – SCG, followed by Cabinet Briefing**

**27<sup>th</sup> : Local safeguarding Children Board.**

**30<sup>th</sup>: Children's Social Care Panel**

**31<sup>st</sup>: SCG, followed by Lead member meeting**

### External Meetings

**13<sup>th</sup>: A5 Strategy Group - Rugby**

**16<sup>th</sup> : Department for Education – round table meeting with Nick Gibb, Schools Minister.**

**17<sup>th</sup> – Leicester – Regional Migration Conference.**

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## County Councillor's Monthly Report for February 2017

**Please note that unless you have a specific issue that you need me to be present for, I will not be attending parish council meetings in March and April due to the work and time needed for the forthcoming county council elections. If there is a specific issue, or issues, I will of course attend but that does require you to let me know.**

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

Current total is 14, and 3 were successfully resolved during the month.

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

I attended 5 parish council meeting in February.

Adult social care and highways issues have again been the main issues this month.

### **County Hall Meetings:**

In February I attended the following meetings:

6<sup>th</sup>: Leicestershire Education Excellence Partnership meeting

7<sup>th</sup> : Strategy Co-ordination Group (SCG), followed by Cabinet Briefing, followed by an all member briefing on the Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HEDNA) until 2036, followed by the Lead Member meeting.

10<sup>th</sup>: OFSTED briefing to Cabinet, followed by Cabinet Meeting, followed by an in-depth assessment of the OFSTED outcome.

13<sup>th</sup> Media briefing regarding the OFSTED Report into Children's Social care, followed by an All Member briefing on the same subject, followed by the Lead member meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> SCG, followed by a meeting with Her Majesty's Chief Inspector for the East Midlands to discuss OFSTED Report.

**15<sup>th</sup>** Children in Care Junior and Senior Council meetings.

16<sup>th</sup> Meeting with staff of First Response to discuss OFSTED comments about First Response

21<sup>st</sup> SCG and cabinet briefing

22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting with Leader re Medium Term Financial Strategy, followed by Lead Member meeting, followed by full County Council.

24<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Ed Agar, M.P. for Charnwood.

28<sup>th</sup> SCG, followed by Lead Member meeting

### **External Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Highways inspection walk round Higham on the Hill, followed by visit to Supporting Leicestershire Families Team at Hinckley Hub

9<sup>th</sup> School Forum meeting at Beaumanor Hall

20<sup>th</sup> House of Commons briefing for 70 M.P.s by F40 Group that I chair regarding proposed national schools funding formula

24<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Principal of Bosworth Academy

## **County Council**

This was a single item agenda, i.e., the **Medium Term Financial Strategy**

( No amendments were proposed by any of the opposition groups, although they did not support the proposals.)

This set council tax at 3.9% for the next four years, subject to any Government changes.

## **Cabinet**

First item was the Medium Term Financial strategy. This set the proposals for the full county council meeting.

The second item noted the proposals for School and High Needs funding. These will be formalised at the Cabinet meeting in March.

The third item made minor amendments to the schools admission policy.

The fourth item concerned the development of a rail strategy for Leicestershire, including an amendment that I proposed that there should be no diminution of rail services to London on the West Coast Main Line following the completion of HS2.

The fifth item concerned the introduction of average speed cameras into Leicestershire.

The sixth item referred to planning applications in Melton Borough villages.

Finally the integrated commissioning of mental health recovery and resilience services consultation outcome was agreed.

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