

Mayors “report” April-May 2022

- April 20th
 - **Meeting with Cllr Smithers** et al regarding Local Plan 2 – cancelled; to be rearranged.
 - Chat with **Gordon Montgomery**, Deputy Head OS and OPEN Learning Partnership about Ukraine – put him and Helen Harrison in contact with each other.
 - Meeting with Russ of Maverick skateboard parks and Emma – key points of note =
 - Next stage – online questionnaire – go live soon, launch at ATM, run for May and get as much traction as we can. **NOW LIVE**.
 - Design reviewed à Permitted development conversation with NNC – below 200 cubic metres and 4 metres on existing sight so shd be okay – no lighting (certainly at this stage)
 - At similar time Gary does topographical survey (£1k?) and utility check
 - Funding – Community Asset Fund/Viridor or Biffa/Lottery (case officer). We have £70k S106 and NNC are confirming their arrangements.
 - Crack on – could we get a Christmas gift?!
- April 21st
 - chat with head of **OSCAR Radio** to talk about possible connection with Barcin
 - chat with **First Responders** rep – broad thrust of conversation =
 - ICE car for one more year
 - smaller grant 2022-23 – say £1k? – would be most welcome
 - OFR pay lease costs – EMA pay running costs
 - we could budget for a larger grant in 2023-4 with known lease costs
 - we install a charging point and give them some access to it – and for our EV van too?
- April 23rd – residents concerned about traffic flow along **A605** – excellent response from Cllr Smithers and Harrison – and huge thanks to residents concerned for being so proactive and contacting Anglia Water.
- April 28th – **Annual Town meeting** – 50 or so residents –
 - QVH worked well, thanks to U3A for projector, good atmosphere, chats before and after, refreshments welcome (should we offer wine at end??).
 - Apologies from OS for absence
 - Possible leads on cemetery
 - Facebook live seemed to work but sound interference needs solving.
 - We need lead and tripod
 - Skatepark consultation goes live – leads to chatter on FB, mainly positive!
- May 3rd – spoke twice at NNC Area Planning on St Christopher’s Drive developments.
- May 5th
 - “Hello from Oundle to Barcin” on **OSCAR radio**, “broadcast” live and podcasted – in English and Polish and Ukrainian. <https://oscar-radio.org/>. Barcin’s reply = “Thank you for your kind words about our town and for your yesterday broadcast over your radio. It was nice to hear you and find out more about your beautiful and interesting town. We really appreciate you prepared the broadcast for us in English, Polish and Ukrainian.

If you managed to record it, please send us the file, because we could share the recording with more people in Barcin. We don't have our local radio station but we have our local tv station (<https://www.tvlbarcin.pl/>). We'll try to prepare some information about our town and send it to you. More photos and information about Barcin you can find on our website <https://barcin.pl/strona-88-publikacje.html>.

We would like to inform you that we are organizing the camp for 40 children from Ukraine in Barcin from 1 – 10 July. The Ukrainian authorities of Bursztyn town confirmed the acceptance of our invitation and the arrival of 40 children together with their 3 guardians. We are planning to pick them up from the Polish-Ukrainian border and take them by bus to Barcin. We would like to show Ukrainian children our region and provide a lot of attractions and leisure, which may allow them to forget about the war in their country, at least for a moment. “

- Meeting with OBA about their thoughts on future of **loveOundle SM campaign**. Decision made to hold fire on new SM contract until funding ascertained – and huge thanks to Rebecca for being willing to step up to help manage the loveOundle social media posts. We need to generate more content ourselves – Jubilee, photo competition in cemetery and Snipe Meadow, maybe pay for cemetery and Snipe Meadow drone footage?
- Huge thanks to OBA for its support for so much in town inc work on Jubilee, loveOundle etc. Great partnership for us and residents.
- May 9th – meeting with Sarah Barnwell (**Highways**) and residents of North Street