

# **Medbourne Parish Council**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

### **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011**

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

Parishioners: Rennie Barbour, Keith Sandars, Stuart Palmer & Louise Pilkington.

**1.0 APOLOGIES:** David Beaty & Peter Jackson.

**2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011:**

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

**3.0 MATTERS ARISING:**

**3.11.3 Annual Donation to Mower Fund:** The Clerk advised that payment had still not been made by the Sports Club. Cllr Clarke will remind Andy Holyoake.

**3.11.1 Tree on Uppingham Road:** Part of the tree has been removed by E.on when they were working in the area. There are some dead branches remaining but these are not obstructing the highway.

**3.15.1 Children's Playground:** Louise Pilkington has met Stephen Bishop to discuss a 'facelift' to the playground and an article will be placed in the next Parish Magazine about fund-raising to enable work to be carried out.

**3.9.1 Sports Club:** Fund-raising now stands at £82,000.

**4.0 PLANNING:**

**4.1** During the month details of an application submitted to the Development Control Team by Mr & Mrs Heyman had been received for felling of a horse chestnut tree and work to three other trees at The Manor House Manor Road. As permission to fell the horse chestnut tree had been given as part of the Planning Consent for the development off Rectory Lane councillors had no comment to make regarding the proposal.

**4.2** During the month details 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:

- Details about The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, a project to mark the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 aimed at protecting outdoor recreational sites such as children's play areas, wildlife areas and playing fields.
- Programme of cycling events and trials during 2011 by Rockingham Forest Wheelers.
- Information from the RCC regarding a Community Engagement Seminar being held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

- Minutes of the Annual Parish Liaison Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- Information from Leics County & Rutland NHS about the Rurality Consultation running from 9<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011.
- Agenda for the next Standards Committee Meeting of HDC.
- Details about the present consultation by Leics CC on the proposed Day Services Strategy & the Review of the Council's In-house Employment Services.

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

**7.0 VILLAGE HALL:** This report will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**8.0 REPORTS:** Any reports will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**9.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:** An update will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

**10.1** Regretfully to date no further response has been received regarding the railings of the packhorse bridge despite a number of enquiries being made.

**10.2** Cllr Polito has asked Peter O'Donnell to have a look at all the village benches to see if any maintenance work is required.

Cllr Smith advised that the two benches at the Hollow need the varnish stripping off and treating with oil. Mrs Easton is happy to treat the one donated by her. Cllr Smith will speak to the WI regarding the one donated by them.

**10.3** The question of what can be done to help prevent damage to the plants on the War Memorial by vehicles will be looked at in the Autumn.

**11.0 ACCOUNTS:**

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

Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£ 88.51
The Hollow	
Medbourne Village Hall	£720.00
Annual Donation £500	
Hire of Hall £220	
Murphy's Taxis	£ 15.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	
V Simkin	£ 90
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	
J P Polito	£ 20
Reimbursement for contribution to Trumpeter Remembrance Service	

At the meeting the following invoices were presented for payment:

J Sandars	£433.68
Clerks Salary – 6 months to 31.03.2011	

E.on Energy Services	£121.24
Street Lighting Maintenance	

Parish of Six Saints Circa Holt	£200.00
Donation to Parish Magazine	

Proposed: Cllr Smith. Seconded: Cllr Caldwell

- 11.2** The Clerk advised that as from April 2011 HMRC require all Parish Councils to register for collection of PAYE and National Insurance Contributions. The Clerk is presently trying to establish whether all tax may continue to be paid through her main pension provider, particularly as state pension and salary are within the Personal Allowance figure. Although we would need to register hopefully it would then only be a matter of completing a 'Nil' Return. Additionally, National Insurance Contributions are not applicable to persons of pensionable age.

**12.0 ELECTION – Retirement of Councillors:**

The Chairman advised that both Cllrs Smith and Caldwell had decided not to stand for re-election on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and thanked them for their service whilst in office.

Although it is not normal practice to make a presentation in view of Laurie Smith's service of over 25 years councillors felt it was appropriate to do so. Cllr Polito said it had been enjoyable and a privilege to have served alongside her and thanked her for all she had undertaken over the years. Cllr Polito also thanked Allan Caldwell for his valuable assistance over the last six years, particularly for sorting out a number of problems relating to the Village Hall and putting it in such a good state of repair.

Five nominations have been submitted to Harborough District Council which is the allocated number for the Parish Council, and means it will be an Uncontested Election. Cllrs Polito, Tweddle and Clarke have put themselves forward for re-election and we are grateful to Stuart Palmer and Louise Pilkington for putting themselves forward for the first time.

After the meeting councillors would discuss reallocation of duties presently undertaken by councillors Smith and Caldwell to the new councillors taking up office on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

- 13.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be the Annual Statutory Meeting and will take place at 7.45pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The following meeting will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

- 14.0 COUNCILLORS' HOLIDAYS:** Details of dates councillors will be away during the month were given.

**15.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

- 15.1** With the forthcoming elections Rennie Barbour gave his personal thanks to Laurie Smith and Allan Caldwell during their time of office.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

