

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2010

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Smith, Tweddle, Caldwell & Clarke
Cllr Beaty
Parishioners: Gerald Garfield & Peter Jackson

1.0 APOLOGIES: Rennie Barbour & Keith Sandars

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2010:

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Caldwell. Seconded: Cllr Tweddle.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.3.11.0 Village Hall Lease: Slow progress continues to be made. A letter has been received from Richard Hammond raising matters of importance which need to be included in the new lease. This has been faxed to Fisher Hogarth. Cllrs Polito and Caldwell will meet to discuss the respective points.

3.3.9.1 Willow Tree in Children's Playground: The tree has now been cut down. An additional result of this is that more light is let into the area.

3.3.9.3 Temporary Repair to Packhorse Bridge: Cllr Polito has sent a further reminder to Navin Chauhan but to date no response has been received.

3.3.7.0 Village Hall Insurance: The copy of the endorsement noting the interest of the Parish Council as Trustee on the policy has been received.

3.3.10.2 Access road to Station House: We have been advised that Seven Locks are looking at renewing the complete length of the access road and is being dealt with by Peter Clipton.

3.3.8.1 Dog Fouling on Sports field: The dog warden has now been contacted and has indicated that patrols will be increased and additional signs put up asking dog walkers to keep to the Dog Walk. If we are able to give names and addresses of persistent offenders he will call on them to issue warnings or fines providing we have proof.

3.6.1 Salt Bins: We have been advised by the Senior Engineer for Leicestershire Highways that although salt bins can be provided at known trouble spots that are not on a precautionary salting route, the cost is met by Parish Councils at £200 for each bin. The bins are filled by the County Council as and when provisions allow.

A discussion took place on whether to move the salt bin located in Marlow Court to Old Holt Road in view of the particular problem encountered with the recent snow and ice. In the meantime Cllr Polito will enquire about relocation of existing bins and ask the Highways Dept to make sure the bin at Marlow Court is kept full so that salt can be accessed for use where needed.

3.6.2 Signs outside Nevill Arms: Cllr Polito has received notification from the Enforcement Officer that a letter has been sent to the Manager of the Nevill Arms asking for a discussion about signage. Cllr Caldwell advised that the signs located on the outside of the building have recently been removed.

3.8.1 **‘SmartWater’:** Cllr Caldwell asked about the leaflet drop that had been suggested at the Parish Council meeting attended by PC Andy Cooper and whether this would be taking place. Unfortunately the leaflets had not been provided when delivery of the ‘SmartWater’ packs had been received. However, posters giving details about the scheme and that supplies of ‘SmartWater’ can be obtained from Cllr Polito have been placed both on the notice board outside the Village Hall and the Village Shop.

4.0 PLANNING:

4.1 Planning Appeal Decisions: During the month the Planning Inspectorate had made decisions for appeals submitted following Refusal of Planning Permission by HDC:

Mr A Cory – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at 40 Main Street: The appeal was dismissed on the basis of the detrimental effect the proposed development would have on the character and appearance of the site and its surroundings, having particular regard to its location within the Conservation Area.

Mr & Mrs Jones – Erection of timber framed garage at Bridgedale Barn, Brook Terrace: The appeal was dismissed on the basis of the effect the proposed garage would have on the setting of the adjacent Grade II* listed house at Bridgedale Farm and on the Conservation Area.

4.2 Consent has been given by the Development Control Team at HDC for work to trees at 5 Main Street by Mr R K Nelson.

4.3 During the month lists of Planning Applications for the Harborough District submitted to the Development Control Team during January 2010 had been circulated to councillors.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Notification of the Annual Parish Liaison Meeting being held at the HDC offices on Monday 1st March 2010.
- Thank you letter from South Leics CAB for our donation of £50 towards their running costs.
- Invitation from Leics CC to submit a bid for funding towards the cost of a new bus shelter for the community.
- Notification of the next Standards Committee meeting to be held at the Council Offices of HDC on 8th January 2010.

6.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:

6.1 Cllr Tweddle asked about the playground still being closed due to the damaged fence. The Chairman advised that David Tyler has this in hand.

6.2 Cllr Caldwell asked about more information being put on the Parish Website. Peter Jackson has been having problems with the new site and is therefore arranging to attend a refresher course.

7.0 VILLAGE HALL:

7.1 Cllr Caldwell advised that the outstanding rent has now been paid by the Youth Club to the end

of December 2009. Arrangements are now in hand to check whether the hall is being used each week before an invoice is sent each quarter.

8.0 REPORTS:

8.1 Sports Club: Cllr Clarke reported that the Sports Club has been advised that there is no grant money left in the pot available from the funding body which they had hoped to obtain for the Cricket Club nets.

A meeting has taken place to discuss the initiative 'Active Together' set up by HDC to encourage over 16 year olds to become involved in sport. As a result of this arrangements are being made to promote sporting activities in the village over the summer.

9.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME: Cllr Tweddle reported that the scheme continues to work well for those people within the village who are in need of assistance with essential travel arrangements.

10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

10.1 Water leak on Hallaton Road: A leak has occurred near Manor Farm. There has previously been a problem with the water main at this location and Severn Trent will therefore be contacted. A leak has also occurred on Uppingham Road by the gateway to Peggy Herrick's property.

10.2 Since the recent snow and ice a number of potholes have inevitably appeared at a number of locations but these are being dealt with by Leics County Council.

11.0 ACCOUNTS:

11.1 During the month the following invoices had been submitted to councillors for payment:

Kwik-Cabs	£115.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£ 35.02
The Hollow	

Eon	£178.83
Street Lighting Charges	

V Simkin & Son	£ 15.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

11.2 At the meeting an invoice from Murphy's Taxis Ltd for £15 in respect of redeemed taxi vouchers was presented to councillors for payment. Proposed: Cllr Caldwell. Seconded: Cllr Tweddle.

12.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st March 2010 and the following meeting will be Monday 12th April 2010.

13.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS: Dates of when councillors would be away were given.

14.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No questions raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

