

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016

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

Also present: District Cllr. Rickman, 8 members of the public, and Graham Thomson (Clerk to the Council).

155.0 D **TO ACCEPT, OR OTHERWISE, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED**

No apologies for absence were received.

156.0 D **TO NOTE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED**

Councillor Pilkington declared an interest in item 163.1 (16/00040/FUL Erection of shed on paddock land for use ancillary to paddock (retrospective), land adjacent Bridgedale Barn, Brook Terrace, Medbourne).

Councillor Shaen-Carter declared that prior to her election as a Councillor she had previously been part of the campaign to reinstate the right of way at Riverside House, and she stated that she came to the discussion with an open mind prepared to listen to all views expressed.

Councillor Easton declared that prior to her election as a Councillor she also had been part of the campaign to reinstate the right of way at Riverside House, and she stated that she came to the discussion with an open mind prepared to listen to all views expressed.

157.0 D **TO NOTE ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION GRANTED**

The Clerk reported that no requests had been granted.

158.0 D **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

The Chair suspended the meeting at this point and invited comment from members of the community present.

158.1 D **Nevill Arms Car Park Entrance**

A member of the public stated that the surface of the entrance to the car park was in a very poor condition before the bridge.

158.2 D **Medbourne Bowls Club**

A member of the public asked if a meeting was scheduled between the Planning Officers, the Medbourne Bowls Club, and the Parish Council. The Chair stated that a meeting was to take place on 4 February 2016 and that she understood that District Councillor Rickman, the Planning Officers, and representatives of the Bowls Club had been invited. She added that it was not a public meeting but that Parish Councillors might attend but only as observers.

158.3 D **Proposed Plaque For The Ancient Road**

A member of the public stated that the diocese had previously not allowed plaques on the churchyard wall.

158.4 D **Land at Riverside House**

The Chair invited Mr Matthew Wright and PC 1524 Wynne to speak about the land at Riverside House. Mr Wright explained that there had been difficulties since his family had moved into the house and referred to the incident of criminal damage to the grass. He also referred to the break-in to the property whilst the property was occupied which had been very troubling. He stated that the arrangement of the land had made these crimes much easier, and that he wanted a discussion about what might be done if the Parish Council agreed that there was a risk. He added that the Police had expressed a view that this was not a desirable site for a public bench.

PC Wynne reported that the property had been subjected to repeat crimes and therefore was receiving additional attention from the Police. He explained that the burglars had been able to observe the property for some time without being seen. He added that the particular alignment of fences and walls allowed unobserved access to Riverside House, the Church, and other properties. With regard to the bench, PC Wynne stated that benches generally were often a location for antisocial behaviour and that there were already benches in the church yard. In response to questions, PC Wynne stated that the aim of additional security measures was to deter burglars and make access more difficult. He added that if the fence line was altered slightly it would reduce the opportunity to enter or remain on the land unseen.

Following a discussion, Mr Wright stated that ideally he would like to move the boundary to retain sight lines from the shop which would retain an approximate 5 metre width of the highway. In response to questions PC Wynne suggested why some other means of crime prevention would be less effective. He stressed that there were few crimes in Medbourne and undertook to provide details of crimes over the last five years. PC Wynne was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at this point.

Mr Wright suggested that by moving the garden boundary by approximately two to three metres and with traditional estate fencing, the observation from off the site would be vastly improved.

The Chair stated that detailed information would be needed before any conclusion could be reached and discussed with interested parties including the previous campaign group, and confirmed willingness for the Parish Council to listen.

158.5 D **Resumption of the meeting**

The Chair thanked speakers for their comments and resumed the meeting.

159.0 D **CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2016**

Minute 136.2 Bridge: Cllr. Gidley-Wright stated that the bridge in question was on the B664 and suggested that the minute be amended accordingly.

Cllr. Easton MOVED and Councillor SSC SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes as amended be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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

160.1 D **Footpath**

The Chair noted that the footpath had been cleared by a local resident and she expressed thanks.

160.2 D **To Consider Again The Request Of The Bowling Club For Permission To Erect A Shed**

The Chair confirmed that at the site meeting with the Planning Officers and the Bowling Club representatives, no Parish Councillor was authorized to comment, or to make decisions or concessions on any compromise or conclusion reached. Councillor TGW undertook to clarify the Parish Council's position to the Planning Authority.

160.3 D **To Determine The Parish Precept For The 2016-17 Financial Year Necessary To Fund The Council's Programme For The Year**

The Clerk confirmed that the budget and precept information had been submitted to the District Council and had been acknowledged.

160.4 D **Proposed Bench And Plaque For The Ancient Road**

It was noted that no further information had been provided although it was understood that if a bench was installed in the highway then the Parish Council would be asked to adopt and maintain it but that the Council did not have to agree.

161.0 D **TO RECEIVE REPORTS INCLUDING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-**

161.1 D **Broadband**

In the absence of Mr Tuffs no report was presented.

161.2 D **Parish Council and Village Websites**

In the absence of Mr Tuffs no report was presented.

161.3 D **Lighting**

It was noted that there was nothing to be reported.

161.4 D **Sports Club (including the Mower Fund)**

Cllr. Cory reported that the sports club had yet to consider suspending payments into the Mower Fund. She added that dog fouling was still a problem on the playing field; the Chair suggested that an item be placed in the parish magazine.

161.5 D **Village Hall**

Cllr. Easton reported that in previous times a neighbourhood pack had been given to new residents. The Chair stated that Mr Tom Price might have copies remaining and she undertook to establish how many were left.

161.6 D **Medbourne Educational Foundation Trust (MEFT)**

The Chair reported that the Trust had received a £2,500 grant from the District Council towards the resurfacing of the playground. On behalf of the Trust the Chair thanked Mr Read who had prepared the planning application, and the Parish Council for its support.

162.0 D **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

162.1 D **To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 16 December 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee held on 16 December 2015 having been circulated were accepted.

RESOLVED that:-

the minutes be accepted.

162.2 D **To receive a report on the meeting of the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee held on 20 January 2016**

Cllr. Gidley-Wright reported that: the Grant application to Harborough District Council had been unsuccessful; three quotations had been sought for the external support for the neighbourhood plan process; and Sally Dean had resigned from the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee but that the Committee was not currently recommending a successor.

RESOLVED that:-

the report be accepted.

162.3 D **Neighbourhood Planning external support**

Extracted from the report of the Clerk:-

Pursuant to the decision at the last meeting the Clerk is seeking quotations for the provision of external consultancy and support for the neighbourhood planning process. The closing date for the quotations is Monday 8 February 2016. The Clerk will scrutinize the quotations with assistance from the Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee and will make a recommendation to the Council meeting on 7 March 2016.

RESOLVED that:-

the report be accepted.

162.4 D **Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee Membership**

Extracted from the report of the Clerk:-

Following the resignation of Sally Dean from the Advisory Committee, the Council is RECOMMENDED to appoint a replacement.

RESOLVED that:-

no replacement be appointed at this stage.

163.0 D **TO CONSIDER AND MAKE COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS**

163.1 D **16/00040/FUL Erection of shed on paddock land for use ancillary to paddock (retrospective), land adjacent Bridgedale Barn, Brook Terrace, Medbourne**

Councillor Pilkington declared an interest in this matter, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Gidley-Wright took the Chair.

Councillor Shaen-Carter reported that the occupiers of a neighbouring property had requested that the shed be moved away from the boundary. Councillor Gidley-Wright MOVED, Councillor Shaen-Carter SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the Council comment in the following terms:-

"Medbourne Parish Council has no objection to the application."

Councillor Pilkington returned to the meeting at this point and resumed the Chair.

163.2 D **16/00070/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement double garage, 32 Manor Road Medbourne**

Councillor Shaen-Carter stated that the proposal was for a replacement of a garage but that the height of the apex would have an adverse visual impact on the neighbouring properties.

Councillor Shaen-Carter MOVED, Councillor Gidley-Wright SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the Council comment in the following terms:-

"Medbourne Parish Council considers that the proposal would be more acceptable if the pitch of the roof was reduced from 45° to 40° or 37.5°"

- 163.3 D **16/00077/TCA Works to trees (fell) Bentleys Yard 11 Waterfall Way Medbourne**
Councillor Shaen-Carter MOVED, Councillor Cory SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the Council comment in the following terms:-
“Medbourne Parish Council agrees that the tree works described in the application form may be carried out.”
- 164.0 D **TO NOTE SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Harborough District Council that it had made an award to the Parish Council from its New Homes Bonus Locality Funding of £100.
- 165.0 D **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**
No questions were asked of the Chair.
- 166.0 D **TO NOTE ANY ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH IN NEED OF ATTENTION**
Extracted from the report of the Clerk:-
Councillors will be asked to notify the Chair of any items of which they are aware.
The Chair reported that the notice board outside the shop which was owned by the Council had been damaged in December 2015 and that an initial price had been suggested at £977.86 for repairs. She added that it might be possible to repair the damage using voluntary labour.
- 167.0 D **COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES**
No new items of training or necessary resources were identified.
- 168.0 D **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENTS**
Extracted from the report of the Clerk:-
The Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the payments in Appendix A, together with any others received in advance of the meeting.
Councillor Cory MOVED, Councillor Easton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved.
- | <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| LRALC | S106 & CIL training (Councillor Shaen-Carter) | Training | £35.00 |
| LRALC | CiLCA Training sessions | Training | £190.00 |
| e.on | Repairs to column 6 | Street Lighting | £46.20 |
- 169.0 D **OPTIONS FOR GRASS CUTTING IN 2016**
Extracted from the report of the Clerk:-
To receive a report on the possible options including volunteering to retain the number of cuts in the village.
The Clerk reported that he had been informed that it was too late for changes in 2016 but that consideration could be given to additional cuts for 2017. The Chair stated that further consideration be given to changes for 2017 at an appropriate time.

The meeting closed at 9:14 p.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

NOTE:

The following meetings will be held in the Village Hall:

	February	March	April
Parish Council	-	7	4
Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee	17	16	20