

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MEDBOURNE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:45 ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2016

Councillors present: Pilkington (Chair), Caffrey, Easton, and Gidley-Wright.

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

140.0 TO ACCEPT, OR OTHERWISE, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk reported that an apology for absence had been received from Cllr Shaen-Carter (holiday), and District Councillor Rickman. RESOLVED that Cllr Shaen-Carter's apology be accepted.

141.0 TO NOTE ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION GRANTED

The Clerk reported that no requests had been granted.

142.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

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

142.1 The Hollow, Signs

A member of the public referred to the four new signs and explained that they would be installed in the coming weeks. He requested confirmation of the intended location of the "Deep Water" sign and it was suggested that a spot near the WI bench and the lifebelt would be appropriate.

142.2 Potholes

Members of the public referred to potholes in Brook Terrace, Rectory Lane, and Paynes Lane.

142.3 Resumption of the meeting

The Chair resumed the meeting at this point.

143.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS

143.1 9 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 January 2017 had been circulated.

Cllr. Gidley-Wright MOVED and Cllr. Easton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and signed by the Chair.

143.2 18 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 January 2017 had been circulated.

Cllr. Gidley-Wright MOVED and Cllr. Easton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and signed by the Chair.

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

144.1 Minute 139.0 Setting The Precept For 2017/18

The Clerk reported that the precept had been submitted to Harborough District Council.

145.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS INCLUDING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-

145.1 Broadband / Websites

Mr Tuffs had submitted a written comment that there was nothing new to report.

145.2 Lighting

The Chair stated that there was nothing new to report.

145.3 Sports Club

Cllr. Caffrey stated that there was nothing new to report.

145.4 Village Hall

Cllr. Easton reported that the garden was being cleared and fencing would be removed. She referred to the village meeting being organized for 25 February 2017 to discuss plans for the Village Hall.

145.5 Medbourne Educational Foundation Trust (MEFT)

Cllr. Pilkington stated that there was nothing new to report.

145.6 The Hollow

The Clerk reported that four signs had been received.

146.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MNPAC)

146.1 To adopt the minutes of the meeting of the MNPAC held on 18 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017 having been previously circulated were accepted and adopted.

146.2 Theme Groups

Cllr Gidley-Wright reported on the work of the Theme Groups and outlined the workings of the Groups. He outlined the public engagement strategy, and referred to the Neighbourhood planning meeting scheduled for 15 March 2017 at which, he said, Councillors' attendance would be beneficial.

147.0 TO CONSIDER AND MAKE COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS

147.1 17/00129/FUL Erection of detached garage, Red Kite Barn, Uppingham Road, Medbourne

The Clerk reported that the proposal was for a single detached garage and log store. He stated that Cllr Shaen-Carter had indicated her view that the proposal was in a suitable location, of a modest size, of suitable material, and affected no neighbours. RESOLVED that:-
the Council comment in the following terms: "*The Council has no objection to the proposal*".

148.0 S278 HIGHWAYS ACT AGREEMENT, NEVILL HOLT

The Chair reported that she had received an email from Mr Crossland, the Director of Environment and Transport, stating that he had met the applicant who was considering the concerns and suggestions; and confirming that once a revised scheme was submitted there would be consultation with directly affected landowners and wider community consultation through the Parish Council and Parish Meeting and local elected representatives.

149.0 UPPINGHAM ROAD AND THE HALLTON ROAD

A letter drafted by Cllr Caffrey to the County Council requesting the extension of the speed limits was considered and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the letter.

150.0 TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND TO DETERMINE ANY AWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 137

150.1 Village Hall

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee (VHC) had challenged the grants policy in a long email. He confirmed that he had sought formal advice from LRALC which had confirmed that the comments by the Village Hall were "*pretty comprehensively wrong, especially in terms of s137, but also budgets. No grant/contract is set in stone, even our £20k per annum contract with LCC can be withdrawn at any time (i.e. before the end of the contract) according to their small print*". The Clerk added that the VHC had previously indicated that "*The money is needed for the general upkeep of the hall. Currently the income from room hire just covers the basic running costs, but as I am sure you know the hall is in need of considerable upgrading and redecoration - so that we need all the income we can get*". The Clerk confirmed the requirements and provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, and other powers available for specific circumstances. The Chair confirmed that the Council had been updating policies and procedures, and that the requirements of the policy were not onerous. Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED that:-

- a) notwithstanding any decisions to award monies in previous years, the Council considers that S137 is the appropriate legislation for considering any grant or donation to the VHC;
- b) the Grants Policy be deemed appropriate for any grant or donation made to the VHC, and no payment be made outside of the policy;
- c) the Clerk advise the VHC accordingly, and request that any application for the 2016/17 financial year be made before the March meeting.

151.0 TO NOTE SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

151.1 Dog Bins

The Chair reported that some comments had been received about the absence of the bin. She stated that District Cllr Rickman had reported that his Council would be increasing dog enforcement patrols funded from the New Homes Bonus. Cllr. Easton reported that a price for the relocation had yet been received but she would pursue it.

151.2 LRALC Strategic Plan 2017/2020

The Clerk reported that the second LRALC Strategic Plan was approved for consultation with the membership by the January 2017 Executive Committee. RESOLVED that Clerk draft a response and circulate it to Councillors.

152.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR

No questions were asked of the Chair

153.0 TO NOTE ANY ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH IN NEED OF ATTENTION

The Chair noted potholes referred to earlier. She also suggested a walk around the parish in Springtime.

154.0 COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES

No new items of training or necessary resources were identified.

155.0 CONSULTATION: HOW LEICESTERSHIRE'S ROADS, PAVEMENTS AND VERGES COULD BE MANAGED IN THE FUTURE

The clerk reported that Leicestershire County Council had launched a consultation on the new proposed Highways Draft Asset Management Policy and Draft Strategy. RESOLVED that Councillors review the questions and provide any specific views to the Clerk for collation and submission.

156.0 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported that the payment to BT for website hosting had been made electronically. The Clerk reported that the following payment had been authorized between meetings:-

Recipient	Purpose	Budget	VAT	Sub total	Amount
Artisan Signs	Four signs for The Hollow	The Hollow	£16.00	£80.00	£96.00

The Clerk added that the following payments were recommended for approval:-

Recipient	Purpose	Budget	VAT	Sub total	Amount
Graham Thomson	Salary and Neighbourhood Plan (01/17)	Administration	£0	£87.95	£113.82
		Neighbourhood Plan	£0	£25.87	

RESOLVED that the payments be approved.

The meeting closed at 20:35

Signed: _____

Date: _____