

Harborough Magna Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
21 October 2019

Present

Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)

Cllr John Brady (JB)

Cllr Toby France

Parishioners: Barry Biggs, Fenella France, Mary Palmer

RBC Councillor Anthony Gillias

In attendance: Clerk: Leona Bendall

1.21.10.19	Election Following the resignation of Ian Bentlett ahead of his move from the village, the councillors agreed that Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner should chair this meeting. Clerk updated the meeting on the casual vacancy process to seek a replacement councillor. If 10 parishioners write to RBC and ask for an election (unlikely) by 1 November ... and we have more than one candidate (even less likely) then we will hold an election. The cost of which will be above £1000. If however no request for an election is held then we can decide to co-opt or wait until the May election. Clerk to keep councillors informed.	
2.21.10.19	Apologies for absence Cllr P Skidmore	
3.21.10.19	Update from Borough Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Tony explained that the leadership of Cava had changed and he was meeting with the new team in the near future and councillors should take advantage of new opportunities for grants/fund raising.b. RBC looking at options to save costs of recycling including a multi council owned waste processing plant and kerb site recycling in rural areas.c. A six-week consultation period is underway on a new 5000 planned community in S W Rugby to include new schools, employment sites, a doctor's surgery with three doctors etc.	
4.21.10.19	Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting Nothing raised.	
5.21.10.19	Standing orders were resumed	

6.21.10.19	Declaration of Interest None made.	
7.21.10.19	Approval of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes from 9 September 2019 were approved. 	
8.21.10.19	Matters arising from the minutes a. JB would put the automatic closure mechanism on the playpark gate, this week. b. Clerk advised that the broken footbridge that had been reported several times has now been replaced. c. Our Community Support Police officer advised that she could not supply details of the car ownership/driver that destroyed an elm tree planted by the Parish but that if we claimed through our insurers, they would be able to pursue the driver. It was agreed that with our excess this would be economical unviable. Instead the PC would seek a replacement specimen tree. d. Street light by old village hall still has not been replaced yet. Clerk to remind WCC. e. Clerk to ask planners to reconsider their decision on the dropped kerb planning application (15 Meadow Way) by the Bus stop on Rugby Road as their proposed position will cross an existing mains cable/connection. f. Refurbished phone box is leaking! Roof seems secure so Clerk to speak to Mr Mrs Antrobus who may know more about this as they helped with the restoration..	JB ALL Clerk Clerk Clerk
9.21.10.19	New Village Issues a. The footway opposite the Old Village Hall is deteriorating with large nettles and weeds breaking up the tarmac. Clerk to ask Glendales if they would clear this back as part of their reparation cut for their awful service this year.	Clerk
10.21.10.19	Parish Plan/OSCR Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work should be starting this week on asbestos removal and while there remain some funding issues – the opinion is these are solvable. 	EBP
11.21.10.19	RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update - Nothing new to report apart from the AGM on 9 November	

12.21.10.19	Planning applications and appeals - Nothing new to report.	
13.21.10.19	Neighbourhood Watch a. Councillor Skidmore to be asked if he still want to take over IB's Neighbourhood Watch duties. If not another volunteer would be sought.	Clerk/All
14.21.10.19	Financial and Governance issues . a. Clerk presented the three financial reporting forms : the cashbook, the performance against budget and the bank reconciliation to the cashbook – noting the variations from the version submitted with the papers as Glendale have waived their payment because of their poor performance this year. Clerk pointed out the reduction in the streetlight costs from £520 a quarter in April to £217 a quarter now. The papers were approved. b. The schedule of cheques approved at the meeting comprised: £50 for the Revel School for use of their premises while the new community hub is being built. £20.99 for Clerk for reimbursement of costs relating to the new website and £16.69 for printing ink for the new councillor leaflets to EBP.	
15.21.10.19	Correspondence Nothing received.	
16.21.10.19	Other ongoing village matters a. <u>Recruitment of new councillors</u> - it was agreed to talk directly to possible new candidates and encourage them to attend next meeting. b. <u>Back Lane</u> – Clerk has written to Cllr Adrian Warwick asking for help – Clerk to follow up. c. <u>Lengthsman</u> – Clerk reported that having written to Glendales about their dreadful performance this year they offered to waive outstanding invoices and offered to undertake a free cut to get the parish ready for winter. They offered assurances that they did want to offer a professional service next year – to be discussed in January 2020.	All Clerk Clerk

	d. <u>Defibrillator training</u> – Clerk to speak to Guy Ringer about a future training event to be held on a Saturday in the Old Lion. This to be open to everyone in the village, including staff of school and businesses.	Clerk
17.21.10.19	Items for next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for new councillors • Defib training • Back Lane 	All
18.21.10.19	Dates of next meetings Provisional dates for next meetings – 2 December 2019 13 January 2020 and 2 March 2020.	All
	Meeting closed at 20.07	

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Acting Chair

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