

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2009

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Tweddle, Caldwell & Clarke

Parishioners: Gerald Garfield, Rennie Barbour, Peter Jackson & Keith Sandars.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Smith & Cllr Beaty

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 6TH JULY 2009:

Under item (1) Apologies the minutes should read that Cllr Tweddle was absent, not Cllr Smith. Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Peter Jackson.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.3.12.1 Dog Fouling: New signs have now been erected and it is hoped this will act as a reminder to those few dog walkers who are still not acting responsibly and cleaning up after their dogs. At present it continues to be a particular problem on the sports field. If the new signs do not have the desired effect other measures will need to be considered but the Parish Council would prefer to resolve the problem locally rather than having to resort to involving the Enforcement Officer.

3.3.10.11.1 Sports Club Banking Arrangements: Cllr Clarke will ask Andy Holyoak to contact the Clerk regarding the new banking arrangements so that new Standing Orders can be put in place for funding of the Mower Account to replace the gang mowers as and when necessary.

3.10.1 Paving along Ashley Road: Cllr Polito hopes to make headway in having the broken slabs replaced when he meets Clive Howe tomorrow as no response has yet been received from the Highways Dept.

3.14.3 Overgrown hedge at bottle bank: Cllr Polito has not yet received a response from Severn Locks who now own the land on which the recycling bins are placed.

3.10.2 Street lamp Old Holt Road: Cllr Clarke advised that although the lamp was repaired it is not now working so has been reported again.

4.0 PLANNING:

4.1 Since the last meeting details of the following Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team have been received and circulated to councillors:

- **Mr A Cory – Demolition & replacement of dwelling at 40 Main Street:** All councillors were in support of this proposal.
- **Mr R Hallam – Felling of trees at 29 Main Street:** Councillors had no concerns regarding this proposal.

4.2 Miss J Swaine & Miss R Day – Land Adj Dale Farm, Manor Road: A letter has been received from the Planning Dept advising that the description for the proposed development has been amended from “Erection of a detached dwelling (layout & access to be considered)”, to “Erection of a detached dwelling.”

4.3 Planning Permission for erection of a detached garage at Bridgedale Barn, Brook Terrace by Mrs Emma Jones has been refused by the Development Control Team.

Mrs Jones has since contacted Cllr Polito advising that she will be submitting another set of plans and has enquired if any councillors would like to look at the proposed site. This will be considered once the application has been resubmitted and plans received from the Development Control Team.

4.4 Since the last meeting Planning Permission has been given by the Development Control Team for the following:

- **Mr Austin Adams** – Erection of an agricultural building at Top Lodge, Paynes Lane.
- **Mr & Mrs Hulme** – Redevelopment of piggery to form study and store. Redevelopment of pole barn to storage and open garages at Medbourne Lodge Cottage, Drayton Road.
- **Mrs K Griffin & Ms F Saunders-Watson** – Insertion of two dormer windows at 9 Waterfall Way.

4.5 Notification of decision in respect of proposed work to trees has been received in respect of:

- Felling of tree at 22 Manor Road by Mr C Martin.

4.6 During the month lists of Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team for the Harborough District have been received and circulated to councillors.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 During the month the following correspondence had been received and circulated to councillors:

- Letter from HDC giving information about the BBC Village SOS Project.
- Letter from L&RALC advising that the free copy of the Charles Arnold-Baker 'Local Council Administration' publication was available. This has since been collected by the Clerk.
- Letter from E.on asking for confirmation that the Inventory held by them for our Unmetered Supply for Street Lighting is correct. This has since been confirmed by the Clerk.
- Notification of the next meeting of HDC on 17th July 2009 at the Council Offices.
- Feedback form from HDC relating to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.
- Information from East Midlands Regional Assembly on how to respond to the Options Consultation document relating to the Regional Plan Partial Review.

6.0 QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN:

6.1 Cllr Caldwell asked about additional signs placed on the outside wall of The Nevill Arms which appear unsightly, particularly in view of it being a listed building. There are now six signs and it was questioned if planning permission would be required for them. The Clerk thought this

would be the case. Cllr Polito will initially speak to the Planning Dept.

- 6.2** Cllr Caldwell asked what the outcome of the proposal that the Parish Council considers adopting measures to promote further awareness within the village of the various eco friendly initiatives available to help save the environment.

It was decided that initially the Clerk writes to the Waste Management Team at HDC to ascertain whether all items from the kerbside collections and waste disposal bins on Drayton Road are recycled, or whether any of these items, particularly plastic bottles, find their way to landfill sites.

7.0 REPORTS

- 7.1 Village Hall:** Cllr Caldwell reported that a Village Hall Committee Meeting had been held on 20th July 2009. On the financial side income is managing to cover the day to day running costs. A new hot water boiler has been installed.

An inspection of the building by Cllrs Caldwell & Polito revealed a number of repairs that require attention both internally and externally. These now need prioritising and a decision made on how they can be dealt with.

Cllr Caldwell has been given to understand that a new lease should be available within the next few weeks.

- 7.2 MEFT:** Cllr Caldwell advised that the next meeting has been postponed. In the meantime David Tyler has been advised that permission has been given by HDC to remove the willow tree in the children's playground.

Steve Millington has also been asked to establish that cover for voluntary workers is included in the insurance policy.

8.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:

Cllr Tweddle spoke of an advertisement in the Village Monthly magazine by a local company called 'Driven' located in Weston-byWelland, providing taxi & private hire within the Welland Valley and surrounding areas. Apart from the three companies in Market Harborough we only now have Mr Simkin in the immediate vicinity. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Tweddle contact the company asking him if he would be interested in being part of the Taxi Voucher Scheme service.

9.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- 9.1 Blocked Drains:** Complaints have been received regarding blocked drains at the bottom of Rectory Lane, Springbank and by the church wall. Cllr Polito hopes to pursue this with Clive Howe of the Highways Dept when he meets him tomorrow.

- 9.2** The 'No Footway' sign has become overgrown by the leylandii hedge at the top end of Main Street.

- 9.3** One of the wooden slats on the new footbridge is splitting. This would be looked at to see if action needs to be taken to prevent it becoming any worse.

10.0 ACCOUNTS:

10.1 Since the last meeting the following invoices had been presented to councillors for payment:

Bryan Smith 'Roundup Bioactive for The Hollow	£ 32.99
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Eon Street Lighting Charges	£178.83
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V Simkin Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	£ 50.00
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10.2 The VAT Return for the year ending 31st March 2009 has been submitted to HM Customs & Excise.

10.3 The Clerk referred to the £3,000 additional cover for village benches and orientation table agreed at the last meeting. As we have 11 benches, plus the new one placed in the garden area for the village shop in memory of Eileen Walker, it was decided to insure the benches alone for £3,000 and itemise the orientation table separately for a sum insured of £1,000.

10.4 The Clerk advised that the interest rate at Barclays on the Instant Access Saver Account is currently only .05% but had been unable to find an improved rate elsewhere without being able to deposit a significant sum. As we would benefit very little by transferring our available funds to NSB at their current rate of .2%, it was agreed to continue with our present arrangements.

11.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: As there will be no meeting held in September the next one will be Monday 5th October 2009. The following meeting will be Monday 2nd November 2009.

12.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS: None.

13.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

13.1 Keith Sandars asked how everyone felt about taking up the grass on the War Memorial and replacing it with gravel, with a larger central bed for plants. The depth of soil around the perimeter is very shallow and it is difficult to mow the grass without destroying what plants survive there. Partially gravelling the area was suggested and a stepping stone placed to make easy access to the plinth for the on Poppy Day Service. Everyone present considered this a good idea. Proposed: Cllr Tweddle. Seconded: Cllr Caldwell.

13.2 Cllr Clarke asked if anyone knew who it was that had been seen recently taking core samples across the sports field. No-one present had any knowledge of it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

