

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 9TH MAY 2011

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Clarke & Pilkington

Parishioners: Rennie Barbour, Keith Sandars, Martyn Jones, Mark Paine & Amy Hayward-Paine.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Tweddle, Cllr Palmer & David Beaty.

2.0 CLLRS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE & ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Nominations were received for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year. Cllr Clarke proposed that Cllr Polito continue as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Pilkington. There being no further nominations the proposal was put to the meeting with all being in favour.

2.1 The Chairman welcomed Cllr Pilkington & Cllr Palmer. Cllrs Tweddle & Clarke were re-elected and all councillors signed the Acceptance of Office.

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

3.1 Cllr Polito agreed to continue as Chairman for the ensuing year by signing the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office and this was witnessed by the Clerk.

4.0 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

4.1 Cllr Clarke proposed that Cllr Tweddle be appointed as Vice Chairman and seconded by Cllr Pilkington.

5.0 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES:

L&RAPLC	Cllr Polito
Medbourne Charities	Cllr Tweddle & Roger Pocock
MEFT	Cllr Pilkington
Village Hall Representative	Cllr Clarke
Street Lighting Warden	Cllr Clarke
Sports Club Representative	Cllr Clarke
Taxi Voucher Scheme	Cllr Tweddle
Planning Representative	Cllr Palmer
Bowls Club Representative	Cllr Tweddle
Tree Warden	Bryan Smith
War Memorial Warden	Keith Sandars
Heritage Warden	Cllr Palmer
Village Web Site	Peter Jackson
Custodian of The Hollow	Bryan Smith
Flood/Brook Warden	Bryan Smith
Custodian of Village Benches	Peter O'Donnell

6.0 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

6.1 It was agreed that any committees necessary would be appointed on an ad hoc basis.

7.0 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

7.1 Subscription for the SLCC had been agreed for renewal at the meeting held 6th December 2010.

7.2 At the meeting it was agreed that the following subscriptions be renewed for the ensuing year:

L&RALC	£169.37
RCC	£ 35.00
L&RPFA	£ 13.00

8.0 INSPECTION OF TRUST DEEDS & INSTRUMENTS:

8.1 The Trust Deeds and documents held by the Parish Council were checked against the Inventory by Cllr Pilkington. Items numbered (1), (1a), 5 & 6 were not available for inspection, being presently with Richard Hammond.

9.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2011:

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

Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Pilkington.

10.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.3.11.3 Annual Donation to Mower Fund: The annual donation from the Sports Club for £250 had now been received and a Standing Order put in place for future payments.

3.3.15.1 Children's Playground: Fund-raising has started positively for a refurbishment of the playground with the sum of £400 already being raised from the Easter Egg Raffle. The rocking horse has been repaired and the MEFT is presently waiting for the report by Wicksteed Leisure who have recently undertaken the Annual Inspection of the playground.

3.10.2 Village Benches: Peter O'Donnell will paint the benches over the next few weeks. Consideration had been given to re-siting those benches affected by bird mess but as well as there being no reasonable alternative, the older benches concreted in would not stand up to being moved. The bench donated by the WI at The Hollow will be stripped down and wood stained.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Legal Briefing relating to relating to a new code of recommended practice for local authorities.
- Budget 2011 introducing significant changes to the planning system.
- Agenda for the next meeting HDC.
- April 2011 edition of the Branch Newsletter issued by SLCC.
- Directory of Local Groups issued by VAL.

12.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: No questions raised.

13.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 4TH APRIL 2011:

No matters raised.

14.0 VILLAGE HALL:

14.1 Cllr Clarke had recently attended two meetings, the AGM and a Committee Meeting. Karl Jenkins had come over well with the meetings being very positive and discussions taking place about what improvements could be made.

14.2 The possibility of an increase in the Parish Council annual donation of £500 which had been in place for a number of years was raised.

Cllr Polito advised that this figure had been agreed when the Village Hall was struggling to keep afloat with running costs, but since then the old Village Hall had been sold and a lease taken out on the present one. The Village Hall is now used more substantially and is run by the Village Hall Committee who are responsible for maintaining funds and generating income to keep it in a good state of repair. Cllr Clarke indicated that the increased use of the Village Hall and the funds presently held, should put the Village Hall into a strong financial position.

As the present donation of £500 represents 10% of the Parish Precept the overall view was that the donation made by the Parish Council should not be increased.

14.3 The setting up of an independent Village Hall Website had been discussed and whether it could be linked into the parish website. This would be discussed with Peter Jackson.

14.4 The possibility of a long service souvenir had been discussed for Gerald's work looking after the War Memorial for a number of years, and both his and Margaret's input into looking after the Village Hall and their services to the village as a whole.

As the Parish Council had presented Gerald with a cheque when he retired from looking after the War Memorial in 2000 it was not felt necessary for the Parish Council to do anything further.

15.0 REPORTS: No reports given.

16.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:

This scheme continues to run well for those people in the village without access to a car who need assistance with transport arrangements.

17.0 PLANNING:

17.1 Amended Plans for erection of an attached single bay garage, Bridgedale Barn, Brook Terrace: A letter had been received from the Planning Dept enclosing amended plans relating to this application. Detailed objections to the original application had been returned on 5th April 2011 but it was agreed that a site visit would be appropriate to enable our further observations to be submitted to HDC.

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

Mr K Jenkins – Installation of solar panels to south elevation of the garage roof at The Old House, 10 Old Green: Overall support was given by councillors to this proposal and it was felt that consideration had been given to siting of the panels where they would not be visible from the

surrounding area.

J Polito – Renewal of a previous Planning Consent at The Old Slaughterhouse, Springbank for demolition of an existing building and erection of a dwelling: As consent had already been given to this application councillors had no further comment to make. One councillor declared an interest and consequently made no comment.

J Beaty & Sons – Installation of a steel lattice radio mast and creation of associated compound at Home Farm, Holt Road: This proposal is for a GPS system to advance the main farming business through the use of technology. Some support was given by councillors for the proposal to meet modern farming methods. Although the proposal is set back from houses in the vicinity, there was a little concern about the effect on the landscape.

17.3 During the month consent had been given by the Development Control Team for the felling of one horse chestnut tree and work to three other trees on the site at The Manor House, Manor Road by Mr & Mrs Heyman.

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

18.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE: No matters raised.

19.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

Ian Stevens	£ 22.09
Reimbursement re petrol & cans for Parish Mower	
Murphy's Taxis	£ 15.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	
E.on	£178.83
Street Lighting Charges	
V Simkin & Son	£ 60.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	
Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£ 46.80
The Hollow	

At the meeting the following invoices were presented for payment:

RCC	£ 35.00
Annual Subscription	
L&RPFA	£ 13.00
Annual Subscription	
LRALC	£169.37
Annual Subscription	

- 19.2** Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Polito
Following the election we now require an additional person to have a mandate to sign cheques. To make it easier to get cheques signed, particularly throughout the holiday season, it was agreed that all councillors be given a mandate to sign. The clerk distributed the necessary forms for completion which then need to be taken into Barclays Bank together with I.D and evidence of current address for verification.
- 19.3** The renewal papers for the Parish Council insurances has been received. The premium is £525.89, which is slightly less than last year. Since reviewing our cover in September 2009 it was agreed that no further changes were necessary at this time.
- 20.00** **COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS:** Details of when councillors are away during the forthcoming month were given.
- 21.00** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The date for the next meeting has been delayed for one week due to holidays, and will be held on Monday 13th June 2011. The following meeting will be Monday 4th July 2011.
- 22.0** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**
- 22.1** On behalf of the village Rennie Barbour welcomed the new Councillor, Louise Pilkington,
- 22.2** **Car Parking at Sports field:** Rennie Barbour spoke of the large number of cars parking on the road at the Sports Club. Cllr Clarke reported that there was no further news regarding acquisition of adjoining land to extend the parking facilities. Cllr Clarke advised that the Club is trying to take steps to ensure people only park on one side of the road as it is appreciated that the situation is becoming dangerous. Once the football season has finished the gate onto the sports field itself will be opened to allow access for the cricketers.
- 22.3** **Speeding along Main Street:** Amy Hayward-Paine raised the issue of speeding, particularly by motor cyclists at a week-end and Bank Holidays. Amy asked about safety measures being taken and the possibility of having warning signs erected as there are concerns that with the number of small children in the village there will be a serious accident

Cllr Polito advised that regrettably the police only consider warning signs and other traffic calming initiatives when there has been a serious accident, but individual letters by residents to the police and Highways Dept would at least bring the matter to their attention. One of the problems is that Main Street is on a 'Bikers Route'. It was agreed the Parish Council would take up the matter again with the Highways Dept and Cllr Polito will contact them. The police would also be asked about the possibility of having a presence in the village on Bank Holidays. If necessary an Open Meeting would be arranged to discuss the problem further.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.