

# **Medbourne Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010**

**Present** Cllrs Polito (Chair), Smith, Tweddle, Caldwell & Clarke.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Beaty.

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010:**

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The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Caldwell. Seconded: Cllr Tweddle.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

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**Willow Tree:** Bryan Smith, the Tree Warden, will obtain a second quotation after which a decision will be made regarding the contractor to be appointed to undertake the work.

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**Water Leak – Hallaton Road:** This has now been repaired.

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**Packhorse Bridge & Nevill Arms Footbridge:** No further developments regarding the repair work. As the parapet on the packhorse bridge is deteriorating significantly Cllr Polito will try to get things moving.

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**Village Hall Lease:** The new lease has been signed but there is a question regarding the costs involved.

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**Potholes – Rectory Lane:** These have been reported and added to the Highways Dept's extraordinary long list of potholes to be repaired after the winter.

3.17.1

**Dog Fouling of sports field:** The legal aspects relating to restrictions placed on dog walkers using the sports field have now been clarified.

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1. The Sports Field, The Children's Playground and The Hollow were all designated as 'No Fouling Areas' in 2004 under the Dogs Fouling On Land Act 1996. These areas therefore come under the jurisdiction of the HDC enforcement officer.
2. The owner/tenant has a legal right to be able to ban dogs from the playing field.
3. The owner/tenant cannot ban dogs from the Public Footpaths. Dogs on the footpath must be 'under control'. The definition of 'under control' is not specified, but common sense would indicate that this would not permit dogs to run free, as most dog owners would prefer.
4. It is anticipated that the Sports Club will ask the MEFT and the Parish Council as joint owners of the sports field, to have the footpaths re-routed around the perimeter of the field.

## PLANNING:

During the month details of the following planning applications submitted to the Development Control Team had been received and circulated to councillors:

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(1) **Mr & Mrs Robert Hallam – Erection of detached two storey dwelling and detached single garage at land rear of 29 Main Street (revised scheme for 10/00252/FUL):** Councillors raised objections to the proposal based on:

- An over development of the site.
- Although a much better design than the earlier application, the study at the front of the house looks more like a garage when viewed from Old Holt Road and creates an imbalance to the eye. Would look better removed and replaced by a matching double window like the one on the left hand side.
- An unpleasant design when viewed from the side and rear elevations.
- A single storey dwelling would be more appropriate.

These comments have been forwarded to the Development Control Team.

(2) **Mr I Dunkley – Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension – Burghley House, Drayton Road:** Councillors raised objections to the proposal based on:

- The present house is attractive and nicely proportioned and sits nicely on the plot. The proposed extension appears to increase the living area by almost 40% and gives a lop-sided appearance to the house when viewed from Drayton Road.
- The increased height dominates the adjoining property must restrict sunlight onto the garden area well into the afternoon. A single storey extension behind the garage would be more acceptable.

These comments have been forwarded to the Development Control Team.

During the month Planning Permission had been given to the Development Control Team to Mr & Mrs Heyman for conversion and extension of stables to form dwelling at The Manor House, Manor Road.

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Lists of Planning Applications for the Harborough District submitted to the Development Control Team during May had been circulated to councillors.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

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- Newsletter issued by the L&RALC giving details of a Standing Orders Workshop being held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
- Information about a Community Response Plan for Civil Emergencies that HDC suggests Parish Councils put in place.
- Information from Leics Constabulary about thefts of tack from stable yards in the villages.
- Details about an initiative by the Waste Management Dept at Leics CC for the reuse of unwanted items.
- Details about the Rural East Community Forum being held at The Coplow Centre, Billesdon on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- Details of the next Standards Committee meeting at the Council Offices 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

A letter has been sent to Medbourne Charities asking if they would consider giving a further donation to the Taxi Voucher Scheme.

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**QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:** No questions raised.

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**VILLAGE HALL:**

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Cllr Caldwell reported that rain had come through the roof in the main hall during a heavy rain storm. He will ask a contractor to look at the cause of the leak.

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**REPORTS:**

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Cllr Clark reported that the Sports Club had recently held their AGM when the question of dog fouling had been the main topic, a delegation of dog walkers having attended.

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Trevor Pemberton has offered to help get the extension to the Sports Club moving forward as it is felt that sufficient money has now been raised for things to be started.

Cllr Polito had received a copy letter to the Sports Club from Hallaton PC complaining about the amount of parking on the Hallaton Road recently and asked if there had been any further progress regarding acquisition of additional land for this purpose. Cllr Clarke advised that although there appears to be ongoing correspondence there has been no real progress but Dec

Woods is trying to move things forward.

Cllr Caldwell reported that he had attended the recent Planning Liaison Meeting at which the following items had been discussed:

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- An update of the Parish Planning Handbook is being undertaken and a number of points raised will be incorporated into a revised copy to be made available.
- Village Design Statements produced by Parish Councils as part of their Parish Plans in order that matters needing the support of HDC would be taken into account in the planning policy process, are no longer valid. Parish Community Groups should now involve the District Council at the outset if there is anything of importance they wish to be incorporated.
- As yet the Conservation Officer has not been replaced and this now seems doubtful.
- All Designated Traveller Sites are full and it is therefore anticipated that further planning applications may be submitted by travelling families.

#### **TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:**

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Cllr Smith advised that Medbourne Charities have agreed a further donation towards the running costs of the scheme.

#### **PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

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**Lifting of Drain Cover:** Cllr Smith advised that the cover of the storm/foul sewerage drain, located on the bank of the brook adjacent to Colin Pitcher's property, is lifting during periods of heavy rain. This is allowing sewerage to enter the brook. Cllr Polito will contact the relevant Authority to get the problem resolved.

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**Water Leak – Main Street:** A leak under the road by The Old Forge has been reported and a job number allocated by Seven Trent.

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#### **ACCOUNTS:**

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**Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010:** The final accounts were presented for approval by the Clerk and accepted by councillors. Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Clarke.

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11.2

**Annual Return for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010:** The Annual Governance Statement section of the Annual Return relating to the conduct of Parish Council business was considered and approved by councillors together with:

- Assessment of risks faced by the Parish Council including internal controls.
- review of the system of internal audit for the Parish Council's accounting records and its effectiveness.

All records will now be passed to the Internal Auditor for an independent selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be carried out. The notice for electors to exercise their rights with regard to the annual accounts has been placed on the Parish Notice board.

**11.3 Parish Council Insurances:** Since the last meeting the Clerk had circulated the papers relating to renewal of the Parish Council's insurances. During the year the insurers had clarified the position relating to Public Liability with regard to use of the Parish Council mower for the children's playground. Cover for benches within the village had also been added to the policy.

A discount of 5% had been obtained for entering into a 3 year agreement and the premium of £532.37 paid.

**11.4** Since the last meeting the following invoices had been submitted to councillors for payment:

Broker Network Ltd (Came & Company) Insurance Premium	£532.37
Kwik Cabs Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	£ 50.00
V Simkin & Son Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	£ 15.00

**12.0** Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Clarke  
**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will take place at 7.45pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010, followed by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010.

**13.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS:** Details when councillors would be away during the coming month were given.

**14.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** No questions raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

