

**OSGATHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairperson                    Martin Buczkiewicz  
                  Councillor                                Simon Bishop  
                  Councillor                                Penny Freeman  
                  Councillor                                Simon Tivey

**Also in attendance:**

Clerk to the Council Lynn Simms & Phil Collin

**21/2008      Apologies:** Apologies were received from Councillor Inchley and Maxine Clift (Neighbourhood Watch coordinator). Phil Collin arrived at 9pm.

**22/2008      Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Councillor Buczkiewicz asked if any one had any comments to make. Apart from amending ‘not’ to ‘and’ in section 07/2008 they were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Freeman.

**23/2008      Matters Arising/Clerk Progress Report:** The Clerk advised the Council that a response regarding the moving of weight limit signs and the grassing over of the footpath along the B5324 was still awaited. Mrs. Patrick had confirmed that the Gulleys and pipes on Dawsons Road had been jetted, but if there is still a problem she needs explicit details: George Phillipson to advise. The Bat Survey on Meadow View Farm not given to Dave Whiting: clerk to rectify. Dave Whiting and George Phillipson met with Baz Forgham from Leics. Wildlife Trust, Nigel Brailsford, and Richard Spence from STWA on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008 to discuss the wildlife project on Snarrows Lane. The water that lay in the field is now piped into the stream and as such has lost its attraction to wildlife. The Environment Agency are against any plans to change this back, but have indicated they will look at any management plans the committee put to the STWA to resurrect a wildlife project. This is to be pursued.

**24/2008      Police Speaker:** The Clerk informed WPC Peri Richardson of the meeting, however there was no one in attendance.

**25/2008      Neighbourhood Watch:** Although Maxine Clift was not present the Chairperson had received a report from a meeting she had attended on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008. This stated that there was a need for greater police presence; therefore the police have stated that they are willing to visit more regularly. It was agreed that a police clinic in Osgathorpe alternating at the Village Hall and Storey Arms once every three months would be adequate. An agenda should be put on the Village Voice to advertise the event together with details of the Neighbourhood Watch website, which is mynhw.co.uk, our contact for this is Linda Gurr 01162483079.

**26/2008      Correspondence:**  
a) Letter from East Midlands Fire & Rescue regarding their new call centre at Castle Donington;  
b) Letter from LCC advising of the new road markings on the B3524;  
c) Letter from NWLDC requesting the completion of ballot papers;

- d) Letter from LCC concerning the appointment of Dave Whiting as a volunteer for the Heritage Warden Scheme. Parish Clerk already confirmed approved nomination;
- e) Letter from Mencap requesting a donation;
- f) Extract from Work Wise regarding Community Spaces: |Clerk to investigate;
- g) Letter from LCC informing us of the Code of Practice for seasonal lights;
- h) Extract from The Guardian regarding the removal of BT telephone boxes. Parish Clerk to enquire about preserving the one in Osgathorpe.

**27/2008 Planning Matters:** Approval has been received for the development of Meadow View Farm, and also for the erection of a pitched roof garage at 16 Main Street. There were no observations concerning a first floor front extension with a single storey rear extension at 1 Cottage Farm Close. For the benefit of the Council and the public Councillor Buczkiewicz read an extract from the Daily Telegraph informing all about the changes in obtaining planning permission due to be in place by October 2008.

**28/2008 Cemetery Maintenance:** The Parish Clerk advised that Mr. Summers is due his half yearly payment of £160 for maintenance of the cemetery grounds together with the cost of fuel for his mower. Agreed.

**29/2008 Financial Matters:** The Parish Clerk confirmed the balances of the accounts to be:

Community Account	£1010.90 credit
Business Account	£2467.85 credit

Councillor Buczkiewicz stated that the precept for next year needs to be discussed at the next meeting. He also enquired as to the receipt of the Audited Accounts, and asked the Parish Clerk to check this with Phil Collin.

**30/2008 Highways and Footpaths:** A hole in the road on the Snarrows has been reported by Councillor Buczkiewicz ref. No. 402434. There was also a complaint regarding the excess gravel on the Snarrows since its resurfacing, and there also appears to be several sections that dip down quite suddenly at the edge, both of these are very hazardous to cyclists. The committee were advised of Street light number eight not working on Main Street, and of an overgrown footpath between Belton and Osgathorpe. Councillor Buczkiewicz requested the Parish Clerk to look into and remedy these matters.

**31/2008 Website & Village Voice:** On behalf of the Parish Council Councillor Buczkiewicz expressed his thanks to Kevin Legg for his time and effort in getting the website up and running in good order. However, he is not in receipt of all copies of the Minutes. The Parish Clerk will liaise with Kevin Legg to resolve this issue.

**32/2008 Parish Wide Appraisal Plan:** Unfortunately there was no representative from the sub-committee present at the meeting, however Councillor Buczkiewicz did state that the response rate so far was around the 70% mark. At this point George Phillipson expressed his surprise that preliminary interim results of this Plan prematurely at a planning meeting with NWLDC. Councillor Buczkiewicz noted these comments. Charles Kemp, a member of the Planning Group, entered the meeting at this point and gave a quick overview what have been achieved by the Plan. Mr. Kemp confirmed that results now had to be put through a complicated analysis process, which they hoped would be completed before Christmas. Mr.

Kemp did request copy statements of the Parish Council Accounts in order to obtain a grant: Parish Clerk and Phil Collin to provide.

**33/2008**     **Airport/Racing Track:** Councillor Tivey confirmed that the Airport Association had disbanded; therefore we have no means of obtaining information. The Parish Council agreed to take it off the agenda.

**34/2008**     **Other Village Issues:** The Chairperson read out some statistics from the Observer concerning the high level of village facilities that are closing on a weekly basis. He brought to our attention our own facilities, and suggested that we put a slot into our agenda for sustaining the village community. Councillor Buczkiewicz handed over to George Phillipson who had some ideas he would like the committee to consider. Planning Applications: It was proposed that plans for all new builds should be available for all parishioners to be able to pass comment, perhaps by being on view at the Storey Arms; or in the Harley Hall at a set time with representatives of the Parish Council available; or through an extraordinary meeting in the Harley Hall; or by flyers to be distributed to all householders in the village. This motion was proposed by Councillor Buczkiewicz and seconded by Councillor Bishop. Three Councillors voted for this motion with one against (Councillor Tivey) and no abstentions.

Mr. Phillipson also made a suggestion that workload of the Clerk be championed out but after discussions Councillor Buczkiewicz suggested that the working practice of the Clerk remain the same for at least the next six months, which was agreed. The last item Mr. Phillipson put to the Parish Council was that they introduce a register of members of the public in attendance at Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that any names should be omitted for the purpose of the Minutes and only the number present should be recorded. It was also requested that a draft copies of the minutes be placed on the notice boards and the Storey Arms along with a list of forthcoming Parish Council meeting dates. The Parish Council agreed. Several people commented on the poor condition of the Noticeboard at the top of Main Street. The Chairperson asked George Phillipson if he would speak to Ian Wesley about the cost of a repair, and report back to him.

The last item to be brought to light was lack of paint on the road signs of Chapel Lane and Church Lane. Councillor Tivey advised that he had the matter in hand. Finally the Parish Clerk attended a review in respect of the Local Community Health Services, however this was only about the six local hospitals, and had no connection with any proposal to cut local GP services, a subject which Councillor Inchley has shown interest in.

**35/2008**     **Date of Next Meetings:**  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 AGM  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Signed by the Chairperson.....Date.....