

**Harborough Magna Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
11 September 2017
Early Birds Nursery School**

These minutes were approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 6 November 2017

Present

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Cllr Ian Bentlett (IB)
Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)
Cllr John Brady (JB)
Cllr Paul Skidmore (PS)
Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

Parishioners: Barry Biggs

In attendance: Cllr Tony Gillias (part)

		Action
1.11.9.17	IB welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.11.9.17	Apologies for absence Cllr Julia Antrobus and Cllr Adrian Warwick (WCC).	
3.11.9.17	Update from County and Borough Councillors Cllr Gillias advised that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old dog control orders have been replaced by public space orders – but the contents remain the same. • Rugby Local Plan is proceeding through the process and the meeting discussed the value of creating Neighbourhood plans to very small parishes. It was agreed that this is not relevant for Harborough Magna. • Costs pressures on the Borough Council and impact of salary increases. Each 1% increase in salary adds around £100k to its costs • Success of the new charges on green bins • New Homes Bonus and pressure for all local authorities to increase housing • Ward boundary review to equalise size (electorate) and reduce number of councillors to save costs. There is some doubt this may proceed due to the building of 6000+ new homes in and around Rugby 	
4.11.9.17	Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting There were no requests to address the meeting	

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5.11.9.17	Standing orders were resumed	
6.11.9.17	Declaration of Interest None made.	
7.11.9.17	Approval of minutes The minutes from the meeting held on 24 July 2017 were approved with one clarification.	
8.11.9.16	Matters arising from the minutes a. Telephone Box still needs to be refurbished and the volunteers seemed to have lost interest. To be discussed further. b. School bus still waiting for up to 10 mins on Rugby Road and at times two buses are waiting. This was dangerous on the sharp bend Clerk to report again to WCC.	Clerk Clerk
9.11.9.17	New Village Issues. a. EBP suggested that we get a quote for a painting contractor to refurbish the box and then we apply for a grant from the County Councillors fund to provide a community defibrillator. The meeting agreed this was a good idea and clerk to progress, seeking information from other parishes in the first instance. b. One of the panels of glass on the bus shelter has been kicked out. JB to inspect and to advise how to replace glass. c. It was noted that a large white van is regularly parking on the grass verge by the planter entrance to the chicane. Rubbish and materials are being left. It was thought that this was while work was underway on a nearby house. It was agreed that all councillors would keep an eye on this. d. PS reported that the notice board in Rugby road, is often half empty and looks sad and more effort should be made to make it mirror the new board on Main Street and encourage community notices – board is also open as the lock is broken. Clerk advised that community notices are accepted but on occasion notices are removed. It was agreed that the lock would be replaced and if material is available it would	Clerk JB ALL Clerk

	<p>be placed in notice board.</p> <p>e. EBP advised that a formal request has been made for a £100 donation to contribute to the upkeep of the church cemetery. The meeting agreed to donate £60 and make a further £40 donation on the condition the money is spent on the footpath around the church which is dangerous. PCC to be advised.</p>	Clerk
10.11.9.17	<p>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</p> <p>a. Huge volume of work and final submissions has to be in by 15 September.</p>	EBP/IB
11.11.9.17	<p>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</p> <p>a. Nothing to report, next Forum will be on 13 September. IB and PS to attend</p>	IB/PS
12.11.9.17	<p>Planning Applications & Appeals.</p> <p>a. Meeting discussed retrospective application for extension work and change of roof to the Old Rectory in Main Street – from flat to pitched. The Council had a number of concerns which will be raised with the Planning Officer.</p>	Clerk
13.11.9.17	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>a. Nothing new to report but the CSPO had spoken to residents in Meadow Way/Primrose Court about their parking concerns and the issue now seemed to be resolved.</p>	
14.11.9.17	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>a. It was agreed to continue a search for a replacement clerk with a notice in the Revel and in the meantime the current clerk would remain in post.</p> <p>b. The meeting noted the cash book, current position and expected year end position of around £8400 for the year end.</p> <p>c. Cheques approved at the meeting comprised £496 for clerk's quarterly salary, £124 for quarterly tax bill, £8 for room hire, £91.20 for the inspection of the playpark, £120 for the external auditor, £124 for WS Gardens for Lengthsman, £1,107.71 annual insurance.</p>	Clerk

	<p>d. External audit was concluded and the auditor had no concerns but the auditor asked that next year at the meeting to consider the governance statement and accounts, the governance statement is minuted first.</p>	
15.11.9.17	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a. None received.</p>	
16.11.9.17	<p>Other items</p> <p>a. Magna Park meeting went well and IB requested that the Council attends the next meeting on 3rd October as he will be away. Clerk can attend if no one else available.</p> <p>b. Lengthsman scheme is generally working well after tightening up process and PS/JB to ask Wayne to weed kill the edge of the verge alongside the new footway on Pailton Road as it creeping over the footway.</p> <p>c. Play park inspection did not throw up any issues. JB has removed broken gate and meeting agreed to replace it.</p> <p>It was agreed that PS's ambitions to improve the playpark needs better definition and perhaps it would be better to think in terms of maintaining the current playpark for young children and expanding /creating facilities for older children in the grass area outside the playpark. To be progressed at next meeting. Clerk to chase Rugby's legal team on ownership and lease details.</p> <p>d. Installation of CCTV was considered and considered not appropriate for the village at this time. But would be considered again. Dog fouling remains the biggest problem and meeting would welcome ideas have to address this but that extra dog refuse bins is not the solution as evidence by the dog refuse that some owners feel is ok to leave unbagged around the villages bins. EBP has designed a new poster that might make some people think.</p>	<p>PS/JB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>PS</p>
17.11.9.17	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <p>a. Lengthsman scheme</p> <p>b. Magna Park redevelopment</p>	

	c. Playpark – maintaining current park and improvements to area outside current playpark	
18.11.9.17	Dates of next meetings - 6 November and 11 December 2017	
	Meeting closed at 20.53	

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Ian Bentlett, Chairman

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