# Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council.

# Held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook, on Wednesday 20th September 2023, Immediately After the Finance, HR, Contractors and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

## Present.

Councillors G Maskalick (Chair), S Fraser-Burton (Vice Chair), S Cresswell, G Markwell, J Fazackerley, J Fraser- Burton, A Dunn, K Eaglesham-Atkins and T Stevenson.

## Also, Present.

S Kitchener (Clerk and RFO) and 7 members of public.

## 177/09/23 Noted Apologies for Absence.

Councillors K Thomas (holiday) and C Millward (health).

## 178/09/23 Declarations of Members Interests.

None.

## 179/09/23 Items for Discussion/Action/Update.

### Discuss Whether to Support the Residents to Get Their Right of Consultation Back for the Sale of Harrington Green.

A discussion was held, comments made included:

* There is no argument that the residents were not consulted correctly as nobody, including the Parish Council were aware of this happening.
* As the land has not been sold yet, if we can put pressure onto Erewash Borough Council we should as this is a community asset that is being sold.
* The consultation process although done correctly, was done at a bare minimum and they should have consulted the residents.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor G Maskalick, seconded by Councillor G Markwell making 8 in favour and 1 against to support the residents. **ACTION** Clerk to write to Erewash Borough Council.

### Does the Parish Council Support the Residents to Fight Against Houses Being Built on the Harrington Green Area.

A discussion was held, comments made included:

* There is a need for affordable housing in the Parish, with people having to leave the Parish but the difficulty is finding the correct sites for this.

At this point Councillor A Dunn left the meeting.

* We can’t guarantee that affordable houses will be built once a developer buys the land.
* Erewash Borough Council could put a covenant on the land that affordable housing will be built but this would decrease the value of the land.
* To fulfil the housing deficit in the Borough, affordable housing would be in their best interest.
* If a certain number of houses are built, the Parish Council will receive a levy to go towards Borrowash.
* Our job is to support and advise residents, regardless of our opinion on the matter.
* If the residents want to fight against future planning on this land it is our duty to support the wishes of our parishioners.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor G Maskalick, seconded by Councillor J Fraser-Burton making 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstained with regards to supporting the residents.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20:08.