

OSGATHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT THE HARLEY HALL

TUESDAY 8th November 2016

Present:	Cllr Martin Buczkiewicz (Chair) Cllr Rosie Clarke (joined the meeting at 7.05pm) Cllr Steve Webb Cllr Mike Fairlamb
Also in attendance:	Clerk to the Council Nicola Kozurek Seven members of the public
Council Meeting:	
52/2016	Apologies: Cllr Jim Elson (Vice chair)
53/2016	Police Speaker: The police did not attend the meeting. Cllr Buczkiewicz gave an update on the crime figures for September and October: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 18th September, ABH common assault, no formal complaint made, no further information available 2. 23rd September, vehicle crime, intoxicated driver, arrest made 3. October – no crimes reported
54/2016	Neighbourhood Watch: Volunteers are still required. Please contact the Parish Council if interested.
55/2016	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Cllr Carke joined the meeting at this point. After reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting for accuracy and being a true reflection of the meeting, Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed the minutes as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Fairlamb. Unanimously approved.
56/2016	Matters Arising/Clerk Progress Report/ Meeting actions progress report: Mrs Kozurek provided an update on actions from the previous minutes. Matters Arising. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nature spot website has been taken on by Amella Clarke 2. Footpath in front of 32 Main Street is awaiting an engineer to assess 3. Phonebox refurbishment will be commencing around April 2017
57/2016	Financial Matters: Mrs Kozurek provided a financial update, full details are available on

	<p>the website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of cheques were agreed: proposed by Cllr Buczkiewicz, seconded by Cllr Webb, approved unanimously, then signed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Harley Hall £20 b. Clerk salary £560 c. O2 mobile phone top up £10 d. Jubilee Woods grass cutting £100 2. 2nd half of the precept has been received from NWLDC 3. 2017/18 precept to be agreed at January 2017 meeting
58/2016	Planning Matters:
	<p>Planning Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 25 Dawsons Road has been granted permission <p>Planning Responses Submitted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Dawsons Road Development (changing some plots from 4 to 5 bedrooms) – no response as footprint of properties is not changing c. Snarrows Road 2 property development
59/2016	Correspondence:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensions auto enrolment is up to date • NHS are raising awareness of free flu jobs for those at risk and for the over 65s. Posters to be displayed on noticeboards, or visit the website for more information: www.staywell-llr.org.uk • The police are launching a darker nights campaign to help residents keep properties safe, posters will be displayed on noticeboards • Cllr Buczkiewicz noted that American signal crayfish have been seen in the brook, they burrow into the bank and lay up to 250 eggs during the winter, and will destroy any native species in the brook. Leicestershire County Council will only record that they are present but will not do anything about it. • A query was received regarding the Dawsons Road development SUDs and whether the builders have illegally started work on the land as the SUDs drainage system for the development has not been formally approved. Cllr Fairlamb responded, NWLDC have taken the lead on looking into it. • Jubilee Woods maintenance query received at the previous PC meeting. Mr Blunt has contacted Native Forestry who have visited the woods and given advice. They noted that the trees are now fully established, there is no need for further strimming (apart from the footpath route), nettles should not be strimmed as they are positive for the environment and as the trees are not being harvested for timber they do not need to be pruned. They also noted that around 1/3 of the trees can be thinned when they reach approx. 15 years old. Cllr Buczkiewicz thanked Mr Blunt for dealing with the query on behalf of the Parish Council.
60/2016	Cemetery Maintenance:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Elson has checked the beech tree saplings and reported back that most have bedded in well. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed purchasing an additional 50 saplings from NWLDC at a cost of £0.38p each, £19 in total, which Cllr Elson has agreed to plant and will also put some

	<p>manure down to give a better base for the saplings. Seconded by Cllr Webb. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>2. Corner section on the right hand side needs tidying and strimming. Cllr Elson had reported there has been some vandalism once again, secateurs have been used to cut the main growing stem on the Jubilee Oak and all 20 fruit trees. Cllr Elson hopes that despite the vandalism the trees will bush out. Cllr Buczkiewicz noted this is a worrying development of people vandalising the cemetery.</p>
61/2016	<p>Phone box and Maintenance:</p> <p>1. Cllr Buczkiewicz has the due diligence forms from LCC to complete. Having spoken to LCC regarding the forms, Cllr Buczkiewicz has been told that the £240 cheque previously written for the excavation works for the phonebox relocation will no longer be required as it is for a community body. The cheque was then destroyed.</p> <p>2. Action Cllr Buczkiewicz to contact David Stanley to get the required contractors forms completed.</p>
62/2016	<p>Highways and Footpaths</p> <p>1. Unadopted road on Main Street/Meadow Lane. Mrs Kozurek gave an update: there is a new inspector in place for all Public Right of Ways (PRoW) in Leicestershire. The inspector has given an update that contractors are working through the autumn cuts, although they “may need to review how much the route is cut in future years, within what budgets allow.” They are also going to examine the signpost which had fallen down to see if it needs repair or replacement.</p>
63/2016	<p>Website and Village Voice</p> <p>1. Cllr Webb has looked into the issue of the new website only showing up third on the list on a google search. The previous providers of the website (whose link shows up first) can redirect searches to the new site at a cost of £75 pa. Cllr Webb noted that by users clicking purely onto the link of the new website will eventually move the new link higher up the order and that it is not worth spending £75 pa to move the link higher up the order. Cllr Buczkiewicz seconded that it was not worth spending £75 pa on this, with both Cllrs Clarke and Fairlamb agreeing also.</p> <p>2. Cllr Buczkiewicz requested parishioners not to use the top link of the google search, but to purely use the link to the new website www.osgathorpeparishcouncil.co.uk. Action Cllr Webb to add a paragraph into the next issue of the Village Voice to highlight this issue.</p>
64/2016	<p>Other Village Issues:</p> <p>1. The nature spot has been taken on by Amella Clarke. The next issue of the Village Voice will have a section about Amella and the nature spot. Cllr Buczkiewicz noted that owl nesting boxes and bat boxes are to be made and placed around the village as part of this.</p> <p>2. 129 bus – a double decker bus was used during part of October as a replacement for the usual bus which had broken down. As a result the bus was not passing through the village and remained on the Main road. This has now been rectified and the usual bus has resumed service.</p> <p>3. Cllr Buczkiewicz noted that the LED streetlights are now in use</p>

	<p>throughout the village, they use less energy and produce less heat than the previous streetlights and are centrally controlled.</p>
<p>65/2016</p>	<p>Public Participation:</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OCPL update from Mr Blunt – the OCPL has written to Mr Collin to remind him that the previous offer made to purchase the pub still stands. No further information is currently available. 2. Mr Phillipson raised the issue of the police attendance at the September meeting. Issues which were highlighted to the PCSO in attendance were not noted down and the PCSO had no knowledge of issues which had been reported. Cllr Buczkiewicz agreed that the PCSO was possibly underprepared. Action Cllr Buczkiewicz to contact PC Louise Gravnell to ensure that any police presence at the meetings are fully briefed and take note of any issues raised by the public. 3. Mr Phillipson highlighted that the Dawsons Road development work should not have started as planning permission has not yet been granted for the SUDs drainage system. Mr Phillipson has contacted Adam Mellor from NWLDC planning team who agrees that work should not have started and has reported it to the enforcement officer who decided to take no action. Mr Phillipson said there are drawings highlighting where the drains will be positioned but no calculations as to how the drainage system meets the regulations, and requests the PC write to NWLDC to ensure that before the SUDs system is approved it meets the regulations of carrying 5 litres of water per second per hectare from the site. Cllr Fairlamb responded that he wasn't aware there were not any calculations in place but has seen the drawings. Cllr Fairlamb also confirmed he is happy to write to NWLDC to suggest they review the SUDs and ensure they have taken advice from the LLFA (Local Lead Flood Authority), action Cllr Fairlamb. Mr Bate then queried who will be responsible for the maintenance of the SUDs, Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed it will be the management company who take over the maintenance of the development, but needs to check whether this will be in perpetuity, action Cllr Buczkiewicz to check. 4. Mrs Phillipson asked for the PC to look into the quality of any playground equipment before it is purchased. Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed the equipment is to be supplied by Wicksteed who are a nationally reputable company, and there will be an inspection agreement in place for the equipment to be checked every 6-8 months. Cllr Buczkiewicz also confirmed that a number of parents within the village were consulted when choosing the equipment so it is comprehensive, and includes seats, bins and is enclosed by fencing with a gate wide enough to allow access for the ride on mower. Mrs Phillipson commented that she thought the Dawsons Road plans show a wall along the Armetts Lane boundary, action Cllr Buczkiewicz to check the plans. 5. Mr Bate noted that the stripping of the Dawsons Road development site and the subsequent storage of the soil on the PC land adjacent to the site needs planning permission. Cllr Buczkiewicz noted that Cllr Elson has looked into this issue and there are contracts drawn up for this to be allowed to happen. Mr Bate commented that storing soil and cabins on the land does not fall into "enabling works". Action Cllr Buczkiewicz to check with NWLDC.

	<p>6. Mr Phillipson noted that the PCC has not yet had a letter from the PC to say they have been successful with the request for a grant from the s106 monies. Action Mrs Kozurek to send letters to both the PCC and OCPL with details of the grant outcome. Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed that the PCC would need to invoice NWLDC to get the monies paid.</p> <p>7. Mr Phillipson queried whether a “drop dead” has been or should be allocated to the £95,000 set aside for the pub refurbishment. Action Cllr Buczkiewicz to check with NWLDC.</p> <p>8. Mr Phillipson commented that he has been chasing LCC regarding the blocked gulley on Dawsons Road, and has been told that issues are graded on a scale of 1-4, with 1 being a flood risk to houses and 4 being of no concern. The blockages in the village are currently graded 3, so may take some time to be dealt with. Action Mrs Kozurek to follow up with LCC highways.</p>
66/2016	<p>Dates of next meetings, start 7pm:</p> <p>10th January 2017 and 9th May 2017</p>
<p>Signed by the Chairperson</p> <p>Date</p>	

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