

**Harborough Magna Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
4 April 2016
Early Birds Nursery School**

<p>These minutes were approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 23 May 2016</p>

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Cllr Ian Bentlett (IB)
Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)
Cllr Julia Antrobus (JA)
Cllr Ruby Joyce (RJ)
Cllr John Brady (JB)

Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

Parishioners in attendance: Mary Palmer, Barry Biggs, Toby France, Paul Skidmore, Mr & Mrs G Brady

		Action
1:04.04.16	IB welcomed all to the meeting	
2:04.04.16	There were no apologies for absence	
3: 04.04.16	Borough and County Councillors were unable to attend	
4: 04.04.16	<p>Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the parish council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mr and Mrs Palmer have offered 5 silver birch trees to the PC to provide additional trees for the village. The Parish Council welcomed this (and the suggestion from Mr Palmer that he would plant the trees) and agreed to consider where best to plant the trees and get back to Mr Palmer in the next few weeks. Suggestions included Montilo Lane, Church Close. ii. Mr Biggs gave an update on the superfast Broadband box now installed in the village. This has now been tested and in the near future parishioners will be able to sign up to receive the improved services. Anyone within 1.5km of the boxes will see a big improvement – the level of improvement will diminish in line with the distance from the boxes. The chair wanted to record his thanks to Barry Biggs and Will Wright for their efforts in securing this upgrade for the village, which had not been included in BT's original programme. iii. Mr Brady asked about the progress with the housing needs survey as discussed at the last PC meeting. The clerk explained that the Housing Organisation who were to do the survey were waiting for instructions from their client who were hoping to 	All

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	<p>develop in the village.</p> <p>iv. Mr Crystal asked if the Primrose Court Signs were ready to be installed. The chair showed the signs to the meeting and sought help from Mr Biggs to install these as soon as possible – they needed to be installed by the PC rather than residents of Primrose Court to ensure they are regarded as 'official signs'.</p> <p>v. Mary Palmer inquired if anyone knew what was happening in the church graveyard with the 'heaps' of old gravestones. Mr Brady (a former parish councillor) explained that the gravestone had been moved 30 or so years ago but were only now visible as a couple of trees had fallen.</p> <p>It was agreed that this was unsightly and the chair suggested that the PC offer to help move the signs . It was agreed to approach the church wardens to see if this was possible.</p> <p>vi. Mr & Mrs Judge expressed their concern as to huge growth of HGV's coming past their house on Montilo Lane. Speed of all vehicles is still a real issue as the new 50mph limit is considered by residents to be too fast and is in any case not followed.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5: 04.04.16	Standing orders were resumed	
6: 04.04.16	Declaration of Interest Councillors Antrobus and Joyce declared an interest in respect of their membership of the HM2000 Group.	
7.04.04.16	Approval of minutes The minutes from the meeting held on 22 February 2016 were approved and signed.	
8: 04.04.16	Matters arising <p>a. EBP asked that it be noted that while Cllr Gillias had suggested that Neighbourhood Plans were the best route forward to protect PCs from unwanted development – however the clear advice from WALC was that this was not suitable for small parishes such as Harborough Magna.</p> <p>b. EBP sought clarification as to where the additional dog refuse signs were required. It was agreed in Meadow Way (care of Paul Skidmore and Montilo Lane care of Mrs Judge)</p>	EBP

	<p>c. The telephone box adoption had gone through and the telephony equipment had been removed and the clerk was in contact with BT to enable a HMPC sign to be installed in the box. A temporary sign had now been put in the box. .</p> <p>The chair asked that all parishioners consider future uses for the box - ideas put forward included a defibrillator. Mrs Brady at this point suggested that the Revel Surgery may be willing to contribute towards the cost. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting with a paragraph on this in the next Revel magazine.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/EBP</p>
9:04.04.16	<p>New Village Issues</p> <p>a. JB inquired if any progress had been made on the issue of Network Rail's contractors use of, and damage to, Tuckeys Bridge on Cathiron Lane. The clerk advised that she had reported the problems to Network Rail and WCC and it was agreed that she would pass the incidents references etc to John Brady for him to pursue.</p> <p>b. The chair reported that he had complaints about wheelie bins left on Hawthorn Terrace at all times. It was agreed that the chair would speak to the residents concerned to see if this could be amicably resolved.</p> <p>c. JB asked if the tarmac outside houses in Easenhall Road had been cut back to stop flooding. Clerk reported that she had been advised this was going ahead but the chair asked that this be reported again to WCC highways team.</p>	<p>Clerk/JB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10: 04.04.16	<p>Harborough Magna 2000 Group</p> <p>a. RJ advised that the last quiz had been financially successful for the group and the next events were to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. 11 June Barn Dance & Pig Roast</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. 24 April and 22 May – car boot events</p> <p>b. The Parish Council agreed to contribute £150 towards the Barn Dance & Pig Roast (paying for the band) as this was an event that would welcome attendance from every household in the village</p>	
11: 04.04.16	<p>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</p> <p>a. The chair reported that the Lottery Fund had initially turned down the application for 100% funding for the OSCR project but had requested further information (focused on community support for the project) to enable them to</p>	All

	reconsider the application. This was now in hand and the chair encouraged all parishioners in Harborough Magna and Easenhall to return the survey forms to provide evidence of the community's support for the project.	
12: 04.04.16	<p>WALC and RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum</p> <p>a. The chair reported that he and EBP had attended the WALC agm/briefing day: while interesting there was little of direct benefit to the parish.</p> <p>b. The Fosse Community Forum is mostly covered under item 16.(increased traffic from Magna Park expansion) but it was noted that concerns re extra traffic on Montilo Lane had been registered and requests for speed monitoring had been accepted by the Police for a future session. In the meantime preparation work (by the police()) would continue.</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would contact WCC re road markings on the reduced speed limit and in particular how much of Cllr Morris Jones' specific £10k funding was still available.</p>	Clerk
13. 04.04.16	<p>Planning Applications & Appeals.</p> <p>a. The only new applications was for a correction/removal of a condition related to a 2011 application which had been applied in error to part of Montilo Farm. The Parish Council had no objections to its removal.</p>	
14: 04.04.16	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Police warnings re theft of goods left in vehicles – but nothing specific for the parish.</p>	
15: 04.04.16	<p>Financial matters</p> <p>a. Councillors noted the bank reconciliation, and latest financial position which remains strong. The clerk presented a different format for the financial information for councillors to consider at each meeting. The Parish Council agreed that this was much easier to understand and instructed the clerk to present this at each meeting but the cash book analysis to be continued to provide additional detail if required.</p> <p>b. The schedule of cheques signed since the last meeting and at the meeting was noted. (£50 to Walc for AGM/briefing, £8 to Early Birds for Room Hire, £60 to Round the Revel for print cost support, £40.50 for printing ink for the clerk – since the last meeting three further</p>	Clerk

	<p>cheques had been authorised: £175.86 for Primrose Court Signs, £458.40 for the clerk's quarterly salary and £114.60 to HMPC in respect of the clerk's tax)</p> <p>c. The expenditure over £100 this month is identified above</p> <p>d. The meeting agreed to adopt the new model financial regulations promoted by National Association of Local Councils. This required an amendment to the banking mandate stating that all cheques need to be signed by one of three authorised signatories - 2 councillors and the clerk as responsible financial officer are to be nominated signatories.</p>	Clerk
16: 04.04.16	<p>Other business</p> <p>a. Superfast broadband had been discussed earlier</p> <p>b. New Village Projects - Chair again invited all parishioners to provide suggestions for projects that would attract grant support and enhance the village/life of residents. (Suggestions so far included – defibrillator in telephone box, new bus shelters, improved road safety measures.)</p> <p>c. Chair and EBP reported back on discussion at the Fosse meeting (and future A5 Users Group). Throughout all the local parishes there was agreement that HGV traffic had increased significantly and was likely to increase further with the huge expansion of Magna Park. This was agreed as a significant reduction in the quality of life for parishioners. Pressure will continue to be put on Harborough to ensure a satisfactory traffic route is secured.</p> <p>Mr Judge reiterated the concern of residents of Montilo Lane and their action to report all HGVs they see to their companies as Montilo Lane is not a HGV route. He also mentioned that the village will continue to see increasing traffic from the new developments at Junction One of the M6 – which is already causing traffic jams and drivers are seeking to avoid this.</p>	
17.04.04.16	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a. Clerk advised that RBC had invited PCs to consider taking on verge cutting themselves – and this should be a part of future precept consideration. The chair offered to take this forward with Chris Worman of RBC and report back to the PC.</p>	IB
18: 04.04.16	<p>Items for the agenda of next meeting</p> <p>a. Grass cutting of village verges</p> <p>b. Further consideration of new village projects</p> <p>c. Updates on traffic position re Magna Park</p>	All

19: 04.04.16	Agreed date of next meeting as <i>new date</i> - Monday 23 May 2016. –	
Meeting closed at 20.40pm		

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Ian Bentlett, Chairman

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