

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 12TH MAY 2014

Present Cllrs Polito (Chair), Pilkington, Clarke, Cory and Gidley Wright

1.0 APOLOGIES: David Beaty.

2.0 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Pilkington nominated Cllr Polito as Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Clarke, 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 Cory 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 Gidley Wright
Street Lighting Warden	Cllr Clarke
Sports Club Representative	Cllr Clarke
Planning Representative	Cllr Cory
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.

Proposed: Cllr Pilkington. Seconded: Cllr Cory.

7.0 INSPECTION OF TRUST DEEDS & INSTRUMENTS:

The Trust Deeds and documents held by the Parish Council were checked against the Inventory by Cllr Gidley Wright. 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 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS:

8.1 A member of the public raised concern with part of Uppingham Road, the ground has fallen away just past Marlow Point. Cllr Polito will report this.

8.2 A second concern regarding the road coming in from Ashley which had been discussed previously, no update regarding what works are to be carried out at this point, however Cllr Polito is to follow up with County Council.

9.0 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 7th APRIL 2014:

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

10.0 MATTERS ARISING

None

11.0 MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 7th APRIL 2014:

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Cory. Seconded: Cllr Gidley Wright

12.0 MATTERS ARISING

12.1 Para 5.1 – Tanker traffic going up to the anaerobic digester plant was associated with the start up of the plant and was not expected to happen again.

12.2 Para 6.3 – The Clerk to the Council gave an update regarding the different types of Lawful Development Certificates.

12.3 Para 9.4 – Broadband update – Medbourne Telephone Exchange is to receive fibre optic broadband cable in the next stage of the BT rollout beginning in June 2014. Delivery to individuals will still be via the existing copper wire phone lines. This means that the further a house is from the exchange, the slower will be the broadband speeds. Fortunately our exchange is in the centre of the village and speeds to most houses will be acceptable. Other villages such as Ashley and Weston, who are also on the Medbourne Exchange, will be less fortunate and their speeds will not be at an acceptable level. Alternative solutions are being sought by Welland Broadband Group to overcome this problem for all the surrounding villages.

13.0 PLANNING:

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

Mr Michael Webster – Certificate of lawfulness of proposed development for the erection of a single- and two-storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension, Tanglewood Cottage, Drayton Road: Councillors made no objection on this application.

During the month Planning Permission had been given by the Development Control Team for the

following:

13.1 Mr M Delaney – Works to trees – fell one, 5 Old Holt Road - permitted

The Clerk to the Council gave a verbal update regarding the Slaughterhouse application and advised that Planning Permission had been permitted on 14th March 2014 and an application for the discharge of a number of planning conditions had been submitted.

14.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Guidance booklets, which had been received from CPRE, had been passed to Cllrs.

A discussion was held regarding the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Pilkington highlighted that its aim was to decide on where development can go, rather than where it can't go and to help direct where and what type of development it should be.

Cllr Polito highlighted the amount of work undertaken on the 2004 Parish Plan and the 2005 Village Design Statement, which was never adopted. Many aspects of these would also be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan.. Cllr Polito is to circulate copies of these.

It was resolved that Cllrs should take time to read the guidance from CPRE and then pass on any thoughts or views on to Cllr Cory. Members of the public were invited to forward any comments they wish to make to the Parish Clerk, who will pass on this information to Cllr Cory.

Cllr Cory is to put together and summarise the views of Cllrs and villagers on their thoughts regarding Neighbourhood Planning and this will be reported back for further discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting.

15.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Barham Stone Ltd – information passed on to the Clerk from Keith Sandars
- LRALC Membership details
- An email received from the National Co-ordinator of Local Works, asking for support regarding funds for Parish Councils – It was agreed no action would be taken
- Insurance update from Came and Company

16.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:

No questions raised.

17.0 REPORTS:

17.1 Cllr Clarke reported that the Sports AGM went very well and the Clubs discussed how they would work more harmoniously and how to raise more funds. The truck pull wasn't mentioned despite rumours that it may be held at the Sports Club. The Sports Club is now open on a Thursday night.

17.2 Cllr Pilkington reported that the MEFT has no income and is exploring options for the sports club to contribute towards playground insurance and inspections. A new lease is going to be forthcoming and the rent will be discussed. MEFT is looking to charge £500 rent on part of the

- 17.3** pitch but is awaiting reports on insurance – Cllr Pilkington noted the MEFT just insures the playground and the Sports Club pay the insurance on the playing field.
- 17.4** Cllr Gidley Wright reported back following his attendance at the Village Hall AGM on 14th April 2014, which was a good positive meeting. Committee Members were elected. The Trust Committee are pleased with the new disabled ramp and also said that they are close to appointing a contractor following a tender for works to the roofs and guttering.. They are hopeful that this will lead on to redecorating and further internal improvements The Truck Pull was discussed but they are awaiting the outcome of the referendum.
- 17.5** Cllr Pilkington reported back that the MEFT East Raffle raised £344, which covers insurance and inspections for another year – thanks to all those who took part.
- 17.6** Cllr Polito had spoken to Gary Gardner regarding the Truck Pull and the correspondence circulated around the village hoping to establish whether there is support for another Truck Pull this year. It was reported that there was 14 responses to the circular, 8 against and 6 in favour. This was interpreted by the organiser (Gary) as ‘if only 8 against, we’ll go ahead’.

It was noted however that the Village Hall are not interested in getting involved and that Gary had mentioned that the Sports Club would hold the social side. Cllr Clarke said that as far as he was aware, the Sports Club are unaware of this and that Gary should be advised to speak to them.

It was noted that the event went well but wasn’t well organised.

Cllr Pilkington did note that the event did raise significant funds for local charities and that potentially, Gary should seek help/come to the Parish Council.

Cllr Gidley Wright broadly supported this view as did Cllr Cory.

Cllr Clarke outlined that its not just a case of not wanting the event but there may be other things going on at the Sports Club.

It was agreed that Cllr Polito would ask Gary to the next Parish Council meeting to give an update and establish what is to take place.

- 17.7** Cllr Polito said that J Beaty and Sons had issued an open invitation to the village, for an open tour of the Anaerobic Digester Plant on 24th May 2014 at 10am at Medbourne Grange and all were welcome to attend. Cllr Polito would advertise this on the village notice board and at the village shop.

18.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

This had largely been covered earlier in the meeting, however it was noted that white lines had started to be laid down where re-surfacing around the village had taken place.

19.0 ACCOUNTS:

Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2014: The final accounts were presented for approval by the Clerk and accepted by councillors. Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Pilkington. The accounts and associated paperwork will now be passed to Roger Lee for the internal audit.

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

E.on Quarterly Charge	£ 179.37
Leicestershire County Council Web support	£180.00
Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds The Hollow	£9.45
CPRE Postage Donation	£83.70

At the meeting the following invoices were presented for payment:

Daniel Ray Clerk Pay (April 14)	£114.17
LRALC NALC & LRALC Membership	£177.99
Daniel Ray Clerk Pay (May 14)	£114.17
BMC Mower Maintenance	£46.80

19.1 Proposed: Cllr Clarke Seconded: Cllr Pilkington

20.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 2nd June 2014. The following meeting will be Monday 7th July 2014.

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