

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, OCKBROOK ON WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2017

Present	Cllr. M. Wallis, (Chairman) Cllr. D. Webster, Cllr. J. Owens, Cllr. T. Holbrook Cllr. M. Wain Cllr. J Fraser-Burton
In attendance	Ron Parker (Clerk to the Parish Council) Cllr. W. Major, Cllr. R. Parkinson 5 Parishioners

Public Participation

The Chairman was sad to announce the death of Mr. Kevin Bates. He was well respected and had served as a Parish Councillor for many years. A minutes silence was observed

A parishioner advised that there was a plot of land off the side of Elm Street Allotments which was for sale presumably to allow a new building plot. Both the Clerk and the Chairman confirmed that whilst it was possible to obtain planning permission to erect a building on the site there would be no further access permitted either pedestrian or vehicular to the new site by the Parish Council.

Councillor R. Parkinson had submitted a written report – attached.

Comment was raised by a parishioner who had heard that bags of rubble being deposited at the local waste tips now attracted a charge of £3 per bag. It was felt that would increase fly tipping.

Cllr. M. Wallis as Borough Councillor announced that the redevelopment of Stanton Ironwork seemed to be moving forwards.

Cllr. M. Wallis reported that vandalism was still occurring particularly on the Deans Drive recreation area. He was however pleased to announce that the name of a vandalism perpetrator had been passed on to the police and hopefully an example would be made in the near future. A great deal of large items of rubbish had been thrown in the brook – This will be cleared by the Environmental Agency and Erewash BC.

Following the departure of PC Colin Howitt we now have a PC Malcolm Atherton who has already been to meet members of the Parish Council and is keen to become fully involved with the community.

Cllr. M. Wallis reminded Cllr. R. Parkinson that our Parish were promised a grant of £10,000 by Derbyshire County Council last year towards extra trim trail equipment and asked him if he could make the necessary enquiries to ascertain the current situation.

Part 1 – Non Exempt information

1/2/17 To receive apologies for absence

Received and accepted apologies from Cllr. V. Tumanow, Cllr. A. Solloway, Cllr. D. Archer, Cllr. M. White (Vice Chairman) and Cllr. K. Knapp

2/2/17 Variation in order of business

No change deemed necessary.

3/2/17 Declaration of members interests.

None declared

4/2/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2016

These had been circulated and read. Proposed by Cllr. J. Owens and seconded Cllr. D. Webster that they be accepted as a true copy – unanimous agreement. The chairman signed a copy.

5/2/17 To determine which items should be discussed with the public excluded.

No change deemed necessary.

6/2/17 Outstanding matters.

Cllr. M. Wallis confirmed that the Queens Jubilee sign that was originally on the Green Lane/The Ridings junction has now been fully restored to a high standard and following many requests will be re-sited on the corner of Pares Way and Bare Lane

7/2/17 To receive the Clerk's Report.

Written report and financial report submitted – (attached) The Clerk offered to give any further information if required. – None requested

8/2/17 To receive the Chairman's Report

Cllr. M. Wallis had received many thanks and compliments following the improvements to the frontage of Birds Shop. The site had been covered with very uneven tarmac and attracted the parking of a number of vehicles which made it dangerous for pedestrians and vehicles leaving the Co-Op car park. Planters, a waste bin and a bench had been sited as well as a number of bollards to block potential vehicle parking. It is hoped that the yellow no parking lines will soon be re-instated

9/2/17 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

a, Recreation. – Cllr. D. Webster reported on how popular the new trim trail equipment on Deans Drive has become and thanked the Parish Council for yet again repairing the “bouncy frog” following damage by vandals. The vandals were also causing damage to and spoiling the grass with motor bikes churning up the mud. Cllr Webster also pointed out her over 60s club on Wednesday afternoons which provides entertainment, friendship, bingo and refreshments continues to be successful. So much so that the EBC Today magazine sent photographers along recently and an article will soon appear.

b, Planning – Cllr. J. Owens. He reported that he had regularly checked the new applications and generally these were for routine house extensions and felt that there were no objections or reason for concern. The one exception was for Bake House Lane where the extensions originally seemed overbearing but now the plans had been substantially amended. The work has now started to demolish the Foresters Public House and create an estate of 10 houses.

c, Burial - Cllr. M. Wallis reported that he had received several good reports regarding our Balmoral Road cemetery which reflects the work recently completed by Community Payback who had made a very good job of trimming back the hedges and bushes.

The Parish Council have been successful in gaining a grant of £3800 from Erewash BC towards the cost of new fencing at the closed Belmont cemetery – the existing fence is broken down and allowing intruders to get into the cemetery which is considered dangerous.

The Parish Council have for some time been searching for land on which to create a new cemetery. We have now been approached by a very generous local landowner with what appears to be a very suitable plot of land. We are currently making further enquiries towards its suitability.

d, Finance - Cllr. T. Holbrook had checked through the financial statements and the list of cheques requiring signatures and recommended that they be accepted. Proposed by Cllr. J. Owens and seconded by J. Fraser-Burton - Unanimous acceptance. Cllr. Holbrook also confirmed that as our bank accounts were satisfactory there would again be no increase in the precept in the coming year.

e. allotments - Cllr. T. Holbrook confirmed that the majority of the allotment holders had renewed their agreements for their plots on Elm Street & Shacklecross. A parishioner had made enquiries regarding joining with Erewash in Bloom – Arrangements have been made for Mr. D. Brammall of Erewash BC to discuss the details with them.

10/2/17 Electric Car Charging Point. – Cllr. J. Owens proposed that the Parish Council should play its part in encouraging sustainable energy and promote clean air by installing an electric car charging facility at the Parish Hall. Research has been completed which indicates that a large number of councils particularly in the north have already taken this action and that many of the pros and cons had been established. British Gas had visited the site and detailed the various options available. It was felt that just the basic system would be suitable and would keep the installation costs down. A universal fitting would be installed making it available to all makes of electric car. Controls for its use would remain within the Parish Hall. Installation proposed by Cllr. J. Owens and seconded by Cllr. J. Fraser-Burton – unanimous acceptance. A request was made that the information be forwarded to the absent Parish Councillors and that the installation should proceed as soon as possible.

11/2/17 Date & Time of next meeting - To take place on Wednesday 1st March 2017 commencing 7.00pm at the Parish Hall, Church Street, Ockbrook. DE72 3SL

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.09pm