

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, OCKBROOK ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017**

Present Cllr. M. Wallis, (Chairman)
Cllr. T. Holbrook
Cllr. J. Owens,
Cllr. J. Fraser-Burton
Cllr. M. White

In attendance R. Parker (Clerk to the Council)
Cllr. W. Major,
7 Parishioners

Public Participation.

Cllr. W. Major advised that following the elections for County Councillors there had been a swing towards the conservatives. The new figures are Conservatives 37, Labour 24, Liberal Democrats 3. Early decisions from the new council include the stopping of proposed charges for waste disposal and proposed pay rises of £6000 to some councillors will not continue.

Comments raised by the public previously including stone crushing and also rubbish being dumped off Cole Lane were raised again. They were advised that the subject was still under investigation by the authorities.

Cllr. M. Wallis as Borough Councillor reported that the new Bare Lane Recreation area was proving extremely popular. The quality of the basket ball hoop had proved unsatisfactory and is to be replaced. There is approx. 200 sq. m. of turf to be replaced but due to the recent lack of rain this will occur when more suitable weather occurs.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NONE EXEMPTION

1/5/17 To receive apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr. D. Archer, Cllr. D. Webster, Cllr. K. Knapp, Cllr. V. Tumanow, Cllr. A. Solloway, Cllr. M. Wain and Cllr. R. Parkinson

2/5/17 Variation in order of business

No change deemed necessary

3/5/17 Declaration of members interest

None declared

4/5/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2017

Acceptance proposed by Cllr. M. White and seconded by Cllr. J. Owens – unanimous

5/5/17 To determine items to exclude public

None deemed

6/5/17 Outstanding matters

The second phase of the installation of the trim trail equipment has now been completed and is receiving lots of enthusiastic comments from parishioners of various ages. Our many thanks to Cllr. R. Parkinson for obtaining a grant of £10,000 from Derbys. CC and for the Big lottery Fund for a further £10,000 grant

7/5/17 Clerks report

The Clerk had submitted a detailed list of income/expenditure during April and also a list of cheques that required approval for payment. He offered to give further information on any particular item. No enquiries. The account books will be forwarded to the internal auditors as soon as possible.

8/5/17 Chairman's report.

Cllr. M. Wallis advised that at the Annual Parish Meeting there had been a re-arrangement of the various committees to enable Councillors to become more experienced in the various aspects of Parish Council business.

He had been aware for some time that the system of the lengthsman was not totally satisfactory. One of the lengthsman had left our employment and the other had requested that the hours he worked be reduced from 20 hours to 12 hours per week. This has enabled the Parish Council to appoint Mr. Wayne Peapell to carry out similar duties for us. Wayne is very highly qualified and comes extremely well recommended by Erewash BC. The parishioners are already noticing the difference that has occurred particularly the cemeteries at Balmoral Road and All Saints Church. A letter had been received from the Cricket Club off Victoria Avenue thanking the Parish Council for the donation of a £500 cheque

After many years of negotiation the transfer of the Ashbrook Youth Group building from Derbyshire County Council appears to be nearing completion – a 50 year lease appears likely. Cllr. M. Wallis detailed the importance that this be completed as soon as possible as it will be an important local amenity to the Parish

Further comments regarding litter and dog deposits continue to be received – Covert cameras are now being considered – Fines of up to £1000 will follow.

9/5/17 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

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

Cllr. J. Fraser-Burton advised that she had already got into her role as entertainments chairman and had held meetings with the local community committee – Many Summer activities were being arranged – full information and dates to be announced shortly.

Cllr. M. Wallis announced that the Parish Council would be applying for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to convert Belmont Cemetery from the existing dangerous eyesore into a pleasant Garden of Remembrance.

Cllr. M. White as Planning Chairman announced that he will be making enquiries regarding the car wash business close to the Wilmot Arms. All current planning applications appear satisfactory with the exception of the two houses on Kimberly Road which will receive full opposition from the Parish Council

10/5/17 Circus

An enquiry has been received to allow a non-animal circus to attend the Parish next year. To be added to next meeting.

11/5/17 Topple testing in Balmoral Cemetery

Some of the memorial stones are not anchored correctly and had been discussed by the Parish Council approx. two years ago. The question had been raised again to determine the Parish Councils current policy.

Cllr. M. White advised he had again researched the number of accidents occurring nationally and found that they were very rare. He suggested that our existing policy of no action should remain – unanimous agreement.

PART 2 – EXEMPT ITEMS.

None

The meeting closed at 7.42pm

Date & Time of next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 12th June 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Church Street, Ockbrook. DE72 3SL.
(delayed date due to national election)

