

OSGATHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT THE HARLEY HALL

TUESDAY 23rd May 2017

Present:	<p>Cllr Martin Buczkiewicz (Chair)</p> <p>Cllr Jim Elson (Vice chair)</p> <p>Cllr Rosie Clarke</p> <p>Cllr Steve Webb</p> <p>Cllr Mike Fairlamb</p>
Also in attendance:	<p>Clerk to the Council Nicola Kozurek</p> <p>One member of the public</p>
	<p>Cllr Buczkiewicz read out a statement regarding the passing of a well known and respected parishioner:</p> <p>“Although rather unusual, I feel that it is appropriate that we should pass on the condolences of the Parish Council and the village to George and his family on the sad passing of Judith. She worked tirelessly helping people throughout the village and ensured that our beautiful village church (and George), were kept ‘up to scratch’. The village will never be quite the same again. On a broader scale Osgathorpe Parish Council would like to express its thoughts and prayers for the families and friends of the 22 victims and 59 injured in the Manchester bombing”.</p>
Council Meeting:	
06/2017	Apologies: none
07/2017	<p>Police Speaker:</p> <p>The police did not attend the meeting. Cllr Buczkiewicz read out the crime figures.</p> <p>February – 3x burglaries, 1x theft by an employee</p> <p>March - no crimes reported</p> <p>April – no crimes reported</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz noted that Steve Duffill (based on Snarrows Road) had a trailer stolen and has offered a £1000 reward. The police cannot help any further as the incident took place a number of months ago.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz also noted that rural areas are seeing an increase in crime as resources are being spent in more built up areas. Action Cllr Buczkiewicz to write to Chief Superintendant Cole and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire, Lord Willy Bach.</p>
08/2017	<p>Neighbourhood Watch:</p> <p>Kevin Legg is setting up and reviewing the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the village. He has reported crime is increasing within the village; 2015 saw 9 crimes reported, in 2016 there were 13 crimes reported and in the first quarter of 2017 there has already been 7 crimes reported. There are 9 incidents of ASBs reported to date, with 2 in 2017. 21 out of 29 incidents (2015-2017) took place between the months of November and February.</p> <p>Kevin will provide regular updates for the PC meetings.</p>

	<p>The crime prevention bus (the “beat bus”) will be visiting Osgathorpe on Sunday 15th October. It will be in the Storey Arms car park between 1-3pm.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed the Parish Council are pursuing the issues of the ASBs with NWLDC and the police.</p> <p>Kevin Legg has also asked whether the NHW signs around the village can be updated. There would be 5 new signs at cost of £7.50 each. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed spending a total of £37.50. Cllr Webb seconded. All Cllrs voted in favour. There may be a small additional cost for stickers for doors.</p>
09/2017	Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
	<p>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 Elson. Unanimously approved.</p>

10/2017	Matters Arising/Clerk Progress Report/ Meeting actions progress report:
	<p>Mrs Kozurek provided an update on actions from the previous minutes.</p> <p>Matters Arising.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cemetery sign still needs to be checked for the best way to secure it going forwards. Action Cllr Elson to look into it. 2. Cllr Fairlamb confirmed the gulleys on Dawsons Road appear to have been cleared. 3. The Ashby Road bus shelter roof has been repaired by the Exclusive Brethren. 4. The cracked bus shelter window on Dawsons Road has been replaced by Carter Homes. 5. Footpath along the front of 32 Main Street – Action Cllr Buczkiewicz to pursue with NWLDC
11/2017	Financial Matters:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of cheques were agreed: proposed by Cllr Webb, seconded by Cllr Clarke, approved unanimously, then signed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Harley Hall £20 for the May meeting b. Harley Hall £20 for the March litter pick c. LRALC annual subscription fee £176.29 d. Clerk half year salary £616 e. Internal audit fee £75 f. Insurance £340.72 g. Church grant £400 h. Cemetery mowing £253 (labour costs only) i. Neighbourhood watch signs £37.50 2. Payments Received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. HMRC VAT Refund £476.35 b. NWLDC Precept first half £1982.50

12/2017	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>Planning Responses Submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 17-29 Church Lane development b. 63 Main Street, tree felling c. 3 Cottage Farm Close, land change of use <p>Planning Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Church Lane development, rejected b. The Farmhouse, Ashby Road, permission granted c. 63 Main Street, tree felling, permission granted d. 3 Cottage Farm Close, permission granted <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz read out an email from Mr Irving regarding the plot of land adjacent to 29 Main Street, where an established hedge has been removed to form a site entrance. Adam Mellor from NWLDC confirmed that if planning has been breached the developer will be asked to put it right in due course.</p>
13/2017	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fly tipping on Grace Dieu Lane. An item with an address on it was found amongst the items tipped. A fine of £400 has been issued to the perpetrator. 2. Footpath between Main Street and Dawsons Road. Cllr Buczkiewicz approached LCC highways who have given a quote of c£309k so will not be pursued any further. 3. Chevin homes held a competition within both Griffydam School and Grace Dieu School to name the road and the play area within the new Dawsons Road development. The play area will be named the "Thomas Harley play area" and will include signage for the history of Thomas Harley. The road will be named "Jim Armetts Close", with the Armett family reportedly being pleased that he will be recognised in this way. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed naming the play area "Thomas Harley play area", and naming the road "Jim Armetts Close". Cllr Elson seconded. All Cllrs voted in favour. 4. Mrs Kozurek confirmed the lease and restrictive covenant for the land adjacent to the Dawsons Road development have now been registered. 5. The SUDs scheme for the Dawsons Road development has been accepted. Mr Phillipson has requested a Parish Council representative to sit on the management committee to ensure the maintenance is carried out. Cllr Buczkiewicz is pursuing this, although he thinks it is unlikely the PC will get a seat on the committee as they don't own a property. 6. Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed that Christine Fisher (Chief Executive at NWLDC) has moved on. Cllr Buczkiewicz sent a note of thanks for the support offered to the Parish Council over the years. Cllr Buczkiewicz noted that John Richardson is also moving on at the end of June.
14/2017	<p>Cemetery Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mrs Kozurek explained that a funeral appears to have taken place in the cemetery without the relevant paperwork being passed to the Parish Council first. Action Mrs Kozurek to write to the funeral director involved to ensure the correct procedures are followed in future.

	<p>2. Cllr Buczkiewicz noted the cemetery gates have been removed for refurbishment by the Exclusive Brethren, and that they have also refurbished the bus shelter roof on Ashby Road. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed a token gift of up to £50 value (as done for solicitors previously). Seconded by Cllr Clarke. All voted unanimously. Action Cllr Buczkiewicz to speak to Exclusive Brethren regarding an appropriate gift.</p> <p>3. Cllr Buczkiewicz raised an issue with the garden area on the right hand side of the cemetery looking untidy. Cllr Elson has spoken to Mr Summers who will trim and tidy the area. Mr Summers has also agreed to mow the play area when the time comes.</p>
15/2017	Phone box and Maintenance:
	<p>1. Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed the refurbishment work will be starting on Tuesday 30th May. Ian Stanley has agreed to place the phonebox into position free of charge, however he does not have a highways licence. Roger Carter of Carter Homes has agreed to lay a base for David Stanley to then place the phonebox onto, at the agreed location opposite the Storey Arms.</p> <p>2. A parishioner has approached Cllr Buczkiewicz regarding the use of the phonebox once it is in position, and has suggested using it as a library. Longer term there could be a seat next to the phonebox so people could sit and read a book on a sunny day.</p>
16/2017	Highways and Footpaths
	<p>1. £309k quote for a footpath between Main Street and Dawsons Road as previously mentioned therefore this will not be going ahead.</p>
17/2017	Website and Village Voice
	<p>1. Thanks to Mark Robertson for producing another excellent Village Voice. The next issue will be due in July.</p>
18/2017	Other Village Issues:
	<p>1. Bus Shelters – as noted above, the roof and damaged window have both been repaired.</p> <p>2. Noticeboards – Ian Wesley has removed the noticeboard by the brook to refurbish it as the doors were not closing properly and the lacquer was peeling. Action Mrs Kozurek to send a thank you note once it goes back up.</p> <p>3. The litter pick was incredibly successful, with around 28 villagers turning out to help. Cllr Buczkiewicz thanked all those who helped. It was agreed to make the litter pick an annual event.</p> <p>4. David Marshall confirmed the batteries and pads in the village defibrillators need replacing at a cost of around £200-£250. The pads have a shelf life of 1-2 years and cost £30 each (to be bought in pairs). Cllr Buczkiewicz confirmed there is approx £750 in the defib account which should cover this years costs, however in 4-5 years time funding will be required. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed the PC adopts the defibrillators so that the cost comes out of the precept, approx. £300 per unit every 4 years, with the remaining defib account balance being transferred to the PC. Cllr Webb highlighted that there will be ways of financing this from outside sources, otherwise the PC will fund any additional pads or batteries required. Cllr Webb seconded the proposal. Cllr Elson abstained, 4 cllrs voted in favour.</p>

19/2017	Public Participation:
	<p>1. David Marshall raised an issue of cars speeding along Meadow Lane and pulling straight out onto Main Street. A discussion ensued as to what measures could be taken to slow down the traffic using the lane.</p> <p>Action Mrs Kozurek to raise the issue with highways to see if they can do a risk assessment or give any ideas to reduce the speeds.</p>
20/2017	<p>Dates of next meeting, start 7pm:</p> <p>4th July, 12th September, 7th November, 16th January, 1st May</p>
<p>Signed by the Chairperson</p> <p>Date</p>	