

**Harborough Magna Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting  
16 July 2018**

**Present**

Cllr Ian Bentlett (IB) Chair  
Cllr Paul Skidmore (PS) Vice Chair  
Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)  
Cllr John Brady (JB)

These minutes were approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 16.9.2018
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Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

Parishioners: Barry Biggs, Fenella France, Mary Palmer, Lynn Peake, Diane Tailby, Toby France

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.16.07.18</b>	IB welcomed all to the parish council meeting	
<b>2.16.07.18</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cllr Tony Gillias - Rugby Borough Council and Cllr Adrian Warwick – Warwickshire County Council	
<b>3.16.07.18</b>	<b>No Update from County and Borough Councillors</b>	
<b>4.16.07.18</b>	<b>New Parish Councillor</b>  IB updated the meeting on the formal process to recruit a new councillor following Julia Antrobus' resignation. As no election was requested, Toby France had expressed his interest in joining the Council as a co-opted councillor. This was approved by all parish councillors and he therefore joins the Council with immediate effect.	
<b>5.16.07.18</b>	<b>Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting</b>  a. Two parishioners raised continuing concerns on the volume of dog mess left around the village. IB totally agreed and said this is something the Council continually tries to address, but unless photographic evidence is supplied with the dog and its owner, legal action cannot be taken. It was also mentioned that roaming cats cause the same issues but there is no legal stipulations that apply A new poster has been prepared to once again highlight the issue.	
<b>6.16.07.18</b>	<b>Standing orders were resumed</b>	

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<b>7.16.07.18</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None made.	
<b>8.16.07.18</b>	<b>Approval of minutes</b>  The minutes from the Annual meeting and the normal Parish Council meeting held on 14 May 2018 were approved, after the substitution of Wolvey for Wolston in item 2.14.05.18.	
<b>9.16.07.16</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b>  a. JB advised that he will reinstall the repaired gate for the playpark in the near future and that he is ready to sandblast/spray the phone box once the windows are removed..  b. IB advised that he and volunteer Martin Peak will remove all the windows from the telephone box as soon as possible and advise JB as soon as this is completed.  c. The issue of speeding cars in the village is discussed under Item 17.	<b>JB</b>  <b>IB</b>
<b>10.16.07.18</b>	<b>New Village Issues</b>  a. The large verge just before Tuckey's Bridge that is designed to act as a passing point for vehicles coming across the bridge has recently been illegally used as a 'home' for a travelling caravan. The clerk has reported this twice JB advised that it has now been dug up and a trench created. While this is stopping the caravan's use of the verge it now presents a hazard to motorists as the passing point is not longer usable and in the dark it is possible that a vehicle could have an accident by accessing the trench. Clerk to report to Rugby DC.  b. The bench by the phone box is broken and beyond repair. The meeting agreed to write to the Harborough Magna Group who supplied the original bench and ask if they would be prepared to fund a new bench as part of their last legacy to the village. If this is unsuccessful an application would made be to the Councillors' Fund - the deadline for which is 30 August.  c. The project to install a new bollard on the Green and 3 or 4 bollards outside Holmlea has not progressed, so the clerk will speak to the volunteers and arrange for purchase of suitable bollards and postcrete to enable this	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>

	<p>to be undertaken.</p> <p>d. Since the Parish Council litter pick in March, considerable amounts of new rubbish have been dumped – clearly by drivers throwing their rubbish on to our village verge in Montilo Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to RBC and request a full litter pick of this area. In the meantime, PS agreed to see if he can get a community litter pick – we already have a small supply of the yellow hazard vests and 9 litter pick sticks.</p> <p>IB said he would raise this with Gazeley as its believed that some of the traffic will be drivers going to and from Magna Park,</p> <p>e. At the consultation group for the Revel doctors' practice it was recorded that Barr Lane's road surface (that leads to the surgery) is in a dangerous condition. It was agreed that the clerk would write to WCC about this – and copy in the local parish clerks.</p> <p>f. IB reported drugs paraphernalia was found by the bus stop at the Rugby Road end of Main Street. He has reported this to the police and requested additional police car patrols late evening/early morning to prevent this becoming a regular problem.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>PS</b></p> <p><b>IB</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>11.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</b></p> <p>IB advised that considerable detailed work was underway with volunteers to satisfy the Big Lottery Fund that the OSCR project was viable, funded in part by the Development Grant from the Lottery. A final decision is expected by the Autumn.</p>	<b>EBP/IB</b>
<b>12.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</b></p> <p>a. No one was able to attend the Walc forum and the clerk should request minutes from the meeting.</p> <p>b. The next Fosse community forum meets shortly and IB reminded the meeting that attendance is open to all and it's a good place to get advice and make contacts useful for our community. We did win the on line vote for Speed checks in the village . Thanks to all who voted</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>13.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Planning applications and appeals</b></p> <p>The meeting discussed the proposals to build six glamping</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

	<p>'chalets' on land on the Mold/Clarke Home Farm. The meeting had questions on foul drainage, litter removal and vehicle access off Back Lane and the Clerk was asked to see the information from RBC and circulate it so a formal response can be sent</p>	
<b>14.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b></p> <p>JB was asked again to provide the police reference for the lamping incident on his land as the police can find no trace of this and have said they will follow this up if we can supply more details.</p> <p>The only other issue of concern is the drug paraphernalia discussed earlier.</p>	JB
<b>15.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Financial and Governance issues</b></p> <p>a. The clerk advised the meeting that while the outlook for the year looked okay – they need to take into account growing cost pressures. In particular the need to replace all the existing street lamps – which will cost more than £8000 at today's prices. However as lamps are replaced by low energy LED lights our electricity costs (currently £1700 a year) will fall significantly. In addition to the price of £8000+ for the SOX light replacement, the clerk is to get a price for replacing the 7 SON lights and the option for night time turn off, although this was considered inadvisable. Clerk will also look at possible grant opportunities from environmental funders JB will investigate if we can arrange our own replacement programme. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.</p> <p>It is possible that the Precept may have to increase significantly to fulfil the funding shortage ... and the erosion of our reserves which we need to meet further liabilities in terms of elections etc. IB stated it was important that our community understood the reasons that were out of our control for any future increases in the precept.</p> <p>b. The meeting agreed that PS would become the third cheque signatory – Clerk to arrange paperwork for adding him to the bank mandate but PS will need to present himself with identity at the bank.</p> <p>c. The schedule of cheques approved at the meeting included: £8 for Room Hire; £130 for WS Garden, ahead of the meeting cheques signed for the clerk's first quarterly salary and HMRC tax of £530 and £130.</p>	<p>JB Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>d. EBP proposed that the Council pay the national increase and grade jump in the clerk's salary which would rise to £11 an hour. This was seconded by JB and approved by all.</p>	
<b>16.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Nothing received.</p>	
<b>17.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Other ongoing items</b></p> <p>a. Removal of chaperones from the school buses – parents have raised this with IB and asked for Parish Council help to support them. The Council agreed that this was a shocking decision that put children's lives at risk and cause immense distress to parents and children.</p> <p>EBP felt very strongly that this was failure of the County Council to meet their moral obligations because of the promises they made when our village school was closed and above all it's a gross failure of their duty of care. It was agreed that EBP would draft a letter on this – which the clerk will contribute to and circulate to all parties responsible for this decision.</p> <p>The parents have set up a petition on the Warwickshire website – access via the Village Facebook page and everyone should be encouraged to sign this.</p> <p>b. Phone box – discussed under matters from previous meeting.</p> <p>c. Magna Park – At the consultation group meeting Gazeley have agreed to produce an improved route map for companies on site to stop them using the village cut through.</p> <p>d. Lengthsman scheme – agreed this is working well.</p> <p>e. Playpark monitoring and upgraded facilities for older children. Nothing new to report ... but this will be discussed further.</p> <p>f. Speeding in the village – Clerk has met with Sgt Adnam Ali who coordinates speeding issues for Warwickshire and West Midland police. He is recommending that a</p>	<p><b>EBP Clerk</b></p> <p><b>IB</b></p> <p><b>PS /JB</b></p>

	community speed watch operation be undertaken and this in line with increased police presence (through the Community Forum operation) should help. To be discussed further.	
<b>18.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Items for next agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School chaperones</li> <li>• Progress on phone box restoration</li> <li>• Lengthsman scheme</li> <li>• Magna Park redevelopment</li> <li>• Playpark</li> <li>• Speeding traffic</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
<b>19.16.07.18</b>	<p><b>Dates of next meetings</b></p> <p>Monday 10 September (PS to chair as IB is away). A notice of the date will be put in the notice board and updated if this has to change for some reason.</p> <p>Subsequent provisional meeting date of 29 October 2018.</p>	<b>All</b>
	Meeting closed at 20.47	

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**Paul Skidmore**  
**Vice Chair**

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