

ANNUAL BOROUGH PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY, 24 JULY 2025

Present:	Councillor G Marshall, Chair
Parish and Town Councillors:	Councillor E Williamson (Brinsley) Councillor T Davies (Brinsley) Councillor A Rainbow (Brinsley) Councillor J M Owen (Broxtowe) Councillor P J Owen (Broxtowe) Councillor K Woodhead (Eastwood) Councillor S Boneham (Kimberley) Councillor N Doherty (Kimberley) Councillor Trevor Rood (Kimberley) Councillor J Owen (Nuthall) Councillor P Owen (Nuthall) Councillor B Watson (Nuthall) Councillor K Bacon (Stapleford) Councillor S Frost (Stapleford)
Parish and Town Clerks	S Trower (Eastwood) J Ulliott (Nuthall) K Belton (Stapleford) J Murden (Trowell)
Broxtowe Officers	R Hyde T Hanley E Georgiou S Robertson
In attendance	K Newton (Democratic Services)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Radulovic MBE.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 25 July 2024 were confirmed as a correct record, with a minor correction.

3 PRESENTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The meeting received a presentation from the Chief Executive of Broxtowe Borough Council on Local Government Reform.

It was noted that there were a number of proposals for the restructuring of Councils in Nottinghamshire, with no clear preference for any one option. In addition. There was concern that tight timelines could lead to suboptimal outcomes for Broxtowe residents including council tax rises and cuts to services. It was further noted that a funding review was progressing separately from Local Government Reform and this could impact on the financial situations of authorities like Rushcliffe.

The meeting debated the presentation, noting that the role of Parish and Town Councils seemed to continue, though the creation of new such organisations was not being encouraged, with Area Committees being promoted instead.

Ambivalence to the engagement process was noted and it was considered that the top-down approach to the whole reorganisation had caused stakeholders to feel cynical about the Government's approach. There was also concern that stating any kind of preference for an option in the process would be considered a surrender to the reorganisation, which was felt to be unpopular and bad for residents. It was noted that Broxtowe Borough Council would produce a referendum style consultation to gather resident views on reorganisation.

4 MARTYN'S LAW

The Head of Health and Safety, Compliance and Emergency Planning gave a presentation on Martyn's Law and the impact this would have on SAGs and events planning.

It was noted that the intention of informing groups about their legislative responsibilities was not to discourage them from organising events, but to enhance public safety. Mitigation measures were discussed and it was noted that resources, such as bollards were expensive, but could be shared by a number of Councils. Strategies for identifying problematic vehicles were noted. A checklist for event organisers had been developed to ensure they had met their legislative responsibilities.

5 UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A presentation was given by the Assistant Director of Environmental Services and the Climate Change Manager on the work of the Environment Department.

There was a discussion about recycling food waste. It was noted that residents would be invited to recycle their food waste, through a new bin which included a counter top insert. There were concerns about the bins encouraging foxes and other wildlife. A discussion was had about composting, which was considered to be preferable for the environment.

The meeting noted the impact of hedges on signage and traffic signals. It was requested that any incidents of trees or hedges covering signs be reported to the Assistant Director of Environmental Services so she could deal with the incident or pass it on to the responsible authority.

6 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.