

**Medbourne Parish Council**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

**Present:** Cllrs Polito (Chair), Pilkington, Clarke, Oliver and Dunckley

Parishioners: Tom & Ann Price, Nick Hall, Declan Woods, Paula Parish, Jean Buxton, Penny Craig, Claire Pearce-Smith, Nickie Philbin, Tom Philbin, Martyn Jones, Mike Rickman, Laurie Smith, Pat Tweddle, Chuck Speller, Mary Driver, Carol Stanton

**1.0 APOLOGIES:** David Beaty.

**2.0 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

Cllr Clarke nominated Cllr Polito as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Oliver, with all in favour.

**3.0 CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:**

Cllr Polito agreed to continue as Chairman for the forthcoming year and signed the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

**4.0 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Cllr Clarke proposed that Cllr Pilkington be appointed as Vice Chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Polito and accepted by Cllr Pilkington.

**5.0 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES:**

L&RALC	Cllr Polito
Medbourne Charities	Cllr Clarke
MEFT	Cllr Pilkington
Village Hall Representative	Cllr Dunckley
Street Lighting Warden	Cllr Clarke
Sports Club Representative	Cllr Clarke
Taxi Voucher Scheme	Cllr Clarke
Planning Representative	Cllr Oliver
Bowls Club Representative	Cllr Clarke
Tree Warden	Bryan Smith
War Memorial Warden	Keith Sandars
Information Resource Advisor	David Tuffs
Custodian of The Hollow	Bryan Smith
Flood/Brook Warden	Bryan Smith
Custodian of Village Benches	Peter O'Donnell
Internal Auditor	Roger Lee
Legal Advisor	Richard Hammond

**6.0 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:**

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

## **7.0 INSPECTION OF TRUST DEEDS & INSTRUMENTS:**

The Trust Deeds and documents held by the Parish Council were checked against the Inventory by Cllr Dunckley. As last year, items numbered (1), (1a), 5 & 6 were not available for inspection, being held by Richard Hammond, who was also in possession of certain other documents, reference to which was attached to the Inventory.

## **8.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013:**

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

## **9.0 MATTERS ARISING:**

**9.7.1** Formal quotations have been requested by Cllr Oliver, to get three comparative prices on speed control devices. County Highways will also monitor the village to assess the best site for such a device. Cllr Oliver will also seek a formal agreement from Langton Homes as to the extent of funding they are willing to undertake.

**9.8.0** Tom Price advised that he is hoping to have the directory with telephone list signed off ready for printing shortly. So far 15 clubs have agreed to participate in the Community Open Day on June 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunity to try bellringing in the church and bowling at the bowls club.

**9.6.0** It was agreed that the application for the small councils training bursary would be for councillor training.

## **10.0 UPDATE ON DRAYTON ROAD FIELD:**

**At this point, due to a conflict of interests, Cllr Polito left the room and Cllr Pilkington took over as Chair.**

**10.1** Following a question raised at the last meeting regarding whether or not the land had been left in a will for the benefit of the people of Medbourne, the history of ownership and usage of the field on Drayton Road had been investigated by councillors. Various documents support that the land was obtained by the village by way of an Inclosure Award dated 24 September 1844 and not by way of a will in the 1930s, before being exchanged in 1936 for land on the Hallaton Road which now makes up part of the playing field. Full notes of the findings of the investigation and copies of documents will be held by the clerk and available to view, should anyone wish to.

**10.2** It was asked if there are any restrictions on the use of the land and Cllr Pilkington responded that as far as the Council are aware, the land is unencumbered. It was stressed that if a formal planning application were to be made, it would be treated by the Parish Council in exactly the same way as any application would be, which given the strength of feeling demonstrated at the last meeting could mean forming a working party to look at specific planning grounds for objection.

## **11.0 PLANNING:**

**11.1** During the month details of the following Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team had been received and circulated to councillors:

**J Beaty & Sons – Erection of extension to existing agricultural building, Home Farm, Holt Road:** Further to circulation of this application it was advised by Harborough District Council

that permission had not been required.

**Mr S Reid – Erection of a double garage with boundary walling and gates, Bridgedale Barn, Brook Terrace:** Councillors had no comments on this application.

**Mr Andrew Granger – Erection of attached carport and installation of solar (pv) panels, Brook Cottage, Drayton Road:** Councillors objected to the proposal of the solar panels, on grounds of their visibility from the Drayton Road entry into Medbourne.

**11.2** During the month Planning Permission had been given by the Development Control Team for the following:

**Mr & Mrs R Hammond** – Erection of two storey side and front extensions, 7 Hallaton Road

**Mr & Mrs Ludiman** – Erection of porch and entrance gates with wall (including Listed Building Consent), Bridgedale Farm, 7 Brook Terrace

**Mr Michael Hedgecott** – Works to trees, 52 Main Street

**11.3** During the month Planning Permission was refused by the Development Control Team for the following:

**Miss J Swaine** – Erection of a dwelling (access and siting to be considered) (extension of time of 10/00074/OUT), Land Adj Dale Farm, Manor Road

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

**11.5** **Pagets Farm:** It was advised that a planning application for extension of time on the original approved application for the conversion of the two barns by Brudenell Estates had been received and would be circulated. Since it had originally been approved, re-citing the original opposition was unlikely to force this to be altered unless there had been a material consideration change. Councillors will have opportunity to comment on circulation.

**12.0** **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- Thanks for Youth Group funding
- LRALC April Newsletter
- Details of HDC Council Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April
- Reminder of the HDC Planning Consultation and closure date
- Report from PC Andy Cooper on speeding and reported incidents
- Information on the Local Highway Authority role in the planning process
- Minutes of Rural East Community Forum meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Details of LRPFA playground inspection training course

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

**14.0** **MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013:**

No matters raised.

## **15.0 REPORTS:**

Cllr Clarke reported that the Cricket Club cannot change the cricket nets until the MEFT has discussed the matter further at their meeting.

## **16.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

Two large potholes along Brook Terrace have been filled in. The road has been marked as if for further work, but it appears this is subject to HDC budget permitting.

## **17.0 ACCOUNTS:**

**17.1 Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013:** The final accounts were presented for approval by the Clerk and accepted by councillors. Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Dunckley. The accounts and associated paperwork will now be passed to Roger Lee for the internal audit.

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

E.on	£ 179.37
Quarterly Charge	

**17.3** At the meeting the following invoices were presented for payment:

RCC (Annual Subscription)	£ 40.00
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Leicestershire County Council	£180.00
Web support	

Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds	£83.70
The Hollow	

Murphy's Taxis	£35.00
Taxi Voucher Scheme	

HDC	£260.15
Emptying Dog Bins	

Proposed: Cllr Clarke Seconded: Cllr Pilkington

**17.4** The renewal papers for the Parish Council insurances have been received. Since the council had come to the end of the long term agreement with Came & Company the clerk had obtained quotes from two other reputable parish council insurers as a comparison, as well as asking Came & Company to review their initial renewal quotation. The outcome was a quotation from Came & Company of £463.15 or £439.99 if we agreed a further long term (3 years) agreement. It was suggested that they be asked to match the cheapest quote (£429.99). Cllr Dunckley offered to negotiate with the insurers on the councils behalf.

**17.4** Barclays have confirmed that Cllr Dunckley is now on the mandate and a recognised signatory.

**17.5** It had come to the clerks attention that the persons authorised with Barclays for the Mower Fund Account are a bit out of date. Agreement was given to complete a new mandate, replacing Roger Lee with Chris White (subject to his agreement) as cheque signatory (together with the clerk and Cllr Polito) and having Chris White and John Burrows from the sports club and the clerk and Cllr Clarke from the council as persons authorised to discuss the account over the telephone.

**18.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS:** None given.

**19.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013. The following meeting will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

**20.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

**20.1** Pat Tweddle asked that following the sad death of Rennie Barbour, who always thanked the council for their hard work, the council accept her thanks instead.

The council recorded their sincere appreciation of Rennie's contribution to innumerable Parish Council meetings and their deepest sympathy for Mrs Barbour.

**20.2** Nick Hall asked about the areas on Waterfall Way which had been marked out for cables to replace telegraph poles. Cllr Polito replied that to the best of his knowledge this was the power companies responsibility and not a council matter.

**20.3** Nick Hall also mentioned that with cars parking right up to the corners of Waterfall Way it is becoming increasingly difficult to see – would it be possible to put a mirror on a telegraph pole to improve visibility? Cllr Polito will investigate.

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