

Harborough Magna Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 10 September 2018

Present

Cllr Paul Skidmore (PS) Chair of the meeting
Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)
Cllr John Brady (JB)
Cllr Toby France

These minutes were approved by
the Parish Council at its meeting on
15 October 2018

Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

Parishioners: Barry Biggs, Fenella France, Diane Tailby

		Action
1.10.09.18	PS welcomed all to the parish council meeting	
2.10.09.18	Apologies for absence Cllr Ian Bentlett	
3.10.09.18	<p>Update from Borough and County Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Tony Gillias spoke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enthusiastically about the Borough's Heritage opportunities - reminded all of the deadline to respond to the Local Plan reconsultation – 7.10.2018 - advised the meeting that he will now be the champion for the rural parishes for Rugby BC <p>Cllr Adrian Warwick gave the meeting information on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the huge financial challenges faced by the Council primarily from the steeply rising costs of Adults Social Care – which now accounts for two thirds of the entire WCC budget. Even after a 2.99% council tax increase, the Council still had to find cuts of £9m - a new innovative proposal is with the Fire Service, who because of their success in preventing fires, are now releasing fireman to work in hospitals and escorting elderly patients home, undertaking safety checks in their homes – further steps to prevent fires and keep elderly people safe in their own homes <p>EBP – asked Cllr Warwick if the Council was reconsidering its decision to remove school chaperones. There was strong concern on this decision from the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Warwick replied at length that the decision was taking purely on financial grounds after safety reports. This was corrected by the meeting as through a Freedom of</p>	

	<p>Information request WCC had advised that no safety assessments were undertaken.</p> <p>The meeting expressed its concerns for the children's safety, but Cllr Warwick was adamant that as WCC was the last Council in England to provide chaperones, the decision was unavoidable and repeated at length the financial pressures on the council and that this could only be overturned if funding was made available by headteachers.</p> <p>In an attempt to move things forward Cllr France and Cllr Skidmore asked if Cllr Warwick would be willing to help facilitate a solution with volunteers acting as chaperones. He was happy to take this forward and it was suggested that the Parish Council invite Andrew Edwards (HT of Revel Primary Federation) to attend the next meeting and discuss how it could be taken forward with volunteers to include the issues of CRB and advanced disclosure checks.</p> <p>Cllr Gillias and Cllr Warwick left the meeting at this point.</p>	
4.10.09.18	<p>Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting</p> <p>No new issues were raised.</p>	
5.10.09.18	<p>Standing orders were resumed</p>	
6.10.09.18	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>None made.</p>	
7.10.09.18	<p>Approval of minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the 16 July 2018 were approved with one minor correction.</p>	
8.10.09.16	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>Most matters were covered on the agenda and discussed accordingly but EBP asked what was happening with replacing bollards on the Green and outside the bungalow at the top of main street. Clerk advised volunteers are willing to do this as soon as ground conditions permit and she was authorised to buy wooden bollards and postcrete for the project – and remove the broken bollards.</p>	

9.10.09.18	<p>New Village Issues</p> <p>A parishioner (Mrs F France) suggested that a village 200 club be formed with some funds redistributed as prizes and the balance put towards village improvement works. Mrs France agreed to look into this and report back at the next meeting. This was welcomed by the meeting.</p>	
10.10.09.18	<p>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</p> <p>EBP advised that two major volumes of information had been supplied to the Big Lottery who wanted the material both in hard copy and electronically. A decision should be made as to whether we can progress further in late Autumn.</p>	
11.10.09.18	<p>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
12.10.09.18	<p>Planning applications and appeals</p> <p>No new applications were received.</p>	
13.10.09.18	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>PS said a future meeting should give some thought as to how the NW scheme could continue after IB's retirement as it would be a pity for the scheme to disappear in the village.</p>	
14.10.09.18	<p>Financial and Governance issues</p> <p>a. The clerk raised concern that the concern that costs for the Lengthsman were above budget and the meeting agreed that PS would advised them to cut back work on the playpark and other tasks</p> <p>b. The schedule of cheques approved at the meeting included: £8 for Room Hire; £486 for WS Garden*; clerk's second quarterly salary and HMRC tax of £528; £132 for the play park inspection and annual insurance premium of £1,152.02 *Revised figure – corrected after the meeting.</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>c. Under governance the clerk advised that:the ICO had informed all parish clerks that they need not take extra steps under the GDPR – other than adhere to the Data Protection rules.</p> <p>d. Going forward she advised that the chairman had agreed that the Draft Minutes would be published on the Harborough Magna website as soon as they have been reviewed by Chairman and member. This is in line with</p>	PS

	<p>the Transparency Regulations which state that draft minutes must be published on a website within one month of a meeting. There was no objection but it was agreed that the draft minutes would not be replaced by approved minutes – unless there was a material change in content during the process to approve the minutes.</p> <p>e. She advised that the Electoral Commission had ignored our representation. Their recommendation is that all the Revel villages would now be part of the Nuneaton County Constituency. A final decision on this will be made by Parliament later this year.</p>	
15.10.09.18	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Nothing received.</p>	
16.10.09.18	<p>Other ongoing items</p> <p>a. <u>Removal of chaperones</u> this was discussed at length with Cllr Warwick at the start of the meeting – but the PC agreed to continue to do what it can to support parents and keep children safe. The Headteacher of Revel schools to be invited to next meeting.</p> <p>b. <u>Phone box</u> – JB advised that he will be sandblasting the box on 12th September and that after this, volunteers will need to be galvanised to paint the box. Once the painting begins the clerk will order replacement glass and window frames. Then the clerk will apply for a grant for a village defibrillator.</p> <p>c. <u>Magna Park</u> – nothing new to report</p> <p>d. <u>Lengthsman scheme</u> – agreed this is working well but as discussed under finance, costs needs to be kept under control.</p> <p>e. <u>Playpark monitoring and upgraded facilities</u> – recent safety inspection report was welcomed and the meeting confirmed to JB that the gate did need to be installed (against the advice of the safety inspector, to ensure dogs are kept out). The other safety issue raised by the inspector was overgrown shrubs, this will be checked by JB when he reinstalls gate.</p> <p>f. <u>Speeding in the village</u> – nothing further on the Community Speed watch but this may be waiting for the outcome of the current police speed checks in the village. Clerk to write to Sgt Ali to keep our concerns live.</p> <p>PS advised that at the Pailton parish council it was suggested that they might lend/share their more advanced speed monitors. PS to follow up and copy</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>PS/JB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	clerk into email.	
17.10.09.18	Items for next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement street lamps • School chaperones • Progress on phone box restoration • Lengthsman scheme • Magna Park redevelopment • Playpark • Speeding traffic 	All
18.10.09.18	Dates of next meetings Next meetings – revised date 15th October followed by 3 rd December 2018.	All
	Meeting closed at 20.40	

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Ian Bentlett
Chair

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Date