

OSBASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes - 228

A meeting of Osbaston Parish Council was held on Monday 9th March 2020 at Barlestone School.

1) Apologies:

Mr Chris Clarke.

2) Present:

Mr D Sanderson (Chairman), Mr Stephen Butler (Vice chair), Mrs M Ingham, Ms H Earp, Mrs S Reading (clerk), Mr Bill Crooks, Mr I Ould.

3) Minutes of last meeting:

Read, agreed and signed.

4) Matters arising:

No. 4 (from minutes 225) Update –Mr Ivan Ould will follow up regarding missing manhole cover on A447 to see what is happening with this as it has not yet been replaced.

5) Finance:

a) Statement of accounts:

As at 22.02.20: current account £7444.85, deposit account £2247.40, totalling £9692.25.

b) Invoices and forthcoming statements:

Invoice received from LCC for annual street lighting at £986.98. This came between meetings and was sent to them in February 2020. No further invoices have been received.

c) Cheques for approval

Mrs Sherene Reading - salary	£250.00
Mrs Sherene Reading – Expenses (stationary/postage)	£18.60

6) Planning applications:

None received since last meeting.

7) Update on Parish & Community initiative fund:

We have received correspondence acknowledging our recent application. This will be assessed during Feb/March and decision will be made in June as to which grants are to be awarded. Mr Sanderson also took this opportunity to thank Mr Clarke for his excellent electronic map of Osbaston (which was included in with grant application).

8) Citizens Advice Bureau:

We received information from CAB as to how their donations support the excellent work they do. As we donate annually to CAB I thought it would be nice to share at the meeting. Document passed around from all present to view.

9) LRALC & NALC – affiliation fees:

They are to increase their fees from 2020/21. Our increase will be a flat fee of £7.50 from previous year.

10) County Councillors reports:

Sent via email with paper copies going to Mrs Ingham. Please see reports attached below.

11) Pension Regulator:

We have received instruction to re-enrol and re-declare to obligate our legal duties. This has been done and we have also informed them of the change of Chairman so any further correspondence will now be sent to Mr David Sanderson.

12) Crime and Policing in Leicestershire - views:-

We received an email from Rupert Matthews asking the views of the Parish Council on Crime and Policing in our area. Discussion followed regarding Policing. Email to be forwarded to Mr Sanderson so he can comment with these discussion points.

13) Wildflower verges:

Leicestershire county council is offering Parish, Town, Borough and District Councils the opportunity to turn urban roadside verges into dedicated wildflower verges. There are certain criteria that need to be met, these were discussed. Unfortunately there were not many areas in Osbaston that met these criteria. After further discussion it was deemed the only one suitable would be the seating area near the old telephone box – Mr Stephen Butler to speak to David Jinks about this.

14) Additional footpaths:

David Sanderson spoke to all present about an additional footpath from Bosworth Road up to Old Osbaston, as residents seem to be using this as a walk way/dog walking path. The idea was discussed and agreed. Councillor Bill Crooks advised us to contact Highways, but costs may be a problem. Mr Sanderson asked if OPC could contribute towards this, Mr Crooks stated 'yes'. Clerk to contact highways to see how we start the process.

15) WLCFR – Annual report:

A copy of this was received via email and sent to all councillors for information. A hard copy was given to Mrs Ingham at the meeting.

16) AOB:

Bank mandate – Clerk has finally received a copy of bank mandate to enable us to add Mr Chris Clarke and remove Mr Roger Payne. This was given to Mr Sanderson to forward onto Mr Clarke for completion and to return to branch with IC.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

Signed:- _____ **Dated:-** _____

County Councillors report – December 2019

Local Issues:

I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing Christmas and wish you all a happy and enjoyable New Year.

Unfortunately, due to my ill health, I missed all but Nailstone Parish Council meeting in December 2019. I am still not fully recovered but expect to be able to attend all Parish Council meetings this month.

Without any doubt, planning issues have predominated over the last month. I have supported residents and the Parish Council of Nailstone in objecting to a planning application in that Village, and also residents in Stoke Golding who are objecting to what would be the first phase of a 155 home development.

Some of you will recall that when the current iteration of the Local Development Framework was determined, everywhere was asked to identify site allocation possibilities. You will also recall that there were public meetings held, and over 14,000 written objections. Although many of the proposed sites didn't make it to the current plan, never the less land ownership change has taken place and many of the current concerns arise from proposed development well above the figures set in the current plan. It would appear that HBBC is about to lose control of its 5 year housing land supply, and that is the green light to potential developers.

If you have an active, up to date, Neighbourhood Development Plan, you are in the best possible position to resist. Without such a plan, your Parish is open to development.

December's Meetings Attended.

3rd, 10th, and 17th - SCG

10th, & 17th – Lead Member meetings

3rd & 17th - Cabinet Briefing

4th – Meeting with Leader, then full County Council

5th – Employment Committee, followed by an Overview and Scrutiny Agenda Setting, followed by a Health and Wellbeing Board development session

6th – Safer Communities Strategy Board, followed by the Leicestershire and Rutland Children's Safety Partnership

10th – Keeping in Touch visit to the Special Educational Needs Assessment Team

16th – Special educational Needs Strategic Board, followed by an All-member briefing re Medium Term Financial Strategy

17th - Cabinet

19th – Chaired Children's Social care Panel

County Council 4th December Agenda

1. Announcements

2. Minutes
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Questions
5. Report of the Constitution Committee
6. Position statements from the Leader, and Lead member for Children and Family Services
7. Annual report of the Director of Public Health
8. Report of the Employment Committee
9. Report of the Corporate Governance Committee
10. Second Report of the Constitution Committee

Cabinet 17th December Agenda:

1. Proposals for consultation on the Medium Term Financial Strategy
2. OFSTED Report of Local Authority's Children's Social Care Services
3. Corporate Parenting Strategy
4. Community Safety strategy
5. Re-commissioning of Substance Misuse treatment and Recovery Services
6. Warm Homes for people experiencing fuel poverty
7. Response to Charnwood Borough Council's Draft Local Plan
8. Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension

(Full agendas, reports, and Minutes can be found on the County Council Website)

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County Councillors report – January 2020

Local Issues:

It has been positive to record that Two planning applications, one for Cadeby and the other for Nailstone, where I have supported constituents objecting to the planning applications have been refused by the Borough Council. We are still waiting to see the outcome for Stoke Golding.

However there was a resident's emergency meeting in the hamlet of Orton on the Hill that I attended where a planning application for 9 houses was submitted in outline. The meeting was very well attended and I have formally supported all those making an objection. There are only 65 houses in Orton within the hamlet development envelope, so 9 is totally disproportionate. Interestingly amongst the paperwork submitted by the applicant, was one arguing that the current Local Development Framework should be suspended due to the fact that Hinckley has lost control of its 5 year housing supply.

I was indebted to the Leicester Mercury and Borough Councillor Maureen Cook for bringing to my attention the flooding problem in Shenton that caused a road closure for several weeks. It isn't often that I become upset but on this occasion no one from Highways had been in contact with me at all, and that just isn't acceptable. It has now been re-opened!

I have been told that across the County there are 500 flooded roads. These are usually over the lowest section of a road and frequently only across a portion of the highway. It does require drivers to have consideration for others, all too often absent! A location in Congerstone has also been reported by me as a matter of urgency, since it also involves the safety of children.

Another highways issue that is being worked on is the unacceptable situation in Twycross, where some maintenance works were started by a utility company and have now been left for far too long. If you travel on the A444 you will know exactly where I mean.

Please try to ensure that your Parish is represented at the forthcoming Borough Council's Parish Forum.

January's Meetings Attended.

7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th - Strategic Community Group – this is a weekly meeting primarily for monitoring purposes and to consider new developments.
10th, 15th, & 20th – Lead Member meetings – these are with the Director of Children's Services and other senior staff within the Department to examine monitoring reports, consider new Government initiatives, review proposed new developments, and quality assure the work of the Department.

14th - Cabinet Briefing and restricted to the Leader, Deputy Leader, me (as the no.3) and two other cabinet members.

7th – Meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Lord Bach, at Police Headquarters. Amongst the topics we discussed were knife crime, young people at risk of sexual exploitation, at risk of criminal exploitation, the effect of adverse childhood experiences, and whether or not any sex offenders placed on the register but who were removed had then gone on to re-offend.

21st – A special meeting with the NHS regarding developments across the City, our County, and Rutland. This was a closed meeting with the Leader, Deputy Leader, the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Chief executive of the County Council and the three most senior figures in the NHS locally.

21st – Children, Families, and Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Board in the p.m. Then in the late afternoon and early evening I chaired the Corporate Parenting Board.

22nd – Agenda setting meeting for Overview and Scrutiny, followed by the Children's Partnership Board, where the joint work between the County, the NHS, Police, Police and Crime Commissioner, and the District and Borough Councils is discussed.

23rd – Health and Wellbeing Board

27th – London - Special Educational Needs budget were examined, followed by the F40 Executive

30th – Visited the Fostering Team

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County Councillors report – February 2020

February Reviewed:

This has been a busy month, as I have been acting Deputy Leader for most of the month.

The weather hasn't helped with Storms Ciara, Dennis, and Ellen causing extensive wind and water damage across the County. As of 24.02.20, there were 67 residential properties flooded internally, 9 commercial premises flooded internally, 4 roads closed and a total number of reported incidents of 157. External flooding of gardens, garages, and out houses are not included in the figure for residential flooding. The 157 incidents includes debris on roads, sand bag delivery, and tree damage. North West Leicestershire was the worst affected area of the County

I was able to attend Market Bosworth, Sheepy, Stoke Golding, Witherley, and Carlton parish meetings this month.

Do you recall the review of the Local Plan by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council last year? I wonder why we haven't heard any time schedule for the decision making process as yet. In the meantime, the Borough has lost control of its 5 year housing land supply, so where are these additional houses going? The review invited developers to identify potential sites but as yet the public are unaware as to where these sites may be. Are there going to be some nasty shocks coming? Those Parishes without a Neighbourhood Development Plan are much more vulnerable than those with one.

February's Meetings Attended.

25th - Strategic Community Group – (SCG)

5th, & 25th – Lead Member meetings – these are with the Director of Children's Services and other senior staff within the Department

4th & 18th - Cabinet Briefing

3rd – Meeting with the OFSTED Inspectors re the Special Educational Needs Inspection

5th – Meeting of the Police and Crime Panel to endorse the Police and crime Commissioner's budget.

6th – Attended the launch of the triple P event at Beaumanor in the morning, and attended the Children's Innovation Partnership board at County Hall in the afternoon.

7th – Cabinet at 11.00, followed by the OFSTED feedback, and then onto Melton for a meeting regarding the Regional Migration Board.

10th - Visited the Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough, followed by Agenda setting meeting for Overview and Scrutiny, followed by an all member workshop on issues with Environment and transport, and the prospect of digitalisation, i.e., a paperless county council.

11th – Portcullis House, London, for a meeting with all of the County's Members of Parliament
12th – Transformation Board
19th – Full County Council meeting to set the budget.
20th – Another meeting of the Police and Crime Panel
21st – A 'Keeping in Touch' visit to the Virtual School
25th – Corporate Asset and Finance Board in the morning, followed by a special meeting to review the Children's Partnership progress.
26th – Visited Hastings High School, Burbage, and attended the MIRA Liaison Meeting at Higham on the Hill.

7th February Cabinet Order paper

Changes to Admissions to Mainstream Schools
Accepted the IHRA definition of Anti-Semitism
Passed the Provisional Medium Term Financial Strategy
Passed the Commissioning and procurement of Home Care Service post-November 2020
Passed a fair Outcomes Policy for Adult Social Care
Passed Strategic Transport Priorities
Noted the progress on agreeing the !)^ requirements for the Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension

19th February County Council Order paper

Appointment of a Vice Chair of the County Council
Received the report of the Returning Officer regarding the County Council By-Election
A question from Mr Hunt regarding the latest iteration of the Local Transport Plan
Position statement from the Leader, and also from the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport.
Approved the 4% increase in council tax. The Labour Group abstained but the Liberals, who did not move any amendments, voted against.
Approved the Safer Communities Strategy
Approved the Corporate Parenting Strategy
Further details of these meetings are available on the County Council website

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February/March 2020 Report to Parish Council

Councillor Bill Crooks

Finance

The Council has produced a Balanced Budget in all departments. The aims for the year as follows:-

1. Increase the commercial Estate and Accommodation for Business Start Ups.
2. Promote new affordable housing for rent and delivering Council Houses, New Build and Affordable Housing Schemes.
3. Complete the Crematorium Project.
4. Disposal of Surplus Land and Buildings that have no operational use.
5. Maximize efficiency through co-location and improved conference facilities.
6. Assess all Council assets to see what conditions are, reason for holding asset etc.

each asset will be given a score to see where improvement can be made, or repairs

needed (if not needed with a view to disposal of asset).

Council House Rents to are to increase by 2.7% in line with the Governments recommend guidelines. The Council are on average losing some 30 properties per year through Right to Buy.

The Council employs a reduction of 5% per year in the salary saving rate by challenging recruitment & the filling of posts. The biggest expense in all departments is wages.

Council Tax

County Council = 3.99% rise

Police = 4.48% rise

Fire = 1.98% rise

Borough = 2.1%rise

Parishes = 2.97% average rise.

Climate Change

The Council have set up a Climate Change Sub Committee consisting of 7

members to look into how the council can reduce its carbon footprint. I have been

selected as a member of the committee. One of the first things we have done is to

sanction £75k to install electric charging points in council owned car parks with developer contributions. This has reduced the cost to £47k

Fees& Charges

Fees for services have been reviewed and some charges increased as follows

Single Burial = £550

Memorial on Grave = £154

Hiring of Sports Facilities i.e. Tennis. Bowls etc. small increase pitch with changing rooms for eleven games = £549. Pitch with changing rooms for teams outside the Borough = £686.

Allotments – Small + £25. Medium = £35 (100 -200 sqm) Large = £45 (202 – 300

sqm).

Collection of bulky items of waste = 3 items at £15 so no increase.