

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, OCKBROOK ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2017**

Present	Cllr. M. Wallis, (Chairman) Cllr. T. Holbrook Cllr. J. Owens, Cllr. J. Fraser-Burton Cllr. M. White Cllr. V. Tumanow Cllr. M. Wain
In attendance	R. Parker (Clerk to the Council) 4 Parishioners

Public Participation.

Cllr. M. Wallis introduced Mr. Wayne Peapell who is now working for the Parish Council – He is very highly qualified in all aspects of his trade and already there are signs where the Parish is starting to look better and praise was being received from Parishioners. Wayne addressed the meeting and confirmed that he had started on the various approaches to the Parish as these were the first impressions gained by visitors to the village. He detailed the presence of Giant Hogweed within the Parish – The plant can reach 5m in height and contact with it can cause severe painful blisters which can take up to 10 years to clear often leaving scarring. The plants have been found on the Deans Drive Park – fortunately these were identified and very rapidly removed. Any further sightings should be immediately reported to the Parish Council Office. He feels that great improvements can be made to the appearance of the Parish and he is confident that next year will see us in the East Midlands in Bloom and Best Kept Village competitions.

Cllr. M. Wallis as Borough Councillor reported that Carol Hart was now leader of Erewash BC with Chris Corbett her deputy. Mary Hopkinson is the new Mayor. The Ilkeston Carnival has been cancelled for the 2nd time in three years

AGENDA

PART 1 – NONE EXEMPTION

1/6/17 To receive apologies for absence

Received from Cllr. D. Archer, Cllr. D. Webster, Cllr. K. Knapp, and Cllr. A. Solloway,

2/6/17 Variation in order of business

No change deemed necessary

3/6/17 Declaration of members interest

None declared

4/6/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2017

It was pointed out that Councils on Page One should read Councillors. Acceptance subject to this minor amendment proposed by Cllr. J. Owens and seconded by Cllr. T.Holbrook – unanimous

5/6/17 To determine items to exclude public

None deemed necessary

6/6/17 Outstanding matters

Cllr. M. Wallis announced that negotiations for the takeover by the Parish Council of the Ashbrook Centre from Derbyshire County Council that had been ongoing in recent years are nearing completion following the offer of a 50 year lease.

7/6/17 Clerks report

The Clerk announced that the defibrillator outside the Parish Office had been used in an emergency. As the pads could not be used a second time and the battery could not be guaranteed at full strength these were being replaced. A further defibrillator will soon be installed outside of Wilsons Chemist in the centre of Borrowash.

The flood gauges appear to be working perfectly and are actually sending out messages immediately the water level starts to rise or fall.

Quotations are being sought for re-slating the roof over the Post Office and will be submitted for consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Clerk had also submitted full details of income and expenditure during May and enquired if there were any questions. - None

8/6/17 Chairman's report.

Cllr. M. Wallis reported that the new equipment on the Bare Lane Recreation Ground had proved a tremendous success and that a further two pieces of equipment and a new basket ball hoop will be installed shortly. The ten trim trail pieces of equipment on Deans Drive has also proved very popular and the Parish Council has employed a fitness expert (Christiana Johnson) to attend the site on Saturday mornings (9.30/11.00 am) to advise on how to use the equipment in an effective and safe manner. She will start on Saturday 1st July for 3 months.

The footbridge over the A52 is to be closed whilst it is repainted and also the central reservation cleared of rubbish

9/6/17 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr. T. Holbrook referred to the list of cheques prepared by the Clerk that required approval and signature. Proposal for acceptance from Cllr. J. Owens and seconded by Cllr. J. Fraser-Burton – unanimous. An enquiry had been received by the Parish

Council asking if financial assistance can be given to a young local lad with cerebral palsy. He is showing promise at wheelchair tennis and had represented North of England in the National Games. Local facilities are not wheelchair friendly and it means miles of expensive travelling to get the necessary training. Proposed by Cllr. V. Tumanow and seconded by Cllr. M. Wain that £500 should be made as a one-off donation. Cllr. T. Holbrook also pointed out that he had been in contact with Margaret Barker of the Heritage Society – She had been encouraging local schools to design a Parish Flag and they had produced a large number of designs which he will help to judge later in the week. The Parish flag will hopefully be seen flying from our flagpoles.

There are allotment plots available for letting on Elm Street allotments – enquiries at Parish Office.

Cllr. J. Fraser-Burton advised that the new play area on Bare Lane had proved a tremendous success. She is busy organising five events over the summer holidays (one per week) Full details will be advertised shortly. The under 10s football pitch on Bare Lane is also very successful and it is good to see parents accompanying the children. The Parish Council had donated various items to help them get started - playing friendlies at the moment

Cllr. M. White as Planning Chairman announced that he is still making enquiries regarding the car wash business close to the Wilmot Arms. There have been a number of applications received for minor extensions to houses which he considered acceptable. The two of the three sites on Moor Lane were still causing some concern and enforcement may be considered.

Cllr. J. Owens said he was aware that there is a grave flooding problem at the Balmoral Road Cemetery and suggested that planting trees might help the situation by extracting water from the ground.

Cllr. V. Tumanow asked if the uneven pavement surface outside the shops on Nottingham Road could be reported again as it was dangerous. The Clerk will advise Derbyshire County Council Highways Department.

PART 2 – EXEMPT ITEMS.

None

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Date & Time of next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5th July 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Church Street, Ockbrook.

