

OSGATHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT THE HARLEY HALL
TUESDAY 14th October 2014

Present:	Chairperson Cllr Martin Buczkiewicz Cllr Rita Irving (Vice Chair) Cllr Fiona Davidson Cllr Platts (Joined after being voted on)
Also in attendance:	Clerk to the Council Lisa Clarke 10 members of the public Police Speaker Tim Hulse PCSO
Council Meeting	
76/2014	Apologies: None
77/2014	<p>Police Speaker: Crime figures for Osgathorpe were read out by PCSO Hulse</p> <p>No crime to report Community opportunity to meet the beat team: 26th Oct Co-op in Castle Donington 10am to 12 noon 23rd Nov in Castle Donington 10am to 12 noon 31st Dec Kegworth 10am to 12 noon</p> <p>PCSO Hulse also gave an overview of the Immobilise scheme (www.immobilise.com).</p> <p>School visits will be carried out shortly, topics covering cybercrime, firework safety etc will be discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz updated PCSO Hulse of an incident in Orchard Close of two men trying to break into cars. The men were chased away and the police were called.</p>
78/2014	Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
	<p>After reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting for accuracy and being a true reflection of the meeting, an amendment was made to point 69/2014 the full statement has been added to the minutes and will be updated on the website.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed the minutes, seconded by Cllr Irving as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Passed unanimously.</p>

80/2014	<p>Matters Arising/Clerk Progress Report/ Meeting actions progress report:</p> <p>Mrs Clarke provided an update on actions from the action log.</p> <p>Matters Arising.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mrs Clarke to print the leaflet about Riparian rights 2. Grass cutting along the brook – Mrs Clarke to write to the Highways 3. Mrs Clarke to send the meeting dates to the Parish Magazine organiser 4. A resident has offered to take photographs of the parking issue at the top of main street and discuss with NWLDC 5. Cllr Platts was voted unanimously into the vacancy. 6. Vice Chair vacancy since Clrr Marshall resigned: Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed Cllr Irving; seconded by Cllr Platts. 7. The Council considered a request for the final vacancy from Miss R Clarke. Cllr Buczkiewicz proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded. Mrs Clarke to send forms to Miss Clarke.
81/2014	<p>Neighbourhood Watch:</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
82/2014	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tree Scheme: Cllr Buczkiewicz has secured 100 beech trees to augment the cemetery hedge. 2. Superfast broadband is still on track for spring 2016 3. LRALC notice that Parish meetings can now be filmed 4. A complaint received from a resident concerned about the wording of planning observations was discussed and the feedback taken on board.
83/2014	<p>Cemetery Maintenance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R May was asked at short notice to replace the concrete entrance to the cemetery after a resident tripped. 2. The gates need repainting Cllr Buczkiewicz to action.
84/2014	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>A number of cheques were signed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. May cemetery work £621.60 • Cemetery mowing D. Summers £291.42 • Clerks salary (half year) £336 • HMRC tax £224 • Harley Hall hire £20 <p>The 2013/14 accounts have been passed by Grant Thornton. Mrs Clarke asked the Council to start to consider the precept for next year.</p> <p>The second half of the current precept has been received.</p>

85/2014	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>The permissions granted were read out by Cllr Buczkiewicz.</p> <p>No new planning applications for consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz thanked Mr Olsberg for stepping in to represent the Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting at which the 16 dwellings on Dawsons Road was discussed. Despite the poll results, which voted no to the development and the recommendation from NWLDC planning officer to reject the application, it was passed by the NWLDC Planning Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz read out a statement from the PC and proposed that it be posted around the village. Cllr Irving Seconded. Cllr Irving to print and post Mrs Clarke to add to the minutes and post on the website.</p> <p>A resident asked what the council plans were now and how the money could be secured. Cllr Buczkiewicz will arrange a meeting with NWLDC as a priority. Items to be discussed are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The £300k from the section 106 • The second half of the field to be given to the Council • The drainage plans • Building materials
86/2014	<p>Phone box:</p> <p>The contractor David Stanley still has the kiosk at his yard while refurbishment is carried out and will then relocate it.</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz has contacted the company to requote for renovation. NWLDC have acknowledged that no planning application would be required for relocation.</p>
87/2014	<p>Website & Village Voice</p> <p>Cllr Buczkiewicz to contact D Marshall to discuss the publication of the VV</p>
88/2014	<p>Highways & Footpaths</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speeding on the Snarrows: Mrs Clarke fed back to the PC concerns about a fatality and LCC said it would monitor the situation but do not consider it a high risk. 2. Jubilee Wood needs strimming: Cllr Buczkiewicz to contact R.May 3. Parking on Main Street: Cllr Buczkiewicz to contact Police and NWLDC.

89/2014	Village Design Statement: No update Cllr Buczkiewicz to contact J Beasley
90/2014	Other Village Issues: 1. Could there be a project to reintroduce water voles to the brook? The general view was that this would be very difficult.
91/2014	Date of next meeting, start 7pm: 13th January 2015 12th May 2015

Signed by the Chairperson
Date

DAWSONS ROAD PLANNING APPLICATION

Beyond 15 years ago, the previous Parish Councils would support most planning applications within the village without any input from villagers for the decision, hence there are several pockets of relatively new houses within the village. The current Parish Council could have done the same and 'rubber stamped' their approval of the proposed development of 16 houses on Dawsons Road. However, the current Parish Council wished to be open and transparent thus two Public Meetings were held to discuss the issue.

As a result of these meetings it was agreed to hold a Public Ballot of all the villagers. There had never been such a Public Ballot in Osgathorpe before. The Parish Council agreed, at their meeting of 8 July, to uphold the decision of the Public Ballot in their response to NWLDC.

The democratic process of the Public Ballot went ahead and, as you may already know, there was an excellent turnout of 59%. 124 villagers voted against and 78 voted in favour of the planning application.

As a result of the ballot, the Parish Council, as it had stated, conveyed to NWLDC that the Parish Council and the majority of people in the village were against the proposal to build more houses on Dawsons Road.

Members of the village were represented at the meeting held at NWLDC on Tuesday 7 October. At the meeting NWLDC considered the ballot, the forty written objections, the representations made, the rejection of their own Planning Department and then decided in favour of accepting the planning application. The final decision was not in our hands and, as a consequence, the 16 houses will now be

built.

These past few months have been extremely challenging for the village and for the Parish Council, and there have been many unfounded rumours circulating.

The Parish Council now wishes that the village moves forward and works together for the future of this village. Osgathorpe is an excellent village to live in. We all need to pull together for the benefit of this wonderful community.

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