

**Harborough Magna Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
8 December 2016
Early Birds Nursery School**

Present

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Cllr Ian Bentlett (IB)
Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)
Cllr Julia Antrobus (JA)
Cllr John Brady (JB)
Paul Skidmore (PS) – arrived 19.40
Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

These minutes were approved at a meeting of Harborough Magna Parish Council on 6 February 2017

In attendance: Cllr Anthony Morris Jones - WCC

Parishioners: Barry Biggs, Fenella France

		Action
1.8.12.16	IB welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.8.12.16	Apologies for absence Cllr Gillias had submitted his apologies.	
3.8.12.16	Update from County and Borough Councillors Cllr Morris Jones gave the meeting an update on the big issues for the County Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to becoming part of the West Midlands combined authority is going ahead – but County still has concerns on the difference in priorities between Warwick (a rural authority) and the other metropolitan councils. • County has to cut a further £67m from its budgets in the next 3 years. So its Council Tax will rise by 2% and a further 2% will be levied specifically for adult social care. • Work is going ahead to persuade the Transport Secretary of the dire need to ban HGVs from small rural roads and villages for Magna Park. • Discussion on future of Community Forums – view is that they will continue. • Police and Crime Commissioner is very keen to secure community involvement but so far no one is interested • The boundary commission has agreed changes to the County Council ward boundaries – our own division of Revel and Binley Wards to be part of Nuneaton Borough. 	

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	<p>IB responded for the PC and thanked the Cllr for his continuing support through his community grant – and sought clarity on the status of Warwickshire within the Combined authority. Cllr Morris Jones explained that certainly to start with the County will be able to participate debates but has no voting right.</p>	
4.8.12.16	<p>Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the parish council.</p> <p>Nothing raised</p>	
5.8.12.16	<p>Standing orders were resumed</p>	
6.8.12.16	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Skidmore had a possible Pecuniary Interest in the Lengthsman role and IB said he would take this item at the end of the meeting and PS should leave the meeting at this point.</p>	
7.8.12.16	<p>Approval of minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes from the meeting held on 17 October 2016 were approved. 	
8.8.1216	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>Triangle at corner of Back Lane and Easenhall road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been reinstated <p>Overhanging tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IB has not yet spoken to Mr Clark but we now have an offer of a free tree survey and once this is available, this will be discussed with Mr Clark. <p>Fly tipping in Back Lane and around village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RBC do not consider the village a black spot for fly tipping and therefore will not use a camera as proactive measure. Members of council did not agree this view, based on experience, but decided not to progress further at this time. (See 9.8 C below) <p>Grant Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was submitted and we received £693 toward new notice board and refurbishment of phone box. <p>Damaged manhole cover opposite BT Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to WCC but no action taken so will report again 	<p>IB</p> <p>Clerk</p>

9.8.12.16	<p>New Village Issues</p> <p>a. The hole in the road by the drain within the chicane is still there – so clerk to report again.</p> <p>b. New flytipping in Montilo Lane and Cathiron Lane to be reported</p> <p>c. Street Light out opposite the Spinney – to be reported. NB this has now been addressed as PS reported it</p> <p>d. Leaking water main on Cathiron Lane – needs to be report to Severn Trent again.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10.8.12.16	<p>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</p> <p>a. EBP reported on the worthwhile Funding Forum where she had the opportunity to talk to a Big Lottery representative who provided useful insight into the OSCR application. The ‘clear and unique control’ of existing funds for the project will be essential – so this will be raised with the OSCR committee .</p>	IB/EBP
11.8.12.16	<p>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</p> <p>a. Nothing to report – 2017 dates not yet been published. Clerk to circulate dates to all when available as it is important that the village is represented.</p> <p>b. No WALC meetings</p>	Clerk
12.8.12.16	<p>Planning Applications & Appeals.</p> <p>a. No new applications received and all were reminded to submit a representation to the Local Plan before the extended deadline of mid January.</p>	All
13.8.12.16	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>a. Nothing to report.</p>	
14.8.12.16	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>a. Councillors noted the latest strong position – which includes earmarked reserves for elections and new/repair lamp posts.</p> <p>b. Cheques signed at the meeting: £8.00 for room hire, £600 for clerk’s salary and tax, OSCR -, £263.45 residue of grant funding returned to project, RBC £50 for play park lease; £31</p>	

	<p>expenses cheque for stationery, stamps, printer ink and postcrete to install new notice board.</p> <p>c. The clerk presented a budget for the coming financial year – with 3 options for the Precept in the to be raised. While the PC currently has excellent level of reserves it is clear that these could be utilised quite quickly – and with removal of the Housing Support Grant – the PC precept will drop next year. It was agreed that an increase in the Precept was essential, not for growth but just to maintain funding levels. It was therefore agreed to seek a 3.3% increase. (Budget paper attached)</p> <p>This was proposed by EBP and seconded by PS. Clerk to notify RBC</p> <p>d. <i>Subsequent demands from RBC since the meeting have necessitated an uplift to the precept of 5% - which equates to under £2 a household a year. This has been discussed with all members and was approved at special Planning meeting on 4 January 2017. It will be formally proposed and seconded at the February meeting.</i></p>	Clerk
15.8.12.16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a. Nothing to report</p>	
16.8.12.16	<p>Other items:</p> <p>a. Playpark monitoring</p> <p>Cllr Brady (JB) had inspected the park and replaced all necessary bolts. He volunteered to do this on a monthly basis and report back to the PC. Clerk to send him template for monitoring records.</p> <p>b. Expansion of Magna Park</p> <p>This had been discussed after the update from Cllr Morris Jones, it was agreed to keep the issue of a weight limit for Montilo Lane under review but that nothing would be taken forward for the time being. All agreed it was essential that the PC had representation at the meeting with the developers ID Gazeley – IB hoped to attend next meeting but would to advise if he could not attend next meeting on 7 February 2</p>	<p>JB/Clerk</p> <p>IB</p>

	<p>c. Lengthsman</p> <p>Cllr Skidmore left the meeting at this point as did the two members of the public in attendance. Before leaving PS explained that he was still interested but felt that the necessity to increase the role would make it impossible for him to do the job on a timely basis.</p> <p>EBP and JB reported back on the walk around today with the contractor who is currently supplying services to the pilot scheme councils. The Clerk has received positive references from Grandborough for this contractor.</p> <p>The councillors points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspects of the village needed more attention than perhaps had been envisaged so that a professional service would be required to do this within an acceptable time frame. • Agreed the contractor’s ability to deal with machinery supply/storage, disposal of waste etc was essential. Also adequate insurances for paid contractors were deemed another essential ingredient . • The contractor was very positive and offered total flexibility and a real willingness to provide the service necessary <p>It was agreed in principal to go forward with the contractor. An initial 12 month contract would be offered – if an acceptable price can be agreed. Insurance documents to be inspected .</p> <p>Clerk to draft an updated brief for him and circulate this to all for comment.</p> <p>Once agreed by councillors, Clerk to send to contractor for final pricing.</p> <p>Costs would be circulated to all councillors for final sign off (by email. Meeting agreed it wanted a contract to be in place to enable one off works to be undertaken before start of annual contract in April 2017.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>17.8.12.16</p>	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthsman scheme • Magna Park redevelopment • Monthly monitoring of playpark equipment 	

18.8.12.16	Agreed date of next meetings - Date of next meeting Monday 6 February 2017.	
	Meeting closed at 9.19pm	

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Ian Bentlett, Chairman

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