

# OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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OSBASTON  
Nr. Nuneaton

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## Minutes - 216

The Annual General Meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Barlestone School.

**1) Apologies:**

Mr B Crookes, Mrs M Ingham.

**2) Election of Officers:**

Mr R Payne was proposed as Chairman by Mr S Butler; Mr D Sanderson 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 all PC members for their support over the last year.

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

Read and approved.

**4) Matters arising:**

Nil.

**5) Finance:**

**a) Accounts for the year:**

As at the end of the financial year the Current account stands at £5165.53, deposit account at £2239.40 totalling £7404.93

**b) Internal audit report:**

A copy of this was presented at the meeting (see attached) it was handed around for all to view and signed off by the Chairman. Said report 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 2016/17 £15,655.03.

This concluded the AGM

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Barlestone School.

**1) Apologies:**

Mr B Crookes, 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 I Ould.

**3) Minutes of last meeting:**

Read, agreed and signed.

**4) Matters arising:**

**Footpaths** – The clerk updated all present; informing them that funding was received for the work done on gates S39 & 40. Also that there is a rolling programme in place by the council for future work on paths and gates. This is being done parish by parish and they will be in touch when our parish is to be looked at.

**A447 Layby** – Clerk was to find out how often bin was emptied, and was informed that bins were emptied in line with regular refuse collection. The Clerk was also informed that the wheelie bin that is there is to be removed and replaced with a standard bin, this is to discourage fly tipping.

**5) Finance:**

**a) Statement of accounts:**

As at 22.04.17: current account £8070.24, deposit account £2239.40, totalling £10,309.64.

**b) Invoices and forthcoming statements:**

Invoice received from Barlestone for £1500.00 towards cemetery contribution. £500 for year 2016/17 and a £1000.00 for year 2017/18, which doubled our original contribution. It was felt that this point had been discussed in a previous meeting and agreed and signed off. Therefore a suggested amount of £650.00 for 2017/18 was suggested by the vice chair and seconded by Mr Stephen Butler. The Chairman asked the clerk to send an email to Barlestone Parish explaining that £1000 was 20% of overall cemetery costs and is felt to be too steep. Clerk to send email to chair and vice chair before being sent on to BPC. Whilst on the topic of cemetery donations it was discussed and decided that we would raise our contribution to Nailstone cemetery to £150. Clerk to write to Nailstone PC and inform them of our decision. It was also agreed that an Annual date May would be set for OPC to forward our cemetery contributions.

**c) Cheques for approval**

LRALC Annual Fees	£138.66
Internal Audit costs	£120.00
LCC street Lighting 2016/17	£592.81
Kwiktrade (App Office) Website fees	£250.00
Came and Company Annual Insurance	£311.96
Mrs S Reading – Salary	£212.50

BPC Cemetery donation 2016/17	£500
BPC Cemetery donation 2017/18	£650

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

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018

All to be held at Barlestone Primary School 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) Affordable Housing Update:**

The clerk had requested an update from Elaine Smithard. An email was received stating that 'planning permission was in place for the proposed development in Barlestone. Working to sort details of the land and works packages and will let you know when there is further information'.

The Chairman asked the clerk to contact Elaine and request that in future correspondence 'Barlestone' is replaced with 'Osbaston' as development is in Osbaston.

**9) BT telephone box update:**

The clerk has been in touch with BT regarding removal of box as this is still in situ. Has been informed that the way in which telephone boxes are now removed has been changed. A company has been contracted to disconnect power and remove boxes. They are working their way across the country doing just this but have over 9,000 to remove and unfortunately there is no date of removal allocated to phone boxes, therefore we continue to play the waiting game.

**10) Website update:**

All information require has now been sent to website providers and decisions on layout have been made. Once cheque has been received they (App Office) will start work on putting our site together. Once we accept the layout we will then start to get charged for our monthly contract. It was decided at the meeting monthly contract fees will be paid annually.

**11) Transparency fund:**

Funding is still available towards website charges for those Parishes with a precept of less than £25,000. Clerk to apply.

**12) LED lighting:**

The Chairman had previously asked the clerk to look into replacing our current street lighting bulbs to LED. Clerk has made contact with the department that deals with this but is still

awaiting a response from Tony Bull. Mr Ivan Ould said if we were struggling to contact Tony to let him know and he would be able to help arrange this contact.

**13) AOB:**

**Road signs** – The Chairman has noticed that road signs throughout Osbaston are dirty and some are covered by vegetation. He asked Councillor Ould if it was the responsibility of the Parish Council to cleaning them or if it was still done by County. Councillor Ould responded by saying it was still County's responsibility but due to funding the cleaning of road signs seems to be falling by the wayside. However, Councillor Ould would take this back to County (Phil Crosland) to see if there is anything that can be done. Meanwhile it was decided the clerk would contact Preston's for a quote.

**The Gate Inn** – Joe Gutteridge is having problems with the Gate Inn, and as he was very happy with our help previously in this matter has asked, via Mr Stephen Butler, if we would be able to intervene again. It appears that the Gate Inn continue to ignore the planning conditions put in place previously. This is causing Mr Gutteridge a continuing problem with noise omitted from the machinery. Mr Gutteridge has compiled a list of all ongoing problems for the Parish Council to view. It was therefore decided to email these concerns onto planning to see if they could be addressed and copy councillor Bill Crookes into correspondence.

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 too 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 2017

<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>
3,715.00	Precept	3,500.00	680.00	Clerks Salary	850.00
1.56	Bank Interest	1.56	170.00	PAYE	0.00
0.00	VAT Refund	483.29	286.60	Insurance	299.02
			127.59	LRALC Subscription	134.04
			128.00	Internal Audit/Accounts	128.00
			67.28	Room Hire	68.46
			67.37	Postage, Printing & Stationery	307.66
			100.00	Cemetery Expenses - Nailstone	0.00
			0.00	Cemetery Expenses - Barwell	0.00
			121.29	Grounds Maintenance/Repairs	0.00
			50.00	Leics C Council Website Donation	0.00
			1,249.21	Street Lighting	616.06
			85.85	H&B Election Fees	0.00
			0.00	Telephone & Internet	25.00
			304.40	VAT	220.78
<b>3,716.56</b>		<b>3,984.85</b>	<b>3,437.59</b>		<b>2,649.02</b>
			278.97	Excess Income over Expenditure	1,212.96
<b><u>3,716.56</u></b>		<b><u>3,984.85</u></b>	<b><u>3,716.56</u></b>		<b><u>3,861.98</u></b>

**Balance Sheet**

<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>
3,676.72	Current Account	3,954.13	3,954.13	Current Account	5,165.53
2,236.28	Deposit Account	2,237.84	2,237.84	Deposit Account	2,239.40
278.97	Excess Income over Expenditure	1,212.96			
<b><u>6,191.97</u></b>		<b><u>7,404.93</u></b>	<b><u>6,191.97</u></b>		<b><u>7,404.93</u></b>

CHAIRMAN R.I. Payne 18/5/17

## County Councillor's Monthly Report for March 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 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 78, and none were successfully resolved during the month. Most refer to the withdrawal of the 153 bus from Carlton, Barton in the Beans, and Nailstone.

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

The proposed withdrawal of the 153 bus has dominated events in March.

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

### **County Hall Meetings:**

In March I attended the following meetings:

6<sup>th</sup>: Bosworth Academy re funding of age range change issues, followed by Overview and Scrutiny of Children and Families.

7<sup>th</sup> : Strategy Co-ordination Group (SCG), followed by Cabinet Briefing, followed by the Lead Member meeting.

8<sup>th</sup> : Education of Children in Care strategy group.

10<sup>th</sup>: Cabinet Meeting.

13<sup>th</sup> Children's Social Care Panel.

14<sup>th</sup> SCG, followed by a meeting with Overview and Scrutiny to set business for remainder of 2017.

16<sup>th</sup> Health and Wellbeing Board

20<sup>st</sup> SCG.

21<sup>st</sup> : Lead member meeting, followed by Corporate Parenting Board.

22<sup>nd</sup> : Full County Council.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers Panel, followed by a special meeting of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children's Board, (LSCB).

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

30<sup>th</sup> : Children's Partnership meeting

31<sup>st</sup> : LSCB meeting.

### **External Meetings**

20<sup>th</sup> : East Midlands Lead Members meeting at Kegworth

27<sup>th</sup>: Sustainable Transformation Plan meeting at Hinckley re clinical commissioning groups National Health service proposals.

### **County Council 22.03.17**

I was required to give a position statement on School Funding, and Leicestershire County Council's response to the Government consultation. For the record, the Government proposals were rejected as being unfair.

A Pay Policy statement was given and was unopposed.

A report by the Corporate Governance Committee was approved

**A report by the Constitution Committee was approved  
I cannot recall when the opposition at County Hall have not proposed notices of motion for two consecutive county council meetings.**

#### **Cabinet**

**First item was the LSCB business plan 2017/18**

**The second item was the OFSTED Report on Children and Young People's services**

**The third item was the County Council's response to the proposals on so called 'Fair Funding' of schools. made minor amendments to the schools admission policy.**

**The fourth item concerned the refresh of the Interim Commissioning Strategy for Highways and Transportation for 2017-18.**

**The fifth item concerned the Melton Mowbray transport strategy.**

**The sixth item referred to community speed enforcement**

**The seventh item referred to the 'Better Care Fund' plan for 2017-18 and 2018-19**

**The eighth item referred to the Leicester and Leicestershire strategic growth plan**

**The ninth item concerned Working together to build Great Communities in Leicestershire**

**The tenth item concerned an accommodation strategy for working age adults from 2017 until 2022**

**The eleventh item concerned the 'Integrated Commissioning of a Dementia Community and Hospital In-Reach Support Service**

**The twelfth item concerned the discharging of Leicestershire City Council's internal audit function.**

**The final item set the dates of County Council meetings for the next two years.**

**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**

**Finally can I thank all of you for the help and assistance you have given me over the last four years. Elections always bring uncertainty as to outcome, so if it should be that I am not returned as your County Councillor on May 4<sup>th</sup>, it's been a privilege to represent the Market Bosworth Division.**

**Ivan Ould**

**County Councillor for the Market Bosworth Division**

## **County Councillors report – April 2017**

**My apology for this report being late to you but as I have always found, the re-election campaign takes it out of me and I am behind in some of my scheduled activities. This has been further compounded by child safety issues throughout Leicestershire during the month.**

**First, this could be my last report to you depending upon the outcome of voting on Thursday. If so, I would like to thank you for the close working relationship we have built up over the years and hope you can continue that with whoever succeeds me.**

**Second, the only meetings I attended at County Hall concerned the Children's Partnership, where we are working with partner agencies to develop a new vision for children and young people's services in Leicestershire, a lead member meeting, and one Strategy Co-ordination Meeting.**

**Third, I attended the Community Engagement event at the George Eliot Hospital as the County Council's representative. I am pleased to confirm that there are no plans to remove the Accident and Emergency facilities from this Hospital.**

**Issues within the Division were dominated by the withdrawal of the 153 Arriva bus from the villages of Carlton, Barton in the Beans, and Nailstone. This overshadowed the loss of the late evening service of the same bus route. Despite all appeals, the service was withdrawn, thereby leading to the isolation of young people, workers, and socialisers in these villages. This has been made more galling by the fact that Arriva boasted only last week in the Atherstone Herald that they were joining up villages between Tamworth and Nuneaton, giving exactly the same reasons for so doing that we had been arguing were necessary for maintaining the 153 service.**

**Twycross and Shackerstone Parish Councils have become alarmed by statements on Radio Leicester regarding the influence of a residents group in Packington arguing for the HS2 route to be redirected along what was termed the 'Third Engineering' option. I have been aware of this, and at my instigation David Tredinnick has written to both HS2 and the Transport Minister regarding the unsuitability of this option. David has received confidential replies that provide reassurance. I have seen, and have, copies of these replies. They indicate that the third engineering option is not viable, (in part owing to the fact that it would go through the Twycross Zoo car park) but largely due to the negative effects on the anticipated train operating requirements.**

**Finally, if ever we needed an example of where the success in working together at Parish, Borough, and County level is concerned, it is the footway between the Sports Field and the Water Park at Market Bosworth. It was a truly united effort and I am well pleased with the outcome. Some you win, some you lose, and some are inconclusive. This one was a winner!**

**Ivan Ould**

**County Councillor for the Market Bosworth Division**