

Osbaston Parish Council

Minutes of Osbaston Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021 starting at 7:30pm.
This meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Parish Councillors Present:

David Sanderson (Chairman)	Helen Earp (Vice Chair)
Stephen Butler	Marion Ingham

In Attendance

Joanne Lowe (Parish Clerk)
Borough Councillor Bill Crooks
County Councillor Ivan Ould

1/21

APOLOGIES

Chris Clarke sent apologies

2/21

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

None received

3/21

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st October with no amendments made.

BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

4/21

Cllr Bill Crooks gave a verbal update. HBBC are have ongoing financial difficulties with Covid-19 costing HBBC circa £600K. Cost cutting measures are currently being investigated, including raising the cost of car parking, and/or the annual cost of green waste bins and increasing Council tax, either raising it by 2% or £5. An annual pay freeze has been agreed to avoid redundancies. Electrical charging points are being installed across the Borough, including Sports in Desford. Hinckley Leisure Centre has recently opened as a centre for Covid injections. The crematorium site has begun development which will create an important future source of income.

5/21

Cllr Ivan Ould gave a verbal report. Caseload is very high across the division, with elderly residents contacting Cllr Ould concerned about the risk of Covid and the difficulty in attending appointments. One example was a resident living in the division being given an appointment in Birmingham. Planning also remains a contentious issue, with aggressive developers purchasing land to sell to builders for a profit. They utilise high powered barristers who threaten local authorities who typically are unable to response due to the threat of significant legal costs.

CLERK VACANCY

6/21 The Council noted the formal appointment of Joanne Lowe as the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Osbaston Parish Council.

RESULTS OF THE PARISHIONERS SURVEY

7/21 The Council noted the findings from the Parishioners Survey held across Osbaston in November 2020 .

DELIVERY OF COUNCIL SERVICES

8/21 It was unanimously resolved to accept the quote from Screatons Accountants to undertake payroll services for the Council during 2021 – 2022

9/21 It was unanimously resolved to accept the quote from Screatons Accountants to undertake the internal audit for the financial year 2020 - 2021

10/21 It was unanimously resolved to adopt the draft budget for 2021 - 2022

11/21 It was unanimously resolved to adopt the draft precept of £6750.70 for the financial year 2021 – 2021

ADOPTION OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS

12/21 It was unanimously resolved to adopt the draft Standing Orders

13/21 It was unanimously resolved to adopt the draft Financial Regulations

14/21 It was unanimously resolved to adopt the draft Code of Conduct

WEBSITE UPGRADE AND PURCHASE OF IT EQUIPMENT

15/21 It was unanimously resolved to accept the quote from Spanglefish3 to upgrade the Council's website

16/21 It was unanimously resolved to accept the quote from Argos to purchase a new laptop for the Parish Council

17/21 It was unanimously resolved to not accept quotes to purchase anti-virus software for the Parish Council following resolution of minute 16/21 that includes antivirus software.

FINANCE

18/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve the financial statement for September 2020 - December 2020

19/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve the budget monitoring sheet at the end of Q3

20/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve the draft letter to HSBC confirming change of address for Clerk

21/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve switching to HSBC's Internet Banking to allow Council to make BACS payments

PLANNING

22/21 20/01279/HOU – Badgers Holt Lount Road Osbaston Nuneaton Leicestershire. It was unanimously agreed to formally comment on this application.

23/21 20/01364/ADV - Display of 2x non-illuminated V-boards and 9x Flags | Land South of Bosworth Lane Osbaston Leicestershire. No comment

24/21 **CLERK REPORT**

The Clerk gave the following report:

- A winner from the Parishioners Survey has been selected and notified
- A monthly funding bulletin has been circulated by Cllr Bill Crooks
- The Council has paid for its annual ICO registration
- The UK Census will be undertaken across the country on 21st March
- The Council had received FOI request from a resident regarding virtual meetings and the removal of public from these meetings
- Warnings from Leicestershire Trading Standards re: Covid 19 Vaccine scams via emails and text messages
- Lots of new suggestions for content on the website including local contacts for Borough Councillor and County Councillor and Police, advertise community events, local walks, broadband roll out. Cllrs to contact the Clerk with any further suggestions.
- The quarterly HBBC Cultural newsletter and Whats On guide has been circulated

MEMBERS REPORT

24/21 None received

The meeting finished at 9:15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....