

Harborough Magna Parish Council

**Parish Council Meeting
22 January 2018
Early Birds Nursery School**

Present

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Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)
Cllr Julia Antrobus (JA)
Cllr Paul Skidmore (PS)

These minutes were approved by
the Parish Council at its meeting on
26 March 2018

Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

In attendance: Cllr Adrian Warwick (WCC), Cllr Tony Gillias (RBC)

Parishioners: Barry Biggs, Fenella France

		Action
1.22.01.18	EBP welcomed all to the meeting and took the chair.	
2.22.01.18	Apologies for absence None received but neither Cllr Bentlett nor Cllr Brady attended.	
3.22.01.18	Update from County and Borough Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Warwick advised that he and the Parish Council were the only responses to the consultation on Tuckey's bridge and it was likely to be pushed through now.• Signage on much of the Fosse Way has found to be incorrect and the County is now looking to replace 40+ signs.• Cllr Tony Gillias advised that he had attended the Harborough District Planning meeting where the largest phase of the expansion of Magna Park was discussed. He raised objections on behalf of Harborough Magna because of the displaced traffic that during 'rush hours' now goes via our village. The application was refused but the developer will apply again.• Local Plan examination is now underway and because of the Duty to Cooperate the additional housing from Coventry is more than likely to go ahead in Rugby. His view was that because the government pressure on more housing – even some of particularly contentious sites, where people are paying themselves for a barrister to attend the appeal are likely to go ahead.	

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	A parishioner asked if the councillors had any view on the Leicester road traffic – which is now so jammed much of the time that even ambulances cannot get through. Both councillors were aware of the problems but could not see a way to address them. The parishioner reported that Warwickshire Highways Team had advised him they had a 10 -15 year strategy to address the road.	
4.22.01.18	Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting Nothing was raised.	
5.22.01.18	Standing orders were resumed	
6.22.01.18	Declaration of Interest None made.	
7.22.01.18	Approval of minutes The minutes from the meeting held on 11 December 2017 were approved.	
8.22.01.16	Matters arising from the minutes a. Bus stop shelter - JB reported that he was hoping to replace the broken glass with a sheet of thick Perspex in the near future. Still outstanding. b. IB to get key to enable the windows in the village phone box to be removed ahead of the box being sand blasted and rust proofed in the spring. Still outstanding. c. Three grit bins are available in the village to enable residents to grit public roads and pathways. PS advised that if the bins are getting low residents should call the number displayed on the bin and they will be refilled.	JB IB
9.22.01.18	New Village Issues a. EBP reported that footpath bridge on 89a – 3 (in the field opposite the old rectory) has a hole in the woodwork and is dangerous . Clerk to report b. One bollard on the green has been hit by a vehicle and is now lying on the green – also there is a footpath signpost that has come from the path along side houses	Clerk Clerk

	<p>on the green. After discussion it was agreed that installing new bollards on the green (many are also rotting) might make a suitable project for the Lengthsman – to be discussed further. The footpath signpost will be reported to WCC for them to reinstall.</p> <p>c. The request from RBC for the parish to contribute to a new litter/refuse bin in the Car Park area of the Canal appears to have been resolved as the CRT has agreed to fund a bin if RBC will empty is regularly.</p> <p>d. It was agreed to have a litter pick in March. Clerk to arrange.</p>	Clerk.
10.22.01.18	<p>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</p> <p>EBP advised that while the application for the OSCR project was given the go ahead for the next phase, there remains a number of issues to resolve before further development work can begin. EBP/IB and the committee are dealing with this.</p>	EBP/IB
11.22.01.18	<p>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</p> <p>Nothing to report – date for next meeting awaited.</p>	
12.22.01.18	<p>Planning applications and appeals</p> <p>No new applications received and the application on The Bank discussed at the December meeting has now been refused.</p>	
13.22.01.18	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>EBP reminded councillors where possible to advise residents of various scams that are prevalent in the area.</p>	
14.22.01.18	<p>Financial and Governance issues</p> <p>a. The meeting noted the cash book, current position a projected year end position of around £8000 but that this sum includes earmarked balances for replacement of lamp posts and contribution towards the next election cycle. WCC lighting team are going to provide an estimate for new lamps in some posts which will become obsolete later this year. This may change the year end position – to be discussed further.</p>	

	<p>b. Cheque approved at the meeting of £8 for room hire.</p> <p>c. There are to be new audit arrangement for parish councils. Clerk to attend seminar later this week to find out how specifically this will work. In theory as such a small authority the parish could agree to self-certify, after the external audit review (usually undertaken by M Spencer Accounting), but the clerk proposed that to maintain public confidence it would be better to have a further external audit. This was agreed and the clerk will report back on this.</p> <p>d. Clerk advised that from May there are new and stricter rules on Data Protection which even though we are such a small authority we need to comply with. However, the parish council approach on not collecting any data at all should ensure no change to our procedures. Councillors were reminded of the need to ensure this is followed.</p>	Clerk
15.22.01.18	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Nothing received.</p>	
16.22.01.18	<p>Other ongoing items</p> <p>a. Phone box – discussed under matters from previous meeting.</p> <p>b. Magna Park – next meeting in Feb 2018, IB to attend</p> <p>c. Lengthsman scheme – it was agreed to do another walk around with Wayne from WS Garden and agree a programme for next year. The meeting also discussed a schedule of 10 full cuts and an additional 7 cuts to the laypark only, would be desirable and a quotation sought.</p> <p>Also the company will be asked to quote for a number of small outstanding jobs in the village (such as new gate for the playpark, new bollards on the green and digging out the drain on Pailton Road in front of the pub). PS to circulate dates for walk around so clerk and other councillors could attend.</p> <p>d. Playpark monitoring and upgraded facilities for older children. Still awaiting further update from Rugby's legal team on this – which were told was being prioritised.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>PS</p>
17.22.01.18	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on phone box restoration 	

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18.22.01.18	Dates of next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26 March 2018 and 14 May 2018	
	Meeting close at 20.18	

Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner
Vice Chair

Date

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