

**Harborough Magna Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting  
24 July 2017  
Early Birds Nursery School**

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**Present**

Cllr Ian Bentlett (IB) (part of the meeting)  
Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)  
Cllr Julia Antrobus (JA)  
Cllr John Brady (JB)  
Cllr Paul Skidmore (PS)

**These minutes were approved  
by the Parish Council of  
11.09.2017**

Leona Bendall (Clerk), Parish Clerk

Parishioners: Barry Biggs, Mary Palmer, Guy Ringer

In attendance: Cllr Adrian Warwick (AW)

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.24.7.17</b>	IB welcomed all to the meeting and explained that for family reasons he needed to leave the meeting early and that the EBP will take over as chair.	
<b>2.24.7.17</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – none received.	
<b>3.24.7.17</b>	<p><b>Update from County and Borough Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Warwick gave the meeting an update on the following issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fosse ward has increased significantly as part of the County boundary changes and now includes Newbold.</li> <li>• Next Fosse Forum will be on 13 September at Pailton</li> <li>• AW wishes to change the format of the forum to be less formal and much more helpful to rural parishes – with interactive table discussions and presentation from bodies such as WALC, Police and Funding support.</li> <li>• Councillor Community Grant Scheme, now open – pot is £5000 but AW keen to support projects that help local communities.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Warwick then asked if there were any issues he should be aware of and invited questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Brady raised the issue of Tuckey’s Bridge and EBP provide him with part of the email correspondence on the issue. JB explained his concern that more and more bridges are failing</li> </ul>	

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	<p>and the Council is declining to repair them. AW understood the issue and explained the reduced budgets for highways but he would see how he might take this forward. Clerk to write to him and County Engineer to express continuing concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Biggs Poyner, asked if the Community Support Police Officer role will be filled. AW said he thought yes, and Cllr Skidmore said he had seen Sharon (the village's current CSPO) who has began a return to work and will soon be fulfilling her village role again.</li> <li>• Cllr Antrobus asked about the revised route for the school transport (bus 618) which now waits on the main Rugby Road (rather than by the bus stop) to both collect and drop off children. This is considered a real safety risk as cars are overtaking the school bus and exiting Main Street – creating a blind hazard. It was agreed that the clerk to write to School Transport team to express concerns.</li> </ul> <p>At this point IB brought forward item 16b expansion of Magna Park and related traffic concerns. He gave the meeting an update on the consultation meeting with Gazeley (also attended by Cllr Warwick) and the notes of this meeting are attached as appendix. AW agreed with IB's assessment.</p> <p>IB and Cllr Warwick left the meeting at this point (8pm) and Cllr Biggs Poyner took over the chair.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>4.24.7.17</b></p>	<p><b>Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting</b></p> <p>Guy Ringer (Rose Cottage) demonstrated how a defibrillator worked and gave his advice that because of the time an ambulance would take to get here – the risks for residents are very high – and therefore a defibrillator could save lives. The machine seemed easy to use and Guy stressed that the machine would only 'shock' if after scanning the person affected – it recognised the need for a shock. The meeting agreed that this was a very useful tool and as soon as the phone box is restored the PC would look for funding to secure a defibrillator for the village. EBP thanked Guy for his time and informative demonstration.</p> <p>A resident attending the meeting raised concern that the level of work undertaken at the Old Rectory seemed to be far in excess of its planning application. It was agreed that the clerk to check this out with Rugby Planning department</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<b>5.24.7.17</b>	<b>Standing orders were resumed</b>	
<b>6.24.7.17</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Brady expressed a personal interest in respect of Tuckey's Bridge as it impacted upon his business.</p>	
<b>7.24.7.17</b>	<p><b>Approval of minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 12 June 2017 were approved</p>	
<b>8.24.7.16</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <p>a. Telephone Box still needs to be refurbished.</p> <p>b. Verge markers on Rugby Road still not installed and should be reported again. There is now a trip hazard as one of the markers is broken just above the base.</p>	<p><b>IB</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>9.24.7.17</b>	<p><b>New Village Issues.</b></p> <p>a. Cllr Biggs Poyner reported that the Harborough Magna 2000 Group has now formally ended and a notice giving thanks for all the support will be placed in the Revel. EBP was asked to establish which charity has received any residual funds held by the Group so this can be publicised in the Revel.</p> <p>b. Cllr Antrobus raised concerns that the Green Lane by Autumn Farm which has been widened to allow heavy vehicle access. Areas of fields also seem to be used for storage of machinery and crushed aggregate. Cllr Brady said he thought this was acceptable agricultural practice and not related to the landowners commercial business. The clerk has asked Rugby Planning Department if this is acceptable practice and will report back.</p>	<p><b>EBP</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>10.24.7.17</b>	<p><b>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</b></p> <p>a. The OSCR bid has been accepted by the National Lottery and is now proceeding to Stage 2. The Project team now has some specific detailed information to provide on demographics etc and has contracted with a specialist bid writer for two days support. The revised bid has to be back with the National Lottery by</p>	

	10 September.	
11.24.7.17	<p><b>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</b></p> <p>a. .Discussed under County Councillor update.</p>	
12.24.7.17	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Appeals.</b></p> <p>a. Nothing to report.</p>	
13.24.7.17	<p><b><i>Neighbourhood Watch</i></b></p> <p>a. Petty vandalism, along with the theft of electric fencing from a private paddock in the village was discussed and the meeting agreed to consider installation of CCTV (notices) at selected spots in the village. To be discussed again at the next meeting.</p>	
14.24.7.17	<p><b><i>Financial matters</i></b></p> <p>a. Councillors reviewed and approved the cash book figures for the year, which showed a provisional balance of just under £10,000 as at 24 July 17. The meeting also looked at potential year end figures and the considered view was that all aspects of finance for this year, remained positive.</p> <p>b. Councillors approved the cheques signed at the meeting: £8 for room hire, and two cheques for WS Gardens to the value of £270.00</p> <p>c. External annual playpark inspection was approved and clerk to arrange.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
15.24.7.17	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>a. Nothing to report</p>	

<p><b>16.24.7.17</b></p>	<p><b>Other items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lengthsman scheme was discussed and JB raised concerns that either the Lengthsman (or Rugby contractor) had simply mowed over litter, creating far more mess. He would discuss this with Wayne and also the need for his team to remove grass cuttings from the fenced area of the playpark.</li> <li>b. Expansion of Magna Park /A5 Discussed under item 3.</li> <li>c. Monitoring and further improvement to playpark. JB reported that the gate to the playpark had been deliberately broken and was potentially dangerous and that the mole issue had become critical. It was agreed that the Clerk should report the mole issue to Rugby, while JB would remove the damaged gate. This would increase the risk of dogs entering and fouling the park but this was considered a safer option than leaving the damaged gate. JB also undertook to get some prices for replacing the gate – perhaps with metal fence.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JB</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>JB</b></p>
<p><b>17.24.7.17</b></p>	<p><b>Items for next agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lengthsman scheme</li> <li>b. Magna Park redevelopment</li> <li>c. Playpark – monitoring and improvement plans</li> <li>d. CCTV camera signs</li> </ul>	
<p><b>18.24.7.17</b></p>	<p><b>Dates of next meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date of next meeting Monday 11 September and subsequent meeting 30 October 2017.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 8.43pm</b></p>	

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**Ian Bentlett, Chairman**

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**Date**

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## Appendix 1: Notes from Ian Bentlett

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