

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 2ND AUGUST 2010

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

Parishioners: Gerald Garfield, Rennie Barbour, Keith Sandars, Peter Jackson, Les, Jane & Jodie Ringer, Claire Payne & Stewart Sowerby.

1.0 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Tweddle & Cllr Beaty.

Prior to the commencement of the official business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed a delegation of five residents from Drayton Road who drew to Councillors attention the alleged activities of members of a neighbouring family, resulting in break-ins in the road. They also expressed their frustrations at the apparent lack of support from the relevant agencies. The Chairman said that he had every sympathy for the situation they found themselves in and promised that he would speak to the Police concerning the matter.

Shortly after the residents left the meeting P.C. Andy Cooper arrived and the Chairman gave him the background to the deputation and the strength of feelings, which had been expressed. P.C. Cooper said that various agencies were involved and a joint meeting is shortly to be held but there are certain protocols that had to be followed.

2.0 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 5TH JULY 2010**

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

3.0 **MATTERS ARISING**

3.10.10.1 Willow Tree along Towpath: The appointed Tree Surgeon has submitted the necessary planning application, a copy of which has now been received from the Development Control Team., circulated to councillors and our support for the proposal returned to HDC.

3.10.10.4 Packhorse Bridge: Nothing further had been heard on this matter.

3.10.1 Drain Cover adjacent to brook: Anglian Water has now carried out the required work, although the drain cover still needs to be secured.

3.10.2 Water Leak – Main Street: The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to Severn Trent who advised that the problem did not relate to mains water. The Highways Dept will now investigate further.

4.5 Cllr. Clarke asked about the exact area of the Conservation Area and the Chairman advised that he would let him have a copy of the relevant plan.

6.2 The Clerk confirmed that the dog fouling leaflets are on order but are presently out of stock.

4.0 **PLANNING**

4.1 Brudenell Estates – Conversion of barns to create two dwellings, demolition of outbuildings and erection of detached garage block at Pagets Farm Main Street: Councillors objections to this proposal have been returned to the Development Control Team at HDC. The main objection was that of access at a point where visibility is poor. Concern was also raised about

future development of the pasture land to the rear of the property which is also within the Conservation Area.

4.2 During the month Planning Permission has been given by the Development Control Team for erection of a two story side extension at Burghley House Drayton Road by Mr I Dunckley.

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

5.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Thank you letter from David Gibley for our donation of £200 towards running costs of the Youth Club.
- Newsletter published by L&RALC giving details about a new Community Wildlife Funding Programme.
- Information from Voluntary Action Leicestershire about decisions to be made on spending cuts within the public sector.
- Invitation from the RCC to become a Trustee of their organization.
- Information from the Rural Focus Network about rural 'Right to Build'.
- Notification of the next meeting of Harborough District Council being held on Monday 26th July 2010..
- Notification of the forthcoming meeting of the Standards Committee being held on Tuesday 20th July 2010.

6.0 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:** None Raised

7.0 **VILLAGE HALL**

7.1 Cllr. Caldwell confirmed that a Management Committee Meeting had been held last week and that the finances were in reasonable shape. He also advised that a roofing contractor had been asked to investigate leaks in the roof during heavy rain.

7.2 Three smoke alarms, one CO2 alarm and one heat detection alarm in the kitchen have now been installed.

7.3 Mention was made that the Treasurer may be leaving the village and that the Management Committee would be seeking to fill the vacancy.

7.4 Cllr. Caldwell confirmed that the new Lease had now been received but that representations were being made concerning the level of the legal costs.

8.0 **REPORTS**

8.1 Cllr. Caldwell confirmed that he had attended a Core Spatial Strategy Workshop arranged by Harborough District Council focusing on the distribution of housing within the district. He mentioned that Planning was going through a big change and that the Council were looking for

the building of three hundred and fifty new houses per year, over the next twenty years. The proposed locations would be split into three categories but they would be looking for a total of five hundred houses in the third category, which is rural villages, concentrating on those villages able to provide every day facilities.

9.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME: Nothing to report

10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

10.1 The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted British Telecom concerning outstanding maintenance work required to the telephone kiosk. As this is considered a low priority BT could only give an assurance that it would be carried out this year.

11.0 ACCOUNTS:

11.1 Annual Audit: Carolyn Frostwick, Internal Auditor, has carried out her audit of the Parish Council accounts, and having found everything in order has completed the relevant section of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2010. This has since been forwarded to the External Auditors, Clement Keys, with the relevant supporting documentation, and the certificate received indicating that all information provided meets the Audit Commission's requirements. The notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed on the Parish Council notice board.

11.2 During the month the following invoices had been received and submitted to councillors for payment:

Eyebrook Bird Feeds The Hollow	£ 34.65
Bryan Smith Duck Pellets – The Hollow	£ 15.95
Diamond Taxis Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	£ 15.00
E.on Street Lighting Charges	£178.83

11.3 At the meeting the following invoices were submitted to councillors for payment:

Harborough District Council Servicing of Dog Bins	£227.64
Clement Keys Audit Fee	£141.00
Kwik Cabs Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	£ 60.00

Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Caldwell.

12.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place at 7.45 p.m. on Monday 6th September 2010 followed by Monday 1st November 2010.

13.0 COUNCILLORS' HOLIDAYS: Details of holidays of two Councillors were provided at the

meeting.

14.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

14.1 A resident confirmed that he had submitted his letter of objection to the planning application for Pagets Farm to the Planning Dept.

14.2 Peter Jackson mentioned that although the problem of dog fouling on the sports field had improved considerably it was now becoming a problem along the towpath.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.