OSGATHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT THE HARLEY HALL
TUESDAY 15th January 2019

Present:	Cllr Martin Buczkiewicz (Chair) Cllr Jim Elson (Vice chair) Cllr Mike Fairlamb Cllr Steve Webb Guest: Nick Rushton – Leader of LCC Mrs Clarke – Clerk to the Council
Also, in attendance:	
	Five members of the public
Council Meeting:	
01/2019	**Apologies:** Cllr Rosie Clarke Police Speaker
02/2019	**Police Speaker:** The Valley Beat Parish Council report is available.
03/2019	***Neighbourhood Watch:*** Kevin Legg, the lead person for the Osgathorpe NHW scheme, is unfortunately unable to make the meeting. As reported before the Police crime figures aren't normally issued until 5/6 weeks after the month end. (www.police.uk/leicestershire/NN43/crime). Therefore, the December 2018 crime figures won't be published until sometime in February 2019. REPORTED CRIME COMPARISON YEAR BY YEAR 2018 = 4 (up to 30th November 2018) 2017 = 16 2016 = 13 2015 = 9 For the period 1st January 2017 to 30th November 2017, reported crime in the village totalled 16. BURGLARIES COMPARISON YEAR BY YEAR Kevin reports he wasn't aware of any burglaries in the village during December.

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2018 = 2 (up to 30th November 2018)
2017 = 6
2016 = 4
2015 = 7

CHAPEL LANE BREAK INS

On the 10th January 2019, between 4pm and 6pm, a locked garage was broken into and a band saw taken. On the same day there was an attempted break in at outbuildings opposite the garage. If anyone noticed anything suspicious on that day / time can they please email osgathorpenhw@yahoo.com

NHW NEWSLETTER

The Winter NHW newsletter was delivered in December and Kevin Legg would like to thank Parish Councillor Mike Fairlamb for arranging for it to be printed and Owen Jordan for delivering it. The next NHW newsletter will be issued in March 2019.

LEICS POLICE DARKER NIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Villagers are reminded of the following steps they can take to reduce the chances of being a victim of crime.

Lock your doors and windows.

The same applies to garages and gates.

Security alarm – if you have one put it on.

Automatic timer-switches to turn on lights.

Security lighting.

Security cameras (CCTV).

Don't advertise on social media you are going away.

Tell a trusted neighbour when you are going away.

This advice has already been circulated to villagers via the NHW winter newsletter, Village Voice, Osgathorpe Facebook page and the Osgathorpe email circulation list.

It should be noted that 79% of reported burglaries in Osgathorpe (2015 to 2018) have been committed between October and March.

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	Public Participation: A Parishioner from the new estate on Dawsons Road raised a concern about security on the estate. For example, doors have not been fitted to the garages. NWLDC have agreed to changes to the planning arrangements for the Parishioner. The Parishioner therefore requests that the PC do not object to any planning applications for improved security. Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed that the Council had not been consulted with regard to the original plan's security measures, but the Council will take on board the comments. Mr Rushton suggested the Parishioner contact the District Councillor
04/2019	**Guest Speaker** Mr Nick Rushton: Unitary Proposals Mr Rushton gave an overview of the proposal being consulted on and the benefits to the residents of Leicestershire. The back-office costs for LCC equate to 7% and NWLDC equates to 18%. The potential savings for the public, from centralisation, is therefore significant. The full business case will be issued in May. There will also be an opportunity to take some of the money and manage it locally. This will be clarified in the full business case. Once the business case is published Mr Rushton will arrange for an officer to go through the it with the PC. Public Participation: Average Speed cameras: The request for average speed cameras on the B5234 did not make this year's budget, but will be considered for 19/20. The PC will be consulted. Rubble in the old canal basin. A Parishioner raised concerns about lack of protection around the old canal basin, especially when it is within the boundary of a property. Mr Rushton requested that the concerns are emailed to him and he will ensure it reaches the correct department. Fly Tipping: There is an increase in instances of fly tipping, could this be caused by the couple of days a week that the waste recycling depots are closed? The reason depots are closed is due to resource availability and cost. But by restricting the opening times LCC are able to keep a number of depots open across the region. **Action Mrs Clarke:** email Mr Rushton to get a definitive answer on what can be taken to the recycling depots and any charges that may be relevant. Cllr Buczkiewicz thanked Mr Rushton for attending and discussing the Unitary proposals. Mrs Clarke will send future meeting dates to Mr Rushton. **Action Mrs Clarke**

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05/2019	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** 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.
06/2019	**Matters Arising/Clerk Progress Report/ Meeting actions progress report:** Mrs Clarke provided an update on actions from the previous minutes. Cemetery training: Mrs Clarke gave an overview from the training course and the actions that need to be taken. There are a number of changes that need to made to the Osgathorpe PC procedures. **Action Mrs Clarke** to write a proposal and present to the Council. Harley Charitable Trust: agreed that this will become a standard agenda item under section 13. **Action Mrs Clarke**
07/2019	**Financial Matters:** A number of cheques were agreed: proposed by Cllr Buczkiewicz, seconded by Cllr Webb, approved unanimously. 1. Clerks Salary £492.50 2. HMRC £123 3. D Summers cemetery mowing £345.02 4. Harley Hall £20 for the Jan meeting 5. Cemetery Management training £40 Internal Audit: As LRALC is over subscribed Mrs Clarke has found an alternative provider, which was discussed by the Council. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed that Mrs Clarke go ahead, Cllr Fairlamb seconded. Unanimously approved. LRALC Clerks pay scale. NALC have released an employment briefing note on National Salary Award. It was noted that the Council has not reviewed the Clerks salary for some time. A review of Mrs Clarkes hours has been made and a new salary of £1,632 is proposed for 19/20. This is based on the base rate of £9.77 per hour, which is the lowest banding for a Council of our size and complexity. Proposed by Cllr Fairlamb, seconded Cllr Webb. Unanimously approved. Church Grant – new guidance release by NALC advising against PC contributions to the maintenance of open churchyards. Local Government Act 1972 permits a parish council to maintain a closed churchyard, of which Osgathorpe churchyard is. Precept – Mrs Clarke presented the proposed precept for 19/20, notable increases are the Clerks salary and the audit fees. Key reductions are the phone box maintenance (now zero) and reduction in projected cost to maintain pathways in the cemetery. Outcome is a proposed precept of £4,142, which is £9 below last year's figure. Proposed by Cllr Buczkiewicz , seconded by Cllr Elson. Unanimously agreed.

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08/2019	**Planning Matters:** 1. **Planning responses sent:** a. 18/02000/LBC & 18/01999/FUL Brookside Farmhouse b. 12/00512/FULM Canine Partners variation c. 18/01916/FUL variation to formation of agricultural field on Snarrows 2. **Planning responses received:** a. 18/01808/FUL 1 Cottage Farm extension b. 18/01878/FUL 1 Cottage Farm short term holiday let c. 18/01790/FUL Fields Farm 22 Armetts lane - garage It was noted that the observation made against 18/01878/FUL , where approval is given on the condition of appropriate parking ,was taken into account.
09/2019 MJB Flood	**Correspondence:** 1. LCC youth survey (circulated) 2. Parish Newsletter – recycling event 3. CAB request for funding. Request turned down, unanimously agreed 4. LRALC update on election fees 5. Health and Wellbeing survey NWLDC 6. NWLDC Community Safety Champion training 7. Parishioner complaint re the hunt a. A complaint was considered by the Council and has been referred to NWLDC 8. Change of use for land sold by STW a. An enquiry has been raised with NWLDC planning team 9. 2019 Elections a. Deadline for submission of nominations is 3rd April 2019 10. Floor risk information sheet 11. Peer Review Planning 12. Eko Joe enquiry for available land, so that a charity can grow organic produce. Request turned down, unanimously agreed.
10/2019	**Cemetery Maintenance:** Nothing to Report
11/2019	**Highways and Footpaths:** 1. Meadow Lane faded road markings ref 13716498. LCC will redo the white lines. 2. Cost of pathway along Ashby Road is £309k, detailed costings are available. 3. Fly tipping – a better, larger sign is being requested. **Action Cllr Buczkiewicz** 4. Road markings on the Ashby Road (B5324) have been painted and a damaged Chevron has been reported 5. LRALC responses from PC Highway queries. General update from Mrs Clarke on advice from LRALC The Council would like to thank Jonathan Buss for cutting the hedge along the Jitty.

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12/2019	**Website and Village Voice:** The next VV will be published around Easter.
13/2019	**Other Village Issues:** 1. The Storey Arms: the OCP have made another offer, which initially has again been rejected. Discussion are , however, ongoing. 2. The S106 monies held as at 29th July 2018 was £296,388.05. If the monies are split into the two pots outlined in the S106 agreement, spend so far has been on: · £2,216 for solicitor fees - this is from the £200k pot. Therefore £197,784 remains. · £5,000 for Church (Severn Trent works) – from the £100k pot. Therefore £95,000 remains. The interest accrued is £3604.05. This interest is likely to roughly split £2402.70 for the £200k pot and £1201.35 for the £100k pot. Please note that this is a rough estimate and for exact figures we'd have to request further work on the figures from Finance. But if we use these rough estimates for interest, then: · the £200,000 original pot now holds around £200,186.70 · the £100,000 original pot now holds around £96201.35 3. Play area adoption: The Council will not adopt the Play area until it receives clarification with regard to the SUDs. The Council are in dialogue with Chevin Homes. 4. Dawson Road field update. Carter Construction are still denying responsibility. A drone survey has been completed and the outcome is that the soil left behind exceeds 1400 M^3. The EA are also involved. The solicitor's letter and the drone survey have all been funded by the Armett family. Cllr Elson proposes splitting the costs as a positive outcome is in the interests of the Council. The costs are as follows: Solicitors letter £900 Drone survey £900 Total cost £1,800, Council contribution therefore £900. Which could be funded from the £5,000 given to the Council as part of the building agreement. Proposed Cllr Elson, seconded Cllr Fairlamb, unanimously agreed. **Action Mrs Clarke** to raise the cheque. 5. Superfast broadband update 6. Church Fundraising committee have requested funding to clear the brook for the duck race at Easter. Rejected. 7. Thank you to Cllr Webb for sealing the two new benches.
14/2019	**Public Participation:**
	1. Litter pick – could the date be brought forward. Lat year the litter pick was i May when a lot of the verges were overgrown making it difficult to collect? Proposed date this year is 10th March, TBC **Action Cllr Buczkiewicz** 2. Land on the Snarrows appears to be a commercial enterprise? This has been raised with NWLDC 3. Meeting dates and spread throughout the year, could the Council review the meeting frequency as the gap between Jan and May is too long.

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	Action Mrs Clarke to add to the May agenda when new dates are set. 4. Play area – The play area isn't level and the ground around the gated area is very rough and uneven. The site is also covered in weeds. 5. Will the Council hold an Annual Parish meeting? No, a meeting isn't planned.
15/2019	**Dates of next meeting, start 7pm:** 7Th May 2019
Signed by the Chairperson ..... Date 07/05/19	