

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2014

Present: Cllrs Pilkington (Chair), Clarke and Oliver

20 members of the public

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Polito, Cllr Dunckley

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None raised

3.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS:

3.1 The meeting was advised of a problem with person(s) unknown leaving bagged dog mess beside the kissing gate on Rectory Lane. A notice had been posted and at some point the bags were removed, but a request to use the dog bins should be put in the Parish Magazine. The request for the council to consider a Neighbourhood Plan was reiterated. It was queried whether the council would again represent their position regarding the demolition of the wall at the Old Slaughterhouse, on the revised plans currently under consideration.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd DECEMBER 2013:

The minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chair as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Oliver.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING:

5.6.1 Neighbourhood Plans had been looked at in some detail by the Parish Council when the issue of Neighbourhood Planning first arose – councillors attended seminars and presentations on the subject. At that time those presenting suggested that Medbourne was probably too small to warrant a Neighbourhood Plan and the matter was not pursued. Given the information contained in the presentation in December by Stephen Pointer, together with the feeling from the community, it would seem appropriate to revisit the subject.
Resolved: This should go on the agenda for the next meeting.

5.8.11.2 No response has been received yet regarding the Superfast Broadband proposal, but anyone experiencing difficulties accessing and using the internet has been invited to register their details with Leicestershire County Council for information.

5.8.12.1 An application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to fund the refurbishment of the War Memorial and heritage project work, which should receive a response by mid-February.

5.13.1 The vacancy notice has been posted locally and with LRALC regarding the position of clerk to the council.

6.0 PLANNING:

6.1 Councillors considered the following Planning Applications:

- **Langton Homes, The Old Slaughterhouse – Amendment D Plans**
Resolved: the Parish Council would reiterate its comments regarding the demolition of the wall in a conservation area

- **Mrs Wheeler-Bennett, The Old Hall – fell 2 sycamore trees and raise crowns to 5m of 3 sycamore trees**
Resolved: the Parish Council would ask for clarification on this application, as to why the work is necessary

6.2 During December details of the following Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team had been received and circulated to councillors:

- **Mr & Mrs K Sandars, 29 Hallaton Road – erection of a single storey rear extension**
Councillors had no comment to make on this application
- **Mrs J Wright – works to trees 5 and 7 Old Holt Road**
Councillors had no comment to make on this application

6.3 During the month the council had received notification of a five-day notice on an oak tree in Medbourne churchyard, due to Inonotus Dryadeus.

6.4 During the month Planning Permission had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Mr & Mrs D Tuffs, 41 Main Street:** works to trees
- **Miss J Swaine & Miss R Day, 8 Drayton Road:** Erection of a detached dwelling (access to be considered), Land adj Dale Farm, Manor Road

6.5 During the month Planning Permission had been refused by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Walter Ward Contracts Ltd:** Erection of 8 dwellings, The Paddock, Drayton Road

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

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Details of how to put entry in RCC Diary of Village Events 2014
- Details of consultation on LCC budget proposals
- LRALC November Newsletter
- Notification of cancellation of Rural East Community Forum meeting (4th March)

8.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: No questions raised.

9.0 REPORTS:

9.1 Cllr Oliver gave notice of his resignation as councillor. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the clerk. A notice of Casual Vacancy will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard for the required 14-day period.

9.2 Cllr Clarke reported that he had written to those who have been receiving taxi vouchers that the fund is now using its final £100.
The sports club is coming along well, rubble has been taken away and work is progressing on the

interior.

- 9.3** Cllr Pilkington reported for the MEFT that all the issues from the last safety report had now been dealt with – in particular the rotten wooden edging has been replaced with cement edging to keep the safety matting in place. Thanks were given for the efforts of the few stalwart supporters who organise the fundraising and look after the playground.

10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

The break up of concrete on the Irish Bridge (over the Brook) was reported to Highways and given job number 7538264. Highways reported back that following investigation their view was that this was not causing any problem to the safety of the bridge.

11.0 ACCOUNTS:

- 11.1** The clerk advised councillors that Harborough District Council had agreed the council tax base and committed to passport in 2014/15 the same level of council tax support received in 2013/14. This means the precept requirement stands at £6832.75 from a budget requirement of £7193 with council tax support of £360.25.

Resolved – Councillors agreed the budget requirement and precept figures.

- 11.2** The clerk advised councillors that the bursary award for a training place with LRALC was still available and should be used by the end of March. A copy of the training dates will be forwarded to Councillor Dunkley, who had previously expressed an interest.

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

Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds (Nov Invoice)	£79.65
Paul Polito For trumpeter at Remembrance service	£30
Eon Lighting Maintenance	£126.43
Murphys Taxis Taxi Vouchers	£55.00
Harborough District Council Emptying Dog Bins	£256.80
Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds (Dec Invoice)	£59.75
Eon Lighting Electricity	£183.36
HMRC Qtr 3 tax from clerks salary	£43.40
Fiona Smith Clerks salary Qtr 3 (Oct – Dec)	£173.44

Proposed Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Pilkington.

12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 3rd February 2014 followed by March 3rd.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.