

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015

Councillors present: Councillors: Pilkington (Chair), Cory, Easton, and Shaen-Carter.

Also present: Graham Thomson (Clerk to the Council), and 17 members of the public.

26.0 **TO ACCEPT, OR OTHERWISE, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED**

An apology for absence was accepted from Councillor Gidley-Wright.

27.0 **TO NOTE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED**

No declarations of interest were made.

28.0 **TO DETERMINE ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

The Clerk reported that no requests had been received.

29.0 **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

Members of the public raised concern about:-

- a) potholes in the following locations: Brook Terrace; Ashley Road (where previously resurfaced, opposite the old stables); Hallaton Road / Paynes Lane. The Chair undertook to raise the concerns with the Highways Authority.
- b) grass cutting of the verges. The Chair reported that she had reported the Highways Authority and been informed that the cutting had been scheduled for 27 May 2015 but poor weather had made it impossible. She added that she had been advised that the work would be undertaken in the week or so following the meeting.

30.0 **CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2015**

Councillor Cory MOVED and Councillor Easton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that:- the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair subject to the correction of typographical errors.

31.0 **TO RECEIVE FACTUAL UPDATES OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT MENTIONED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

Minute number 13b – Youth Club

The Chair reported that the Youth Club had stated that although it had marketed the club with leaflets in Medbourne there had been no response. In response to questions, the Chair explained that she was not sure how widely the leaflet had been circulated. It was suggested that the village email and Twitter accounts be used to gauge interest. It was also noted that the Village Hall Committee had previously surveyed the village and included a question about the Youth Club. Councillor Easton undertook to ask the Village Hall Committee for any relevant information. In response to comments about the high number of young people attending the Sports Club at weekends it was suggested that the Youth Club be recommended to attend the Sports Club to carry out direct marketing. Councillor Easton reported that she had been informed that The Scout Association would be holding sessions at the Village Hall on Thursdays.

Councillor Shaen-Carter MOVED and Councillor Easton SECONDED Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED that the Youth Club be offered an interim grant of £200 pending the outcome of investigations into current and future demand.

32.0 **TO CONSIDER AND MAKE COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS**

Councillors considered the following Planning Applications:

- 32.1 15/00495/LBC – Demolition of the Kitchen and erection of Car Port at the former Horse and Trumpet
RESOLVED that the following comment be made:-
“The Council supports the demolition of the commercial kitchen but not the carport extension, and would comment as follows:-
- “a) The information provided is inadequate. There are neither drawings or photographs of the existing elevations. There is no graphic scale. There are no dimensions or heights marked on the drawings. No detail of the wall treatment after the kitchen is demolished.*
 - “b) Demolishing part of the historic boundary wall to enlarge the existing gate opening to 5m wide is not desirable. The proposed double carport would be accessed off a narrow road only 5m wide between the hedge and the existing stone wall. The normal minimum is 6m to reverse out of a parking space. There are no visibility splays to give reversing drivers a view of passing pedestrians or vehicles. Visibility splays in that location would be undesirable because more of the historic wall would have to be removed. The historic wall and gateway should remain as it is.*
 - “c) The existing gateway, wall, courtyard, and space between the main building and the outbuilding are attractive and part of the building’s history. This would be spoilt by partially closing up this space, especially the view from the lane. It would also restrict the evening sun getting into the courtyard, and would make the courtyard even more enclosed.*
 - “d) Although the kitchen of the property opposite does have a window that faces towards the proposed carport, it is behind a hedge 1.75m tall and over 7m away, therefore the neighbouring property’s right to light would not be affected.*
 - “e) The proposal also involves the removal of a decorative tree.”*
- 32.2 15/00608/TCA – Treeworks to School House
RESOLVED that the following comment be made:-
“The Council has no objection to the proposed works.”
- 32.3 15/00543/PDN – Conversion of a barn to dwelling (Use Class C3) under class MB, Land Adjacent: 40 Manor Road Medbourne
RESOLVED that the following comment be made:-
“The Council has no objection to the proposal for the addition of the rear door and flipping of the plan, provided that the permission is made conditional on the guidance provided by Environmental Agency being strictly adhered to and that any permitted development rights be removed so that the barn remains the same size, shape and material.”
- 32.4 15/00704/FUL 2.4m High Fence to The Old House, 10 Old Green, Medbourne
RESOLVED that Councillor Shaen-Carter compile the Council’s response along the following lines:-
“The Council would have preferred a lower 1.8 metre hurdle fence in the context of the Listed Building but would not object provided that the fence is no higher than it is now, with the fence posts cut off.”
- 32.5 Paget’s Farm, 38 Main Street
The Chair reported that the barn closest to the footpath was to be demolished. She explained that the District Council’s Enforcement Team had been involved and approval for the demolition of the barn was likely to be granted owing to its poor state of repair.

33.0 **TO DETERMINE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MEDBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER, AND IF SO RESOLVED, TO CO-OPT MEMBERS ONTO THE COMMITTEE**

The Chair reported that owing to the unfortunate absence of Councillor Gidley-Wright, the consideration of the draft terms of reference would be postponed until the next meeting. She thanked all those who had volunteered to assist in the process and thanked those present for their attendance and interest. In response to a question she confirmed the intention to secure a spread and range of skills / experience whilst also drawing people from across the parish.

34.0 **TO NOTE SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Clerk reported that a number of items had been circulated to Councillors over the previous month. He added that a letter had been received from Autella Ltd, the Council's payroll provider explaining the Council's future responsibility for pension provision and confirming that the company would ensure the Council was fully compliant with its obligations.

35.0 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

No questions were asked of the Chair.

36.0 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS INCLUDING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-**

36.1 **Broadband**

Mr David Tuffs explained that Gigaclear was planning the route of its cable and had served notice that it would be laying cable from 12 July 2015, with a possible arrival in the village in September. He stated that no decision had been made about the location of the cabinet but he had asked the company to consult the Parish Council on the matter. Following a discussion he indicated a preference for the grass verge adjacent seat and bin at the Old Rectory.

Mr Tuffs reported that at a meeting in the village on 19 May 2015, BT had indicated that it was within weeks of completing works and that he would email the village list when it was live.

36.2 **Parish Council And Village Websites**

Mr David Tuffs reported that the call for volunteers had produced some useful responses and that it was likely that he would ask for help at the end of the summer.

36.3 **Sports Club (including the Mower Fund)**

Councillor JC reported that she had not attended since the last Council meeting. The Chair reported that the AGM of the Sports Club was scheduled for the following Thursday.

36.4 **Lighting**

No report was presented.

36.5 **Village Hall**

Councillor Easton gave a report about the recent activity of the Village Hall. In particular, she drew attention to the decision to the possibility of hosting a film night every second month, and the decision to separate the caretaking and maintenance rôles. She added that she had been asked about the possibility of the Village Hall obtaining money from the Mower Fund to buy mowing equipment but she had subsequently been advised by the Clerk that this was outside the terms of the Fund. It was suggested that the Village Hall committee might be able to borrow the necessary equipment from the Sports Club and the Chair suggested that direct contact be made.

Councillor Easton reported that a Railway Club event was to take place on 6 June 2015 from 10:30 – 4 o'clock. She also reported that attempts were still being made to source a ridge tile to repair the roof. With regard to future activities, she reported that the Scout Association had indicated that it would be running sessions in the village soon.

36.6 **Medbourne Educational Foundation Trust (MEFT)**

Councillor Pilkington reported that the coffee morning on 16 May 2015 had been well supported and had raised over £400 for the youth of the parish. She stated that Mr Tom Price had attempted to mediate between the MEFT and the Sports Club over the lease issue and added that she believed that Mr Price had been invited to the Sports Club's AGM.

37.0 **TO NOTE ANY ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH IN NEED OF ATTENTION.**

No items were raised.

38.0 **TO APPROVE PAYMENTS OF INVOICES AND ACCOUNTS**

Councillor Easton MOVED, Councillor Cory SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the following payment be approved:-

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Heading</u>	<u>Budget remaining</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Power</u>
Harborough District Council	Collection of five dog bins: Oct 14 – Mar 15	Dog bins emptying	£475.00	£219.44	Local Govt. Act 1972

39.0 **TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015**

The Clerk agreed to circulate the Annual Return in advance of the next meeting.

40.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. on Monday 6 July 2015.

The meeting closed at 8:42 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____