

**Medbourne Parish Council**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012**

**Present:** Cllrs Polito (Chair), Tweddle, Clarke, Pilkington and Oliver  
T & A Price, R Daulby, D Woods, N Philbin, L Smith

**1.0 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Palmer, Cllr Beaty

**2.0 CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY:**

**2.1** Following display of the Notice of Casual Vacancy no notice in writing of a request for an election was received. Therefore the Parish Council co-opted Matt Oliver to fill the vacancy left by Stuart Palmer with immediate effect. Matt was welcomed as a councillor and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the clerk. The Register of Members Interest form will be completed and returned to the Monitoring Officer.

**3.0 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS:**

**3.1** All Councillors requested dispensations to discuss the precept setting for Medbourne Parish Council. These were unanimously approved, covering the period up until the next elections in May 2015.

**4.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012:**

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

**5.0 MATTERS ARISING:**

**5.3.9.2 The Big Tree Plant:** There has been no response as yet from Nevill Holt regarding this.

**5.3.13 Archiving:** The most appropriate and user-friendly form of safe archiving would appear to be by storing copies of documents digitally. The clerk will investigate the potential costs of this.

**5.8.4 Parish Mower:** Ian Stevens has advised that since the parish mower has been used infrequently it does not need servicing. He will change the oil and ensure that it is fit for purpose next year.

**6.0 PLANNING:**

**6.1** There were no Planning Applications in Medbourne during November.

**6.2** During November Planning Permission had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Mrs Adams, 39 Main Street :** works to trees
- **Mr and Mrs Sowerby, 26 Drayton Road:** Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension
- **Mr and Mrs Smith. 6 Waterfall Way:** Listed Building Consent

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

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**7.1** During November the following correspondence had been received and circulated to councillors:

- Details of HDC District Planning Conference
- Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
- RCC weekly bulletins, Rural Opportunities bulletins
- Website link to Register of Members Interest Forms from HDC
- LRALC November Newsletter
- Information on removal of bring sites and recycling container collection points
- Winter gritting routes
- November Crime report for Welland Valley
- Letter from Western Power with pricing grid (street lighting)
- Consultation on countywide Health and Well-Being strategy
- Request for feedback on HDC forward vision (HDC draft corporate plan)

## **8.0 BIG SOCIETY**

**8.1** Tom Price reported back on the brainstorming meeting which had been held, where representatives from the village hall and sports club and two councillors were present. The main points agreed on were that the Village Directory should be updated and relaunched as a 'Community Information Pack' and that a 'Freshers-style' event should be held, where all village clubs and societies were represented.

In principle the Parish Council were in favour of supporting this and Cllr Pilkington agreed to be the Parish Council representative to facilitate taking the ideas further and forming a committee with representatives from various clubs. It was agreed that initially a flier would be produced to circulate to all clubs and groups for feedback.

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

## **10.0 REPORTS:**

**10.1** Cllr Clarke reported that the last meeting of the Village Hall Committee had been very positive, with applications for grants for an energy audit and a professional survey having been made.

**10.2** Cllr Polito reported that Richard Hammond and others are trying very hard to clarify the situation regarding various trusts and charities, working together with the Charities Commission. Slow progress is being made.

## **11.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:**

**11.1** This continues to run, whilst there is still money in the fund.

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

**12.1** There is water coming from the gulley cover on the corner of Springbank once again and also from another gully cover on Manor Road. The surface of the pavement in front of the Church has been damaged (believed to be whilst mechanically sweeping leaves) and is unsafe. All of these will be reported.

**13.0 ACCOUNTS:**

**13.1** During the month there were no invoices submitted to councillors for payment:

**13.2** At the meeting the following invoices were presented to councillors for payment:

Paul Polito (reimbursement)	£30.00
Remembrance Day Trumpeter cost	

Murphys Taxis	£85.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

R Murphy	£15.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

SLCC	£48.00
Annual subscription	

Proposed: Cllr Tweddle. Seconded: Cllr Clarke.

**13.3** It was agreed that a bank mandate form be completed to enable Cllr Oliver to be a cheque signatory, removing Cllr Palmer.

**14.0 PRECEPT 2013/14**

**14.1** The clerk presented a draft precept proposal for the year 2013/14, which showed very little change on the bottom line from last year. Councillors asked that £50 be put in the Election contingency fund but otherwise no changes were made. This resulted in a precept total requirement of £5903 versus £5857 last year (an increase of less than 1%). All councillors were in agreement with this; however, due to uncertainty regarding the local impact of the changes in the council tax benefit system this will be submitted to HDC as an estimate only, with the final amount to be confirmed by the end of January.

**15.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 followed by February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 in the Village Hall.

**16.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS:** Details of when councillors would be away were given at the meeting.

**17.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

Roger Daulby suggested that Fisher German be asked to quote on the Village Hall survey – this may not be possible as the grant applied for had a list of specific preferred suppliers to use.

Tom Price advised that the surface of Brook Terrace is breaking up quite badly, there are now five potholes, one of which is quite large.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.