

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010

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

Parishioners: Gerald Garfield, Keith Sandars & Peter Jackson.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Tweddle, PC Andy Cooper.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 2ND AUGUST 2010:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.10.1 Drain cover adjacent to brook: Anglian Water have not revisited to secure the drain cover and as sewage is now leaking into the brook it has been reported to the Environment Agency. Cllr Smith will contact Anglian Water yet again asking that the problem be resolved as a matter of urgency.

3.10.2 Water Leak – Main Street: Although this has been inspected and the pothole filled in water is still escaping. The Clerk will take this up again with the Highways Dept.

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: Notification of planning consent had now been received, but the Parish Council has taken up continuing concerns raised at the time the application was submitted regarding the access. Amended plans relating to the access, that had not been received by the Parish Council, have been queried by the Clerk with the Development Control Team at HDC as it appears the Highways Department have approved the changes which have resulted in a reduction in both the pedestrian and vehicle visibility displays. It was agreed that a letter voicing our concerns about the access, the manner in which this application has been handled together with questions relating to approval given by the Highways Dept would be sent to the Planning Dept. The Clerk was asked to initially formulate a list of the Parish Council's concerns and circulate to Councillors for consideration.

4.2 Mr Stephen Sanderson – Erection of extension to an agricultural building at Nut Bush, Holt Road: During the month details of this application had been received from the Development Control Team for which councillors had no reason to comment. However as notification on behalf of the applicant was for proposed development under agricultural permitted development rights, approval is not required providing the work is carried out in accordance with the details contained in the notification.

4.3 During the month Planning Permission had been given by the Development Control Team for the following applications:

- Mr T Walker – Erection of shed at Dale Farm 12 Manor Road
- Mr & Mrs R Hallam – Erection of detached two storey dwelling and detached single garage (revised scheme) Land rear of 29 Main Street.

4.4 During the month consent for proposed work to a willow tree by the Parish Council, on land adjacent to Medbourne Brook, Hallaton Road, had been given by the Development Control Team.

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

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Information from HM Revenue & Customs regarding VAT claims in respect of works to village halls, leisure facilities, youth clubs, grounds and play areas or similar.
- Details about Climate Friendly Communities Grants available to Parish Councils.
- Details about Trusts being set up by the Nationwide Foundation through the Community Land Trust Fund to help people build their own affordable homes so they can live in villages in which they grew up.
- Notification of the AGM for L&RALC to be held on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at 7.30pm.
- Newsletter produced by L&RALC.
- New programme being launched by L&RPFA in association with Fields in Trust to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012.
- Neighbourhood newsletter produced by Leicestershire Constabulary for the Harborough North region.
- Update on the Northants Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan.

6.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: None Raised

7.0 VILLAGE HALL:

7.1 Cllr Caldwell confirmed that the Management Committee were still seeking a replacement Treasurer and a notice would be placed in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

8.0 REPORTS:

8.1 Cllr Clarke reported that the Sports Club Fete had raised the sum of £2,000. The cricket season had now finished and the new football season had now started. He also mentioned that several bookings had been received for the hire of the marquee.

Dog fouling was again becoming a problem on the sports field particularly on the area adjacent to the playground, although Bryan Smith thought that this is partly due to foxes.

8.2 Cllr Smith advised that the Village Teas over the Bank Holiday weekend had been well supported and the sum of £452 raised for the Hollow funds.

9.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:

9.1. The Clerk reported that the scheme continues to be used by those residents in need of assistance and the balance of fund is presently £1,600.

10.0 PARISH REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

10.1 Cllr Caldwell mentioned that the hedge in Hallaton Road was obscuring the street light. Both the Highways Dept and the landowner will be contacted to establish who is responsible for the vegetation being cut back.

10.2 Peter Jackson mentioned that traffic cones had been left by the Packhorse Bridge and that the contractors mowing the grass on the towpath had damaged some of the planters in the brook.

11.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£ 51.75
The Hollow	

Murphy's Taxis	£ 15.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

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

Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£ 34.87
The Hollow	

J Sandars	£446.67
6 months salary to 30.09.10 -	£433.68
Print Cartridge	£ 12.99

Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Caldwell.

11.3 The sum of £452.20 raised at the Sunday Teas has been paid into the Hollow Funds held within the Parish Council accounts.

11.4 The Clerk mentioned the relatively poor uptake so far on the SmartWater scheme.

- 11.5** As the draft precept for next year is due to be presented to councillors at the next meeting it was discussed whether there is any anticipated additional expenditure which needs to be allowed for.
- 11.6** **Village Hall Lease :** The Chairman mentioned that the new lease had been under discussion for two years as the old lease did not permit some commercial uses and as a result extra legal work had been necessary. An invoice for £3,700 plus V.A.T. had now been received. A proposal was put to the meeting that as Custodian Trustees the Parish Council would settle the account but claim back the VAT and formally request the Management Committee to reimburse the Parish Council in respect of the sum of £3,700. Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Clarke. All present were in favour.
- 12.0** **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** There will be no meeting in October and the next meeting will take place at 7.45 p.m. on Monday 1st November 2010.
- 13.0** **COUNCILLOR'S HOLIDAYS:** Details of two councillors holidays were given at the meeting.
- 14.0** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME :** None raised

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.