

**OSGATHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT THE HARLEY HALL
TUESDAY 25th January 2011**

Present:	Chairperson Martin Buczkiewicz Vice Chairperson Mike Inchley Councillor Fiona Davidson Councillor Simon Bishop Councillor Penny Freeman
Also in attendance:	
	Clerk to the Council Lisa Clarke 11 members of the public Mr Chris Elston (NWL Development Control Officer)
01/2011	Apologies:
	PCSO Nicola Stanhope and PC Jason Underwood
02/2011	Police Speaker:
	Via Email Two incidents of diesel theft in December. Kegworth Police station is closing. JU and NS are relocating to an office at the Yew Tree Lodge; unfortunately this will not be open to the public. It is a base to carry out clerical duties. They will still be contactable via email or on 0116 222 2222.
03/2011	Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
	After perusing the minutes of the previous meeting the following amendments were noted: 46/2010 change 'metals' to 'metal'
04/2011	Matters Arising/Clerk Progress Report:
	Matters arising: Flkr – ongoing. Mr Phillipson noted that this item had been on the agenda for 2 yrs. Cllr Buczkiewicz will speak to Mr Sydenham. Cllr Freeman has not arranged a meeting with Mr Chatwin regarding the rates for Harley Hall, but was aware that a decline in usage of the Hall had lead to the price increase. Cllr Bishop asked if we had the usage terms for the Hall. Mrs Clarke confirmed that we do have the usage terms and that they are very restrictive. Mr Phillipson commented that the Village Hall committee can determine that usage is reasonable and again suggested a meeting be arranged. Mrs Phillipson added that if the village wanted a meeting about usage the Hall Committee must convene. Cllr Buczkiewicz noted that the council term of 4 years was up in April and a new council would sit in May. Suggest that the Hall is an agenda item for the

new council. **Mrs Clarke to add to the agenda.**

Mr Phillipson asked if the precept had been challenged?

Cllr Buczkiewicz – no, the closure date for submission is the 31st Jan, The 25% cut was heard on the ‘grapevine’ during the 129-bus service debate.

Mr Phillipson commented that he couldn’t see how they could cut the precept as it was public money relating to the Council Tax of the villagers.

The Clerk updated the meeting on outstanding issues:

1. All present agreed that the audited accounts can go onto the website.
Mrs Clarke to action
2. Mr Collin has 4 more entries to make and then the burial book will be up to date. **Mr Collin will have this completed by the 31st Jan**
3. Dawson’s Road drains have flooded again, STW attended following a call and unblocked the drain.
4. No Update on the acceptance of the Precept, the closure date for submission is the 31st Jan.
5. Letter received from LCC confirming receipt of Mrs Clarke’s letter about dropped kerbs in the village.
6. Emergency services have been notified about the phone box and have confirmed that the number has been taken off the central register.
7. The signs on Breedon Lane still need to be reported to the Highways
Mrs Clarke to action.
8. Cllr Inchley confirmed that BT is paying the electricity bill for the phone box. Although this is a short-term solution and once the Land ownership is resolved Osgathorpe PC will have to pay.

Mr Phillipson commented that the Standing Orders were not under the Freedom of Information Act heading in the Osgathorpe website, as had been previously reported. **Mrs Clarke to investigate**

05/2011

Neighbourhood Watch:

Cllr Buczkiewicz read out an email warning villagers about a scam-modelling agency. The email was also circulated around the village through Mr Davidson.

**Buczkiewicz
06/2011**

Correspondence:

1. On 29th Nov Mrs Bishop sent a request to the Council for grit bins. This was followed up by Cllr Buczkiewicz on the 10th Dec. Trevor Dakin rang shortly after, each bin would cost £200 but would be topped up free of charge each winter. NWL council have advised that bins are available from £130 – £312. Mrs Bishop feels that 3 would be required at points across the village. **Cllr Buczkiewicz to send agreed locations to NWL.**
2. Letter received regarding public notice boards and seats, which would be longer, be maintained by NWL. Local Councils to take over maintenance. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed we accept, seconded by Cllr Davidson. **Mrs Clarke to reply to NWL.** Mr Phillipson commented that once ownership was given to the PC,

	<p>Mr Wesley should be commissioned to build a new cover as he did should a good job of the other notice board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Green Wedges – Cllr Buczkiewicz read out the letter and response from the council. The Village Design statement was sent as part of the response, it is proposed that a 1.5-mile radius from the village centre is designated a ‘green wedge’. In response to this LCC have thanked Cllr Buczkiewicz for his comments and included a list of public consultation meetings. Mrs Clarke to put the list of dates and venues on the notice board. Mrs Phillipson still has the E11 local plan of all green spaces. Mrs Phillipson to pass this onto Mrs Clarke. 4. Race to Infinity – high speed broadband was pursued fruitlessly 5. Green Footpaths awards dinner will be held on 15th April 6. Diamond Jubilee Beacons – June 2012 – Osgathorpe doesn’t have any high ground and the last time this was proposed the Beacon was put on Beacon Hill. 7. Community Warden ID badges – Mr Phillipson responded to NWL that this may not be a good use of public money and his comments were noted by NWL.
07/2011	Cemetery Maintenance:
	No issues or updates
08/2011	Financial Matters:
	<p>The Parish Clerk confirmed the following payments to be made: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £20 for the hiring of Harley Hall 2. £412.50 half-year salary for the Clerk. <p>Agreed unanimously by Councillors and cheques signed accordingly.</p>
09/2011	Planning Matters:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tree maintenance at 63 Main Street – permission granted 2. Single storey extension at 8a Main Street reviewed .Mrs Clarke to return comments. 3. Stockyard – change of use plans reviewed. Mrs Clarke to return comments. <p>Mrs Phillipson commented that Rain Water Run off plan should be included in with every planning application, as there is an accumulative effect. Cllr Buczkiewicz added that it would be useful to meet with Mr Darlington as suggested by Mr Elston.</p> <p>Two members of ‘The Exclusive Brethren’ were present to answer questions regarding the change of usage at the Stockyard.</p> <p>Members of the public requested clarification on the proposed height of the gates, the hedge, the front windows and the access from the road (with reference to H&S).</p> <p>The Brethren confirmed that the hedge height did not match that of the gates, the front windows would not be bricked up, and the proposal was to brick up some of the nightclub windows at the back of the building. The</p>

	access was set back far enough to enable safe access. The proposed height of the gates is 1.8m appearing high was noted as an observation. Mrs Clarke to return comments on planning on behalf of the council.
10/2011	Parish Plan:
	Cllr Buczkiewicz commented that the 'green wedges' response was a very positive use of the Parish Plan. Cllr Inchely confirmed that a list of photograph sites has been drawn up and John Beasley as kindly volunteered to take the photographs.
11/2011	Website & Village Voice
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flickr – see 04/2011 2. Standing Orders – see 04/2011
12/2011	Highways & Footpaths
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The School bus is unable get round the service road because of the parked cars. Mrs Clarke to send a note to PC Underwood. 2. It was noted that a car or van is always parked outside No 18 Dawson's Rd, half on the kerb half off. Mrs Clarke to send a note to PC Underwood. 3. There have been 3 accidents on the B5324 recently, although resurfacing has reduced the number of accidents. 4. The footbridge across the ditch on the public footpath along Armetts Lane is loose and rocks when walked on. Mrs Clarke to photograph and report to the Highways.
13/2011	Other Village Issues:
	<p>The Royal wedding is the 29th April.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed that a commemorative mug, similar to the Golden Jubilee and Millennium mugs be commissioned. Mugs will be free to all children in the village and on sale to anyone else at approximately £5 mug. The mugs are currently being sourced and priced. There is money available from the award for youth events account, this will be used to fund the mugs and any money raised through sales will go back into the fund.</p> <p>Mrs Bishop is also planning a Children's party, similar format to the Christmas party, which has been running successfully for the last 3 years. In principle the children's party will run from 2 – 4 pm with an family BBQ following from about 5pm. Both parties will be held at The Storey Arms, chairs can be hired from the Village Hall if required.</p> <p>A band was suggested but Mr Phillipson commented that if it rained and there was a poor turn out we would still have to cover the cost of the band. A band would also be expensive at that time of year. A way of guaranteeing numbers would be to sell tickets.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson commented that asking for a contribution on the day often raises more money.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz commented that this would save time selling tickets.</p>

	<p>Mr Phillipson thought that children should be allowed in free and it would be appropriate to use the money from the youth fund for this reason. Cllr Buczkiewicz commented that the event should be self-funding. Cllr Buczkiewicz suggested a sub committee be formed to include, Mrs Bishop, Cllr Bishop, Cllr Buczkiewicz and Mr Harrison.</p> <p>Cllr Freeman has decided to stand down after 12 years as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council and the parishioners thank her for all her work and support.</p>
14/2011	Dates of Next Meetings:
	<p>The Election will take place on the 5th May, therefore a new date is set for Parish Council meeting of the 10th May 2011.</p>
<p>Signed by the Chairperson Date</p>	

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