

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RATBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH 2024 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MAIN STREET, RATBY
AT 7PM
'DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL'
'UADOPTED'**

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs M B Joyce (Chairman), Ms K D Ingram, Mr P J Johnson,
Mr R Tasker and Mr P Tenwick

Members of the

Public: 3

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

24/24 Apologies for absence were received from Ms K Johnson and Mr K Hunnybun, who was unwell. Mr C W Boothby and Mr L J P O'Shea would attend the meeting later.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

24/25 Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th February 2024, having previously been circulated, were proposed by Mr Tenwick, seconded Mr Tasker , unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL, PREJUDICIAL AND PECUNIARY INTEREST AND DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS ON ANY ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

24/26 None

4. REPORTS

- 24/27 (i) Borough Councillors' Report (see Appendix 1)
- (ii) County Councillor's Report (see Appendix 2)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7.08pm to allow For public participation

5. BURROUGHS ROAD – SLURRY PIT

24/28 Mrs Linda Thompson presented the following report on behalf of the residents of Burroughs Road:

"It has been two years since Adam Preston attended a Parish Council meeting, where he said "that no further issues had arisen with the access to the Slurry Pit" (Mins. 8th March 2022). The issues have certainly not gone away, with vehicle numbers far exceeding the "2-3 per day" that Mr Preston said he would reduce to once the newly constructed pit was filled. (mins 8th February 2022). In a one-hour period on 22nd February 2024, 4 Tankers, 3 tractors-with-rigs, 3 tractors-and-trailers, and a low

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loader with a digger went up Burroughs Road. This is without doubt a 24/7 process, with tankers being seen on the road at 7.30 in the morning and 11 o'clock at night.

In addition, there have been incidents where residents of Burroughs Road could not leave or return to their properties because the tankers have got stuck on the road-one for the entire Sunday of the first weekend in December 2023. A tradesman's vehicle was also written off following a collision with an agricultural vehicle on the upper section of the road.

As you will be aware, the Council- owned portion of Burroughs Road was re-surfaced at considerable cost in March 2023, after the road became severely damaged by the excessive number of tankers and tractors-with-rigs using the single-track road to deposit materials into the slurry lagoon. The edges of this portion of the road have already started to deteriorate, as vehicle movement started again intensively in November 2023, through to Christmas.

The second part of the road is owned by the Woodland Trust, with a joint responsibility of the users of this road to make repairs according to any damage they cause. This would include Adam Preston, Richard Brooks and ourselves. The Woodland Trust made a visit to the area recently, to look at the damage to the road; the widening of the driveways and the introduction of new access points to the fields on the land owned by themselves, and the cutting down of trees and hedges belonging to the Woodland Trust. It is our understanding that a subsequent conversation between the Woodland Trust and Adam Preston resulted in Mr Preston claiming that the damage to the road had been caused by Woodland Trust vehicles, not his.

We once again suggest that Prestons are asked to establish a separate access to the site from his farmland at the bottom of the slurry lagoon, as he indicated he was willing to in March 2022. If he responds that this is conditional on him making alterations to the derelict structure adjacent to Burroughs Road, then he should be asked to at least install a short access road from opposite the public car park entrance, as an interim measure,. This would remove the vehicles from a critical part of the Woodland Trust owned land, where there is a blind corner. He has already cleared this section of land, when removing trees and hedges. Many residents of Ratby (and beyond) enjoy Burroughs Wood, and this commercial enterprise is impacting on that enjoyment. It is certainly having a negative effect on the mental health of residents and others, as the size of the vehicles and their refusal to move off the tarmac is very intimidating. One resident has a daughter in her early twenties, who has been quite traumatised by this behaviour. They also have a younger child with a heart condition, and access to medical facilities is crucial at all times.

In the long term, the best solution for all parties (LCC, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Ratby Parish Council and the residents of Ratby) would be for a separate access road to be established from Holywell Farm Cottage on Desford Lane. The current situation is making a mockery of the section of the original Notification of Intent to Erect a Slurry Lagoon (21/00766/AGDO), where part of the justification was "The organic fertiliser will so reduce the amount of road miles and journeys to and from the farm with agricultural machinery."

Attachments: photos and video"

Cllr C W Boothby joined the meeting at approximately 7.50pm

In the discussion that followed a second resident raised her concerns about the safety of children at Ratby Primary School, having witnessed a tanker mount the pavement right next to a child. Chairman suggested that the Parish Council would write to the Head Teacher, seeking her views on this incident.

Chairman suggested this information be passed to C/Cllr O'Shea who was Head of Highways at LCC to deal. Mr Tasker added that Cllr O'Shea did a good job and would no doubt take this matter forward on behalf of the residents. Mr Boothby commented that during the recent closure of Burroughs Road, due to the Gas/water incident, the tankers, tractors etc., had gained access via another route, presumably through farm land.

The Chairman thanked the residents of Burroughs Road for their attendance and input to the meeting.

6. REPORTS

- 24/29** (i) Borough Councillors Report – (see Appendix 1)
(ii) County Councillor' Report (see Appendix 2)

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/30 (a) **24/00134/TCA** - 34 Chapel Lane, Ratby – T1 Willow Re-pollard, T2 Purple leaf Plum – Reduce by 1m., T3 Magnolia – Reduce by 1m., T4 Ash Tree – Remove to ground level – No objection (b) **24/001889.CONDIT** – Ben Venuto, Thornton Lane, Markfield – Variation of condition 8 (waste and recycling storage) Planning Permission 23/00630/OUT – No objection (c) **24/00104/TCA** – 46 Berrys Lane, Ratby 0 T1 – Lawsons Cypress-Remove – No objection.

8. PROPOSED RE-GENERATION OF BIKE TRACK – FERNDALE PARK

24/31 Previously a resident had contacted Cllr O'Shea offering to regenerate the Bike Track. However, as neither Cllr O'Shea nor the resident were present at the meeting this matter was not discussed and it was noted that although the resident had been contacted regarding provision of Risk Assessment, Design and Insurance no further action could be taken. until these issues are resolved.

The meeting was reconvened at approximately 7.40pm

9. ADOPTION OF 3RD QUARTER'S ACCOUNTS

24/32 The 3rd Quarter's accounts having previously been circulated were proposed for adoption by Mr. Tasker, seconded Mr Tenwick and agreed.

10. ADOPTION- FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

24/33 Financial Regulations, having previously been circulated were proposed for adoption by Mr Tenwick, seconded Mr Tasker and agreed.

11. ADOPTION – MODEL STANDING ORDERS

24/34 Model Standing Orders having previously been circulated were proposed Mr Tasker, seconded Ms Ingram and agreed.

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Mr Tasker reiterated that all requests to speak should go through the Chair in order to comply with Standing Orders.

12. **ADOPTION – LIST OF ASSETS**

24/35 List of Assets having previously been circulated were proposed Mr Tasker, seconded Mr Johnson and agreed.

13. **ADOPTION (i) RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE (ii) CLERK'S RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT**

24/36 Both Schedule & Report having previously been circulated were proposed by Mr Tenwick, seconded Mr Johnson and agreed.

14. **PLAY EQUIPMENT REPORT**

24/37 Clerk reported that necessary repairs to the inclusive roundabout on Ferndale Park involved re-drilling of bolt holes and supply of missing bolts. As equipment was now out of warranty, a quotation was on agenda for acceptance. Apart from the continuing monitoring of wet pour shrinkage which would be replaced when weather permitted, the only other consideration was the wooden bench situated in the Toddler area at Burroughs Rec. Wooden bench rotten and needed to be removed. Suggestion that as there were picnic tables and chairs, which parents/adults used, no need to replace wooden bench.

15. **URGENT ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

24/38 (a) Request from resident at Conifers Mobile Park received to remove the existing bus shelter from Taverner Drive. Resident complained that youths were breaking up the panels on the bus shelter and congregating after dark causing problems. Discussion ensued and it was noted that the bus stop was regularly used by passengers and although the side panels of the bus shelter had been damaged the back and roof were still intact. The broken panels have been removed and the shelter has been made safe. After much debate it was agreed the shelter should not be removed but would be monitored. Mr Boothby stated removal of bus shelter would only result in moving the problem elsewhere. Regarding removal of the bench, this particular bench had been installed as a Memorial bench, at no cost to the Council and would not be removed. (b) Letters from Leicestershire County Council and Severn Trent received in respect of Gas/Water incident – thanking Council for the 'Thank You' letters sent. (c) Police & Crime Commissioner's Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel-email asking for volunteers – Ms Ingram requested copy. (d) Wicksteed quotation for repairs – proposed acceptance Mr Tasker, seconded Mr Tenwick and agreed (e) Centrewire quotation for kissing gate – Council informed that £136 delivery charge to be added to original price – discussion followed as this was a trial sample to be installed and there were 3 other kissing gates to be replaced, it was suggested that company be asked to waive delivery charge.

16. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

24/39 (as) List of Payments/Income - proposed Mr Tasker, seconded Mr Boothby and agreed.

17. **CLERK'S REPORT**

24/40 (a) Auditor Completion Certificate received. Observations made that

Authorisation did not appear on Bank notifications – Bank seem to have a difficulty in adding another authorisation to transactions as Clerk has tried numerous times to sort this. Discussion followed and agreed that Clerk make personal visit to Bank as virtually impossible to actually speak to a person. New Auditors stated that general reserves should be at least 0.5 times the precept or 0.25 times annual expenditure, although acknowledge that this was explained due to high cost of installation/.dismantling Christmas decorations in 2022. (b) Leicestershire County Council – Emergency TTRO – Stamford Street, Ratby - Closure from 11th March for up to 21 days (c) British Gas – Letter dated 27/02/24 1 stating that they will be lowering Direct Debit payments from £63.03 per month to £48.81 per month from 21st March 2024.

Cllr L J P O'Shea joined the meeting at approximately 8.23pm

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

24/41 (a) Precept – Mr Tasker had checked over figures and VAT has accumulated to approximately £20,000 per year and acknowledged this would vary due to the need to replace costly play equipment etc.

(b) Chairman reiterated that all emails sent from office requiring an answer should be dealt with, particularly if the matter was urgent.

(c) Mr O'Shea informed meeting that he had several complaints from residents regarding the gates being locked at Ferndale Park at weekends. Lengthy discussion ensued and Council reminded that a quotation for a height barrier had been received some months ago, and due to the depletion of reserves this was put on hold. Proposed Chairman, seconded [Mr O'Shea and agreed that up-dated quotation be sought from the contractors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 8.45pm

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Marie B Joyce

Chairman

9/4/24

Date

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BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT MARCH 2024**APPENDIX 1****Gladman's Appeal 225 Houses Desford Lane, Ratby**

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that the appeal by Gladman's for 225 homes on Desford Lane has been successful. This appeal hearing started on 13th February and lasted for 2 days with a site visit by the Inspector on the 5th.

Both me and Ozzy gave evidence to the Inspector detailing how the site was in the open countryside contrary to Policy DMS\$, that it was subject to flooding due to the Rothley Brook so therefore a flood plain, that Ratby's infrastructure could not possibly take any more housing due to the 348 homes currently being built on land off Markfield Rd, that our children were already having to go to Martinshaw Junior School in Groby and that Ratby School could not be extended any more. We also raised concerns that the underground infrastructure could not possibly cope with further demand hence the catastrophic issues we have all had to deal with over the last month. The Inspector ignored all our evidence as Borough Councillors, along with 3 residents, Dr Andrew Simmons, Mr Steve Boud and Mr Graham Stanley, who all gave clear and factual evidence. We both give them our utmost thanks.

The Inspector, in his conclusion, decided that as the LibDem Administration at HBBC does not have an up-to-date 5-year housing supply and No current Local Plan. A Local Plan dictates what goes where and is unlikely to come forward until the earliest 2026/2027 or as long as 2029/30. As there is no Local Plan in force, the Inspector has given no weight whatsoever to anything we said and ultimately has said that a tilted balance must be prevalent which in layman's terms means, the development far outweighs any harm to the countryside as it provides housing which HBBC cannot meet and has not met and will provide added business to local shops. No real mention of school places.

We are both understandably disgusted by this decision that came in only 2 weeks after the appeal hearing finished, which is unheard of.

We can only say sorry, but we tried our best as did residents. Yet again we are the victims of Hinckley and Bosworth failing us again. If HBBC had a Local Plan and a 5-year housing supply then the outcome may have been totally different.

Hinckley and Bosworth Council Tax and Fee's Increase 2024/25

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,501.87	1,752.17	2,002.49	2,252.49	2,753.43	3,254.03	3,754.66	4,505.58

Hinckley and Bosworth Council increased its Council Tax by £5 to £154.87 for a Band D property for 2024-2025.

Garden Waste Bin Charge 23-24 £37.50 24-25 £42.50 Increase £5

When the Liberal Dems took over the Council, they pledged to Scrap the Brown Bin Tax. However, they have put it up each year since 2019 from the original £25.00.

The average total amount of Council Tax due at Band D will be £2,194.09 for 2024/25, an increase of 4.97% over 2023/24.

The actual percentage increase for each taxpayer will vary depending on the area in which they live. In summary the average Band D Council Tax is made up as follows:

	2024.25 Council Tax	Increase	2023/24 Council Tax
Leicestershire Co9unty Council	£1,601.58	4.99%	£1,525.46
The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire	£286.23	4.76%	£273.24
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority	£81.65	2.98%	£79.29
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Including Special Expenses	£154.87	3.34%	£149.87
Parish Councils	£69.76	11.85%	£62.37
Total Council Tax	£2,194.09	4.97%	£2,090.22

Update on Gas Outage

Residents would have seen our last report in the Local praising the phenomenal work over the last month by Cadent Gas and the Resilience Team to help local residents during this difficult time and again we as your Councillors cannot thank them enough, but we are not out of the woods yet as residents are continuing to have issues. Severn Trent finally turned up to the party engaging Aspect to visit homes to assess the damage to gas appliances and replacing them where necessary and are concentrating on boilers to ensure heating and hot water. Gas cookers and fires are second on their list. However, Chris was assured by Severn Trent that they admitted full responsibility and their loss adjusters, Sedgwick, would pay to replace any and all appliances affected. It now turns out that this is not happening especially where residents have Aga's or range cookers where they are only offering about 70% of the cost, leaving residents to foot the bill of the remaining cost.

Our argument is, why should our residents be out of pocket when none of this is their fault and to add insult to injury, Severn Trent have filed a non-Indemnity claim with Sedgwick which means they are now saying they do not know what caused this. At the time of writing this report, Ozzy has taken this up with Sedgwick and Severn Trent's Insurance team. Chris is awaiting a phone call on Monday from the boss of Severn Trent, we will demand that they replace ALL appliances free of charge and reimburse those who have been forced to pay out to replace affected appliances as per their original admittance and commitment over the phone to Chris. Otherwise, we will contact the BBC news team and tell them exactly what Severn Trent and Sedgwick are doing to our community all over again. People simply cannot afford to do this, it's not their fault a perfectly working appliance has been damaged. We are both not accepting this.

Welcome.

We take time to welcome Aaron and Tony to the Plough Inn, as the new landlords, although Aaron is running it on a day-to-day basis.

Coming from the Chequers at Ullesthorpe, he has taken over from Colin who retired to Spain with Erica. Aaron has fitted in well and we wish him and Tony all the best in the new venture.

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Once again, we take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and remember we are only a phone call away.

Chris & Ozzy

Working for you.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – MARCH 2024

APPENDIX 2

Budget Meeting council Tax Increases April 24/25

Major plans setting out multi-million -pound investment in services, wide ranging savings and a Council Tax rise has been in the spot light as councillors met to finalise Leicestershire County Council's budget.

The four-year proposals were at the heart of full council meeting on Wednesday 21st February which included investing £129M more to meet growing demand, mainly in social care and an extra £113M to cover inflation and the National Living Wage.

We propose balancing the books next year using £6M of reserves – the first time this has been required – and forecast a budget gap of £8.3M by 2028 after planned savings.

A three per cent Council Tax increase for core services – and a two percent increase in the adult social care precept – generating in total £18M more for front line services – was passed this will take effect from April and equates to a £1.45 a week for a Band D home.

Councils across the country face eye-watering challenges. Thanks to taking tough decisions and saving £262M since 2010, we're not at crisis point. We're proud about being open and highly efficient and we'll continue to work with Government Ministers on the reform needed To help us do more for our residents.

This is our toughest ever budget but we're doing the best we can with the money we have, and I'm pleased that most people who responded to our consultation support the approach. And its good news that extra Government Funding means we can scale back waste site closures and invest in tackling flooding.

Major service redesigns are already underway, but our focus is on challenging how we deliver in each and every area, so we can pinpoint options for bridging the longer term £83M budget gap.

The four-year budget proposals include:

A£6M budget shortfall next year – rising to £33M in 2026, £60M in 2027 and £83M in 2028 £127M more mainly to support vulnerable people – to pay for more home and residential care and support people with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health needs.

An extra £113M – to cover inflation and the National Living Wage increase

Major redesigns of services to manage future demand, including:

- Special educational needs and disabilities – a new approach balancing growing demand for support with getting children the right help.
- Working with Barnardo's to run children's homes locally
- Boosting 'supported living' over 100 new placements created since 2020 enabling people with learning and physical disabilities and mental health needs to learn life skills and live independently.
- Rolling out 'care technology' – over 2,600 pieces of equipment, including falls detectors and GPS location trackers, installed over last year, benefiting over 1,000 people

£39M of savings – including redesigning services, reducing the cost of back-office support services by maximising digital technology and smarter procurement.

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AN EXTRA £400k TO HELP THE COUNCIL DO MORE TO TACKLE FLOODING – AFTER 500 HOMES FLOODED ACROSS THE COUNTY IN THE WAKE OF Storm Henk in the New Year.

£2.M to maintain roads and fix potholes-including £2.2M of government 'Network North' money.

A £445 M four-year capital pot – including £18M to improve bridges, roll out flood alleviation projects and improve road surfaces.

I cannot emphasise how hard our officers work on behalf of the residents of Leicestershire. Balancing the budget is a major task when you are the lowest funded County Council in the Country. We have been fighting for fair funding since I became your Councillor, and I will continue to fight for fair funding for Leicestershire with whatever government is in power.

Ratby Gas/Water Leak

I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to Cadent for the work they did in the community and for their community spirited litter pick of the village. During the past month I have continued to work with Lydia and Sarah from Severn Trent to help people get replacement boilers fitted dealing with the most vulnerable first. This incident had affected over 2500 homes in the village.

Many homes have required a new boiler. I am pleased that Severn Trent has now agreed to pay the full cost of a new boiler and the full fitting cost to those households that had their boilers damaged. Aspect, a company from London, have been appointed by Severn Trent and their loss adjusters to fit new boilers and Gas hobs and to carry out safety checks to properties affected. They are prioritising the most vulnerable first. The Loss Adjusters, Sedgwick, are dealing with claims for cookers and gas fires. At the present they are paying the full cost of a replacement gas cooker or gas hob and the fitting cost. However, they are not paying the full cost of a Range Master cooker or Aga cooker. They are not also paying the full cost of a replacement gas fire but will pay for the full cost of the fitting.

They are deducting about 25% for what they call indemnity. I do not think this is fair. I am taking this up with Senior management at Severn Trent. I know Chris Boothby is doing the same. It does not seem fair that people should be asked to pay for something that was not their fault, when the appliance was working perfectly before this incident occurred.

That said I would also like to put on record my thanks to Lydia and Sarah from Severn Trent who have been on hand during the week for the past month, helping residents to get their boilers, cookers and gas fires replaced or repaired – you have done an excellent job helping residents and are a credit to Severn Trent – THANK YOU.

A Message to Residents of Ratby and Kirby Muxloe from Severn Trent

Dear Customer, we would like to thank everyone for continuing to be so welcoming to our teams as we remain in the community supporting anyone with an issue with a gas appliance. Severn Trent is working with Aspect, who are the engineers carrying out the gas appliance checks and replacement were needed, so we wanted to provide you with some further information should you come across any issues to have questions about your appliance.

If you have a new issue with a gas appliance

Then you should contact Aspect directly, and they will arrange a visit, this can be done by calling 07730090881, or emailing cliams@aspect.co.uk

Aspect are currently prioritising oilers, vulnerable customers and customers without heating.

If you have been in contact with Aspect already

Everyone who has already requested an appliance check we really appreciate your patience, please be assured you're on the list and will be visited as soon as possible. If you are not at home when Aspect attend, they will continue efforts to make contact by phone or another home visit.

You've had an appliance replaced by Aspect

With any replacement or work Aspect do, there is a full guarantee on all their work which can be found here: aspect.co.uk/our-guarantee.

This includes if a defect for which Aspect accept responsibility appears within 12 months of the work being completed, they will arrange for it to be corrected at no additional cost. You will also be provided with warrantee information on any appliance fitted. If for any reason you need further details on warranty, you can get this from Aspect or directly from the manufacturer.

You have a Range cooker, Aga cooker, Gas fire or an issue with a hob

As we need to prioritise boilers, so customers have heating in their home, Aspect is replacing boilers as a priority, and hobs are being repaired as quickly as possible to make sure customers have cooking facilities. Any hobs that require replacement are being dealt with as stock arrives on site. Aspect is not able to replace Range cookers, Aga cookers or Gas Fires, for support on this, please contact Sedgwick, the Severn Trent insurance claims handling team on 01924 428 703 between 9am-5pm, or if you prefer you can email severntrent@uk.sedgwick.com. Sedgwick is also on hand to help and support you with any questions about any of the process.

We know that things have been challenging and we really appreciate the patience and understanding by the Community as Aspect work hard to visit everyone requiring repair or replacement.

It's our absolute priority to make sure you're supported, so please get in touch if there's anything we can help with.

Kind regards

Adam Coles

Customer Strategy & Experience Lead Severn Trent Water.

Leicestershire County Council pre driver days

Leicestershire County Council pre driver days are aimed at 16/17 year-olds who are thinking about getting behind the wheel for the first time.

#roadsafety #fatal4 Places filling fast for these that take place on Mallory Park Circuit. The dates for 2024 – 25th Mar, 2nd Apr, 30th May, 5th Aug. 6th Aug and the 21st Oct. Further details including booking <https://www.tjunction.org.uk/pre-driver-days/>

D Day Events and Road Closure Requests

There will be celebrations marking the 80th D-Day anniversary with events in the UK and in Normandy on 6th June 2024, as well as with community events around the UK.

Thinking of holding an event to commemorate D-Day?

Detailed below is some information and key dates that you may find useful to get you started.

Planning on having a street party to celebrate the event?

See

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You will need to apply to Leicestershire County Council to close your street/road to traffic by completing sections 3 and 4 of the D-Day 80th Anniversary application pack, attached to this email.

All fees associated with the legal application have been waived for D-Day 80th Anniversary and the application time reduced to 7 weeks, please note this is **ONLY** for D-Day 80th Anniversary and does not apply to other events.

If you wish to apply for a road closure or any other restrictions the last date for submission is **Friday, 12th April; 2024**. Applications after this date may not be able to be fulfilled.

Given the occasion and following Government guidance we will not be asking for the usual required documentation for a road closure, such as an in-depth risk assessment. However, consideration still needs to be given to ensure the safety of all attendees and an enjoyable event. Within the registration form you will find some additional information for you to consider. Further Government advice on road closures for street parties can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party>

The information you supply to us regarding your event will be shared with the emergency services so they can put their own plans and resources in place. Please submit your application form in good time. It is better to submit draft plans than nothing at all. It is essential that the emergency services are kept well informed of the events and we would rather know something is happening well in advance than finding out the day before.

Signs and Cones

Leicestershire County Council Highways is offering the loan of signs and cones, should you require these, please complete section 5 of the D-Day 80th Anniversary application pack attached. Please be aware signs and cones must be collected from and return to the LCC Mountsorrel Highways Depot. Appropriate arrangements will need to be made for collection. The deadline for your cones and sign applications is **Friday, 12th April 2024**. After this date we cannot guarantee availability.

Please note that the fees for the loan of signs will be waived for all D-Day 80th Anniversary events but equipment must be returned or it will be invoiced for.

Council owned land and licences

If you would like to organise an event on Council land or a greenspace or to find out about licensable activities such as selling food and drink or having music on a stage, please use this link where you will find details for each Borough or Districts page:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/parks-and-outdoor-activities/plan-an-event/licensable-activities>

Extreme Weather Rogue Traders

Leicestershire Trading Standards is warning the public to be on guard against rogue traders looking to cash in on residents affected by floods and storm damage. Cold callers may prey on the most vulnerable members of our community that are faced with damaged properties. We advise the public to:

- Never engage with cold callers knocking on your door or who call out of the blue
- Get 3 quotes from different and independently sourced traders and make sure everything agreed is in writing
- Pay securely rather than by cash, including using a credit card

- Don't feel pressured into agreeing work or paying all money up front before work starts

These are red flags. Get more advice at www.Citizensadvice.org.uk/getting-home-improvements

Finally, I would like to wish all residents and fellow councillors a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

I would also like to thank you all for your continued support and remind you that should you need my help or advice, I always pride myself on making myself available to residents. Remember, I am only a phone call or email away.

Ozzy O'Shea

Always Working for your Locally.

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LIST OF PAYMENTS/INCOME-MARACH 2024 MEETING APPENDIX 3

Cheque No.	Company	Amount £	Detail
104748	HMRC	987.49	(Jan.2024)
	TOTAL	£987.49	

DIRECT DEBIT/BANK PAYMENT

Salaries	2649.72	Salaries – Feb.24
Nest Pensions	85.71	Nest Pensions
British Gas	63.03	Gas
HSBC	11.00	Bank charges
Moore East Midlands	504.00	External Audit fee (2022.23)
Ratby Senior Citizens	12.00	P/Cl mtg. 12.03.24
	TOTAL	£3325.46

INCOME

Hiscox Insurance	201.00	Insurance – Damaged planter
Communicorp	88.00	(Return of subscription-No longer Producing Local Councils update)
	TOTAL	£289.00