

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 13 April 2015

Councillors present:	Councillors, Polito (Chair), Pilkington (Vice Chair) Clarke, Gidley-Wright and Cory.
Also present:	PCSO 6090 Matt Houghton and PCSO 6091 Matthew Kiff, Dan Ray (retiring Clerk to the Council), Graham Thomson (Clerk to the Council), and 18 members of the public.
1.0	APOLOGIES: District Councillor Beatty
2.0	POLICE REPORT PCSO Houghton reported that there had been a recent change to Policing methods locally and that the crime rate in the parish was very low. PCSO Houghton added that consultation processes would be set up in future, asked for general comment and he:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) undertook to establish where the speed gun to which the Council had contributed was being used; b) agreed to put forward suggestions of locations within Medbourne which were reported to be subject to speeding vehicles: as Drayton Road, Uppingham Road (sports centre), Ashley Road; c) suggested that residents contact the Highways Department about parking in the vicinity of the Neville Arms.
3.0	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None
4.0	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 March 2015: Councillor Clarke moved, Councillor Cory seconded and it was RESOLVED that, subject to the correction of spelling and numbering errors, the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5.0	MATTERS ARISING:
5.1	Minute 4.1: No further clarification regarding what Councillors should / are able to comment on regarding the Permitted Development application 15/00045/PCD at The Barn, Uppingham Road. The retiring Clerk explained that the matter related to the formalizing of conditions of a permission already granted and therefore ought not to have been raised with the Parish Council.
5.2	Minute 13.5: The Chair reported that the issue of the state of maintenance of the Packhorse Bridge had been reported two to three years ago. He added that the County Council's structures officer had confirmed that the bridge was an ancient monument and therefore inspected biennially, and would be renovated if it became dangerous.
5.3	The retiring Clerk reported that the Open Space consultation was a consultation on how the work would be carried out and that there was therefore nothing on which the Parish Council could comment.
6.0	PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: No issues were raised.
7.0	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Councillor Gidley-Wright reported that the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan Map was awaiting designation confirmation and that once confirmation was received the Council would be able to determine whether to appoint a Steering Group or a Committee and the clear terms of reference for that body. He added that a list of volunteers was being held.

8.0	<p>PLANNING: 15/00231/FUL – Installation of a septic tank, Land Opposite Medbourne Tennis Club Hallaton Road, Medbourne</p> <p>The retiring Clerk reported that the Parish Council had objected to the proposal on the grounds that there was a lack of information available, the size of the septic tank, the proposed site in open countryside, the impact the installation of a septic tank, or indeed any activities enabled by the septic tank, would have on the character and setting on the very important landscape.</p>
9.0	<p>PARISH COUNCIL AND VILLAGE WEBSITE: Mr David Tuffs explained that the Parish Council website and the village website were run on an infrastructure provided by Leicestershire County Council (LCC). He said that the IT support for these had ceased and that the facility would be removed altogether in August 2016. It was suggested that the two sites could be merged and given a fresh design which would allow opportunities for wider community involvement especially in the design and testing phases. Councillor Clarke MOVED, Councillor Cory SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Parish Council website and the village website be combined; b) a Steering Group of volunteers be formed for the project under the direction of Mr David Tuffs; c) the Steering Group involve other volunteers as appropriate including young people where possible especially in the testing phase; d) the Steering Group be tasked with designing, developing, and testing the new combined website.
10.0	<p>YOUTH CLUB: The Chair reported the content of a request from the Youth Club for a £400 grant towards running costs. It noted that previously the Youth Club had alternated location between Great Easton and Medbourne but that there were currently no leaders from Medbourne and therefore for convenience no sessions were running in Medbourne. The Chair added that there was currently no attendance of young people from Medbourne. Following a full discussion Councillor Pilkington MOVED, Councillor Gidley-Wright SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a grant of £200 representing 6 months be offered and the Youth Club be advised that the PC wished the Youth Club to reconsider its decision not to alternate locations; b) the Chair discuss the location issues with the Youth Club; c) the Youth Club response be discussed at the next meeting.
11.0	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: The retiring Clerk reported that a number of items had been circulated to Councillors over the previous month, the most notable relating to the increase in charges for maintenance and electricity for the street lights from <i>e.on</i>. He explained that the price had not increased for nine years and that Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) had provided a list of alternative suppliers. Councillor Clarke undertook to investigate alternatives and report to the next meeting.</p>
12.0	REPORTS:
12.1	<p>Lighting Councillor Clarke reported that photographs of the Holt Yard light had been sent to <i>e.on</i>, LCC, and Weston Power in an attempt to clarify ownership of the light and in the meantime it had been suggested that a qualified person might replace the bulb.</p>
12.2	<p>Sports Club Councillor Clarke asked that anyone who hears the alarm should ring him.</p>
12.3	<p>Village Hall Councillor Gidley-Wright stated that he had not been able to attend the last village hall meeting and therefore had no report to make.</p>

12.4	Medbourne Educational Foundation Trust (MEFT) Councillor Pilkington reported that the MEFT was preparing for summer activities.																														
13.0	PARISH REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE:																														
13.1	Councillor Clarke reported that gravel from driveways on Hallaton Road were leaching onto the footpaths causing a potential hazard. The Chair undertook to contact the Highways Department.																														
13.2	The Chair reported that the levels in Leviathan Wood were uneven owing to subsidence of the highway. He added that provision had been made in the current year’s budget.																														
13.3	Thanks were expressed for Mr Richard Beatty for the four flowering cherries planted in the towpath. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.																														
14.0	QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: Councillor Clarke asked for the exact wording of the Mower Fund owing to the perceived need for non-capital expenditure. The Clerk was requested to establish the wording.																														
15.0	ACCOUNTS:																														
15.1	<p>During the month the following invoices had been submitted to Councillors for payment; Councillor Pilkington MOVED, Councillor Gidley-Wright SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:-</p> <table><tr><td>Medbourne District Church</td><td>Annual Donation</td><td>£24.00</td></tr><tr><td>LCAB</td><td>Annual Donation</td><td>£50.00</td></tr><tr><td>Medbourne Village Hall</td><td>Rent and Donation</td><td>£775.00</td></tr><tr><td>LRALC</td><td>Membership</td><td>£173.74</td></tr><tr><td>e.on</td><td>Electricity</td><td>£179.37</td></tr><tr><td>Autela Ltd</td><td>Payroll</td><td>£61.50</td></tr><tr><td>Six Saints Circa Holt</td><td>Magazine</td><td>£200.00</td></tr><tr><td>Eyebrook Wildbird Feeds</td><td>The Hollow</td><td>£90.00</td></tr><tr><td>RCC</td><td>Subscription</td><td>£50.00</td></tr><tr><td>e.on Energy Solutions Ltd</td><td>Maintenance</td><td>£126.43</td></tr></table>	Medbourne District Church	Annual Donation	£24.00	LCAB	Annual Donation	£50.00	Medbourne Village Hall	Rent and Donation	£775.00	LRALC	Membership	£173.74	e.on	Electricity	£179.37	Autela Ltd	Payroll	£61.50	Six Saints Circa Holt	Magazine	£200.00	Eyebrook Wildbird Feeds	The Hollow	£90.00	RCC	Subscription	£50.00	e.on Energy Solutions Ltd	Maintenance	£126.43
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16.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. on Monday 11 May 2015.																														