

Harborough Magna Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting
3 December 2018

Present

Cllr Ian Bentlett (IB) Chair
Cllr Elizabeth Biggs Poyner (EBP)
Cllr John Brady (JB)
Cllr Toby France (TF)

Leona Bendall (Clerk)

Parishioners: Barry Biggs, Fenella France, Brian Ingram

		Action
1.3.12.18	IB welcomed all to the meeting	
2.3.12.18	<p>Apologies for absence Cllr Paul Skidmore</p> <p>Cllr Adrian Warwick (WCC) Cllr Tony Gillias (RBC)</p>	
3.3.12.18	<p>Update from Borough and County Councillors</p> <p>Nothing received</p>	
4.3.12.18	<p>Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
5.3.12.18	Standing orders were resumed	
6.3.12.18	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>None made.</p>	
7.3.12.18	<p>Approval of minutes</p> <p>The minutes from 15 October 2018 meeting were approved.</p>	
8.3.12.18	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB still to visit residents of Old Village Hall to thank them for adopting the planter adjacent to their home – will undertake asap. • Pink spray seems to be working as dog mess on streets is reducing – but on fields it seems to be getting worse. 	<p>IB</p> <p>EBP</p>

	<p>EBP will not spray on fields without approval from the farmers. Conversation to be had with farmers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr JB will try to fit the new gate to the playpark – which is a considerable task – during his Christmas break. • Clerk reported damaged bridge to WCC, National Rail, Canal & River Trust but was not confident that action will be taken. Bridge is structurally sound and the panels missing are decorative. Council expressed disappointment at reaction of CRT. 	JB
9.3.12.18	<p>New Village Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBP reported that the footbridge no R186/5 crossing R89/A I is dangerous as the middle plank of the bridge has rotted. Clerk to report. 	Clerk
10.3.12.18	<p>Parish Plan/OSCR Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB reported some positive soundings from the Big Lottery as a 10% increase subject to justification has been negotiated due to delays – final decision awaited promised by end of the year. Tenders are being applied for and build period management is in place but more volunteers will be required for running the building . 	
11.3.12.18	<p>RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB reported that this remains a useful and interesting forum and the PC should ensure a representative always attend. • Priorities for the police include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fly tipping - Illegal traveller camps - Tackling increase in car thefts <p>Other points of interest included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clifton new 20mph zone, while welcome is not fully effective as weight limits are ignored and unenforceable. - Jude Henderson is co-ordinating rural community support schemes and this could be useful if the new Village Hub goes ahead. 	All
12.3.12.18	<p>Planning applications and appeals</p> <p>Clerk repeated advice that a new application has been received for an agricultural barn at Lilac Cottage off Easenhall Road. Clerk will recirculate details to all members and if they have any concern to contact clerk by Friday 7 December to ensure we make a timely comment.</p>	Clerk/ALL

13.3.12.18	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>No current additional concerns on crime etc in the village, but as reported from the Fosse meeting Rural car theft and break-ins is increasing . Emphasis on need not to leave valuables in cars .</p>	
14.3.12.18	<p>Financial and Governance issues</p> <p>a. The clerk advised the meeting that the finances were on track and no immediate concerns for this financial year.</p> <p>b. The schedule of cheques approved at the meeting included: £8 for Room Hire; £132 for HMRC in respect of Q3 liabilities; £528 for Q3 clerk's salary; £50 for RBC in respect of Playpark annual lease</p> <p>Plus new items which included £22 for wreath at Village Remembrance service and £780 for sandblasting and priming village phone box.</p> <p>c. Meeting agreed £640 to be paid for new polycarbonate windows and full kit to complete phone box restoration. Clerk to order kit and start application for grant for defibrillator. IB to arrange for installation of replacement windows.</p> <p>d. <u>Street Lamp replacement</u> LB updated councillors on further action that might provide a cheaper solution than complete installation of new lamps. Clerk to continue research and report back to next meeting</p> <p>e. Clerk circulated initial paper for consideration on 2019/20 precept and would provide further information ahead of next meeting to enable full discussion on PC budget and precept requirements – but she pointed out that to do nothing would result in a drop in income from current year, as Council Tax Support Grant has now ended, at a time when the PC is facing additional funding requirements.</p> <p>f. Clerk advised that WCC have now paid £340 in respect of Clerk's application for a new bench – she would research options and sent to all councillors for approval.</p> <p>g. The meeting agreed to consider funding for replacement village website through budget process as the site the PC currently uses has to be replaced.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>IB</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
15.3.12.18	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Clerk reported that she had received a response from our MP regarding her July 2018 letter re Bus Chaperones. Substance of response was that it would go ahead as no other funding solution was possible</p>	
16.3.12.18	<p>Other ongoing village matters</p> <p><u>School Bus chaperones.</u></p> <p>a. As parents have not requested any further assistance this</p>	

	<p>would be reviewed should circumstances change. To be removed as standing item from agenda.</p> <p>b. <u>Snow wardens –</u> two volunteers now agreed to regularly review salt levels (Mr B Ingram and Mr D Holvey) and report any concerns back to WCC. To be removed as standing item on agenda. PS will be asked to find volunteers in Meadow Way</p> <p>c. <u>Phone box</u> – Painting now complete – windows to be installed, IB to arrange. Item to be removed as a standing item from agenda. Roger Antrobus thanked for the painting of the box.</p> <p>d. <u>Magna Park</u> – nothing new to report, we will continue attend Liaison Group and report back.</p> <p>e. <u>Lengthsman scheme</u> – as RBC will be continuing village grass cuts at same level as current year, no additional funding to be made for Lengthsman scheme in 2019/20.</p> <p>f. <u>Playpark monitoring and upgraded facilities</u> – PS to update next meeting on ideas for upgrading and funding any playpark improvement</p> <p>g. <u>Speeding in the village</u> – Nothing new to report – PS to provide update to next PC meeting</p> <p>h. <u>Establishment of 200 Club</u> Mrs F France gave meeting an update on her research and decision was to go ahead with plans to take to next stage. Once further information is available (including who might 'own and run' village scheme) that all agreed with Mrs France that this must be an inclusive scheme for whole village</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>IB</p> <p>IB</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Mrs France</p>
17.3.12.18	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Village 200 Club • Update on replacement street lamps • Progress on phone box restoration and grant application • Playpark • Speeding traffic 	All
18.3.12.18	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Provisional dates for next meetings – 14th January and 25 February 2019..</p>	All

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Ian Bentlett
Chair

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