OSGATHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT THE HARLEY HALL
TUESDAY 3rd March 2020

Present:	Cllr Martin Buczkiewicz (Chair) Cllr Mike Fairlamb Cllr Andrew Bate Cllr Jim Elson (Vice Chair) Cllr Jill Ella Mrs Clarke – Clerk to the Council
Also, in attendance:	Six members of the public Nick Rushton - Leader of Leicestershire County Council (Part of meeting only) Police Speaker
Apologies:	K Legg
Council Meeting:	
68/2020	**Police Speaker** Nothing to report in Osgathorpe. Surrounding areas have experienced number plate thefts and Agricultural plant thefts. Reminder to residents to lock tools and plant away. There is now a rural team dedicated to agricultural thefts. Neighbourhood Link is a Police Community Messaging Service. Receive the latest news and updates. Register at: www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk. **ACTION: Cllr Buczkiewicz to add to VV.**
69/2020	**Neighbourhood Watch**
	Kevin Legg, the lead person for the Osgathorpe NHW scheme was unable to attend the meeting but asked for the following report to be read out to Parish Councillors and villagers present at the meeting. CRIME SUMMARY REPORTED CRIME COMPARISON YEAR BY YEAR UP TO DECEMBER 2019 (INFORMATION VIA THE POLICE WEBSITE) 2019 = 14 2018 = 4 2017 = 16 2016 = 13 2015 = 9 2019 breakdown as follows: Burglaries = 6 Criminal Damage & Arson = 3 Theft = 2 Violence & Sexual Offence = 2 Vehicle Theft = 1 REPORTED CRIME FOR 2020

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	Osgathorpe NHW is not aware of any reported crimes during 2020 either through local knowledge or emails from the local NHW co-ordinator or the Police. CRIME PREVENTION EVENT The Police (Valley Beat) have kindly agreed to attend Osgathorpe Open Gardens on 6th & 7th June 2020. Villagers are encouraged to visit Police's "Pop up Tent" to receive free advice regarding protecting their home and possessions. FLY TIPPING I am not aware of any fly tipping incidents in the village.

70/2020	**Nick Rushton Leader of Leicestershire County Council**

	Mr Rushton updated the Parish Council on LCC activities;
	
	• Flooding – LCC are the local lead flood authority
	• Adult and children's care have been and remains a focus for LCC
	• Environmental issues and transport infrastructure have been under funded for some time and LCC will start to address this.
	• LCC is the lowest funded authority in the Country and as such is in negotiations with the Government on the following:
	  ○ Business rates
	  ○ New homes bonus
	  ○ New developments
	  ○ HS2 comparability
	
	Items that the Parish Cllrs should look out for:
	• Planning white paper. Neighbourhood Plans will be important.
	• Devolution white paper – defragmentation of local government
	
	Mr Rushton would encourage people to get in touch with him if they have any questions.
	Mob: 07837841441. Email: nicholas.rushton@nwleices.gov.uk
	
	ACTION: Add contact details to VV. Cllr Buczkiewicz. Add mobile telephone number and email address to Parish Council web-site Mrs Clarke
	
	Coronavirus- LCC are at a Government briefing next week.
	
	Cllr Bate raised a concern regarding the flooding and the risk of icy road conditions on Dawson's Road. Mr Ruston will raise with Highways and ensure it is on the work list.
	
	Parishioners are reminded of the Flooding website which makes reporting quick and easy.
	
	Cllr Bate raised a concern that LCC doesn't insist or make maintenance of SUDs mandatory in planning applications.
	
	ACTION: Mrs Clarke to send future Parish Council meeting dates to Mr Rushton.

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71/2020	**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 for the January PC meeting as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Elson. Unanimously approved.
72/2020	**Matters Arising / Clerks progress report**
	Mrs Clarke gave an update on the actions within the current action log. **ACTION: Mrs Clarke to add the action list to the website.**
73/2020	**Financial Matters**
	Mrs Clarke has enquired about availability of the auditor used last year (Red Wood Pryor) and would like agreement from the Cllrs to proceed. Cllr Bate proposed that we engage Red Wood Pryor. Seconded by Cllr Elson. Unanimously approved. **ACTION Mrs Clarke** Cheques: 1. Harley Hall £20 2. Church Grant £400 3. Election expenses £100.19 4. Play area hedge M.Howkins £60 Acceptance of payments proposed by Cllr Buczkiewicz , seconded by Cllr Fairlamb. Unanimously accepted.
74/2020	**Planning Matters**
	Planning responses in progress: a) Land adjoining Telex on Main Street Planning responses received: None
75/2020	**Correspondence**
	The following correspondence was received and reviewed. 1. Main Street development complaints. Darren Arnold NWLDC Enforcement Compliance contact details; DARREN.ARNOLD@nwleicestershire.gov.uk 2. February NWLDC Parish newsletter is available 3. Unconsented works. Letter received from NWLDC. Cllr Bate to follow up with NWLDC. **ACTION Cllr Bate.** 4. Neighbourhood Planning event. 5. Flooding on land approved for the construction of a dwelling opposite Vine House on Main Street. A letter has been drafted and it was proposed that this is sent to NWLDC by the Parish Clerk Cllr Bate proposed, Cllr Buczkiewicz seconded. Unanimously approved. **ACTION Mrs Clarke** 6. Land south of Jim Armetts Close. Parish Council has been requested to give consent to transfer roads within the estate to the Management Group. The Deed of consent has been approved on the condition that the Developer pays the Parish Council's legal costs, which are estimated at £300 + VAT. 7. EMA impact survey has been circulated 8. The Land Registry documents have been received for the Play Area. 9. Orchard Close special expenses. NWLDC are submitting papers to the Asset Management team and Legal on the 19th March.

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76/2020	**Cemetery Maintenance**
	Cemetery Path. Cllr Elson and Cllr Fairlamb have inspected the paths and the cracked concrete isn't considered significant or a hazard, although the path would benefit from tidying and cleaning. **ACTION: Cllr Elson and Cllr Fairlamb to agree the scope of work and get three quotes.**
77/2020	**Play area**
	Hedge cutting has been completed. The hand-over between the Developer and the Management Committee is ongoing and as yet the Parish Council do not have a contact for the Management Committee. There have been reports of dog fouling in the play area. This was confirmed by Cllr Ella. Residents are requested to raise it as soon as possible and the Parish Council will monitor the situation.
78/2020	**Highways and Footpaths**
	Wild Flowers – it was agreed at the January meeting that the Parish Council would not progress this. Fallen tree on the footpath alongside the Rectory will be removed. Cllr Bate has agreed the action with the house owner. Footpath at the far end of the Jitty will be tidied by Cllr Bate and Mr Atkins, if available.
79/2020	**Website and Village Voice**
	Village Voice will be published in April, before Easter. Website – Cllr Ella and Mrs Clarke have met. Cllr Ella's assessment is that the website platform is not user friendly and there is a question around compliance. Cllr Ella will continue to review the platform and will provide a report to the Council at the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Ella.**
80/2020	**Other Village Items for Discussion**
	1. The Storey Arms. No update on the offer made to the Landlord, but the Parish Council remains very interested in purchasing the premises should the landlord decide to sell. 2. The litter pick on 1st March was very successful. Thank you to all the 43 volunteers and Mr Cooke who coordinated the event. If residents would like to become a registered litter picker the contact is Ian.Webster@NWLeicestershire.Gov.uk 3. VE Day celebration. Cllr Buczkiewicz has applied to NWLDC for a £250 grant and medals have been ordered to commemorate the event. These will be given to the children in the village. There will also be a children's party in the Jubilee Barn. Date to be confirmed, but will most likely be either 8th or 9th May. 4. 20/20 vision will be led by Cllr Fairlamb
81/2020	**Public Participation (10 mins)**

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	HCT update. There has not been a HCT meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. Work on Harley House is out to tender. An architect has completed the drawings. There will be an impact on Harley Hall and the HCT is awaiting the structural engineers report. As of 31st December 2019, the HCT estate market rate was £9,215,759. Mr Marshall outlined The Storey Arms VE day celebration plans on Friday 7th May and asked if the children's party could be on a different date. Mr Phillipson asked if the Council knew why the spoil from the new development on Main Street had not been taken away. Cllr Bate is aware and is monitoring. Mr Sills made the Council aware of a fallen tree in the brook by Vine House.
	Dates of next meeting
	5th May 2020
Signed by Chairman	
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