

**Harborough Magna Parish Council  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
6 February 2017  
Early Birds Nursery School**

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**Present**

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

These minutes were approved by  
Harborough Magna Parish Council  
at its meeting on 20 March 2017

Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

In attendance:

Cllr Anthony Morris Jones – WCC  
Parishioners: Brian Ingram, Barry Biggs, Fenella France

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.6.2.17</b>	IB welcomed all to the meeting.	
<b>2.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Cllr J Brady Cllr T Gillias</p>	
<b>3.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Update from County and Borough Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Morris Jones gave the meeting an update on the big issues for the County Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget agreed – cuts made but further still required with an expected 300 job losses over coming year. But County reprioritised to find extra funding for education, adult social care, and 40 extra social workers</li> <li>• Meeting re Magna Park, work continuing to persuade the Transport Secretary to legislate for that lorries made use the latest Commercial Sat Nav, which will enable enforcement to keep lorries out of villages.</li> <li>• Next Community Forum meeting is 15 February</li> <li>• Police and Crime Commissioner is committed to supporting Neighbourhood Watch and has agreed to take a stern approach to Gypsy and Traveller trespass.</li> <li>• The new County Council ward boundaries will come into effect from May 2017 and the Parliamentary boundary changes will take effect from the next General Election.</li> <li>• Work on compulsory purchase or properties impacted by HS2 is now underway.</li> </ul>	

Chairman's initials:

<b>4.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the parish council.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Biggs asked that an approach be made to Rugby re poor condition of footways on both sides of Rugby/Pailton Road. This was agreed</li> <li>• Mrs France asked if the PC would approach residents to see if they would 'adopt a footpath or signpost' etc and look after them – this with the extra attention from the Lengthsman. It was agreed to raise this in the first instance at the Litter Pick day on 25 March. Production of leaflet will be prepared.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>EBP</b></p>
<b>5.6.2.17</b>	<b>Standing orders were resumed</b>	
<b>6.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<b>7.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Approval of minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes from the meeting held on 8 December 2016 were approved.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.8.1216</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damaged manhole cover opposite BT Box Reported to WCC needs to be checked and reported again if it still not done. <i>After meeting Clerk confirmed this has been replaced.</i></li> <li>• Leak in Cathiron Lane will be completed after road closure in March.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>9.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>New Village Issues</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Can we obtain kits for children so they can participate in Litter Pick?</li> <li>b. Parishioners had expressed concern over the considerable increase in owners who do not clear up after their dogs had fouled pathways and footpaths. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting and all councillors to see if they can identify culprits. IB indicated he would have no problems visiting anyone identified</li> </ol>	<b>Clerk</b>

10.6.2.17	<p><b>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> IB/EBP advised that the criteria for the Big Lottery's fund had changed and the application will need to begin again</p> <p><b>b.</b> The funds held for village by the PCC with the exception of some £2000 have now been deposited in the OSCR bank account</p> <p><b>c.</b> A resident has asked to raise funds for the project and understood the requirements of charity fund raising.</p> <p><b>d.</b> EBP is making certificate for those that have/will donate their pledges (donate a brick) from the 2016 Village Fete.</p>	IB/EBP
11.6.2.17	<p><b>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Nothing to report – next meeting 15 Feb 2017.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Forthcoming Annual Briefing Day – more details to be circulated. After some discussion it was agreed that the chairman would be nominated to receive an invitation to a Royal Garden Party.</p>	Clerk
12.6.2.17	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Appeals.</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Two new applications have just been received in respect of Tuckey's Farm, these will be considered before deciding if a further meeting is required to discuss them.</p> <p><b>b.</b> The PC expressed concern about apparent inconsistencies in decision making on recent/current applications and a meeting would be requested with RBC's Head of Planning</p>	All  Clerk
13.6.2.17	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
14.6.2.17	<p><b>Financial matters</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Councillors noted the latest strong position – and the forecast position for the end of this and next financial year. Noting that spending this year was higher due to a number of 'one-offs' including new bench, new noticeboards (funded by grant from Cllr Morris Jones)</p> <p><b>b.</b> Cheques signed at the meeting: £16.00 for room hire, and the meeting noted the payments since the last meeting of £916.37 for RBC towards the cost of a contested election and £623.11 for the Parish Council's first computer (a laptop and software) this was funded from a government grant to help small authorities meet the requirements of the Transparency Regulations. There is still earmarked funding of £70 to buy a printer/scanner when required.</p>	

	<p>c. The clerk presented the calculations for the Precept and all member reconfirmed their approval of this action. The paper was signed and will be attached to these minutes</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>15.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>a. Nothing to report – but an email invitation to attend a briefing at Rugby Town Hall on available grants in the 17/18 Financial Year. Chairman will be attending.</p>	<b>IB</b>
<b>16.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Other items:</b></p> <p>a. Playpark monitoring</p> <p>Cllr Brady (JB) has set up a spreadsheet based on the report provided by the clerk and he has replaced missing bolts identified in the safety inspection. Nothing new to report .</p> <p>b. Expansion of Magna Park</p> <p>Next meeting of consultation group on 7 February – chairman to attend and report back</p> <p>c. Lengthsman</p> <p>WS Garden Services have been contracted on a trial basis to undertake certain improvement works and provide interim grass cutting. The cost of this will be £500 for a one off service to bring verges and drains back up to standard. The Council has previously agreed to cap any other work to a max spend of £1000. Councillor John Brady will monitor work and deal with any ‘technical concerns’ and clerk will deal with invoices once approved by JB.</p> <p>d. Dog Fouling</p> <p>Councillors to give some thought as to how the Council could approach owners who are known not to be clearing up after their dogs – where photographic evidence is not available. Any incident where evidence is obtained will be reported to the dog warden.</p>	<p><b>JB</b></p> <p><b>IB</b></p> <p><b>JB/ Clerk</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<b>17.6.2.17</b>	<p><b>Items for next agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lengthsman scheme</li> <li>• Magna Park redevelopment</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monthly monitoring of playpark equipment</li><li>• Dog owners who do not clean up after their pets.</li></ul>	
<b>18.6.2.17</b>	<b>Agreed date of next meetings</b>  - Date of next meeting Monday 20 March 2017.	
	<b>Meeting closed at 20.35</b>	

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**Ian Bentlett, Chairman**

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**Date**

Chairman's initials: