

Medbourne Parish Council

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

Councillors present: Gidley-Wright (in the chair), Caffrey, Easton, and Shaen-Carter.

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

- 157.0 D **TO ACCEPT, OR OTHERWISE, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED**
The Clerk reported that an apology for absence had been received from Cllr Pilkington. RESOLVED that Cllr Pilkington's apology be accepted.
- 158.0 D **TO NOTE ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION GRANTED**
The Clerk reported that no requests had been granted.
- 159.0 D **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**
The Chair suspended the meeting at this point and invited comment from members of the community present.
- 159.1 D **The Hollow, Signs**
A member of the public referred to the four new signs and explained that two had been erected and the other two would be put up in the shortly. He requested permission to submit an article for the parish magazine drawing attention to the signs and the need for them.
- 159.2 D **Leviathan Wood**
A member of the public referred to the recent damage caused to grass and paths in the wood by vehicles. It was suggested that the matter be reported to the Nevill Holt estate for action.
- 159.3 D **Resumption of the meeting**
The Chair resumed the meeting at this point.
- 160.0 D **CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2017**
The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 February 2017 had been circulated. It was noted that the word "not" had been omitted from Minute 151.1 Dog Bins in the sentence "Cllr. Easton reported that a price for the relocation had not yet been received but she would pursue it.". Cllr. Easton MOVED and Cllr. Caffrey SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes as amended be accepted and signed by the Chair.
- 161.0 D **TO RECEIVE FACTUAL UPDATES OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT MENTIONED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**
- 161.1 D **Minute 151.1 Dog Bins**
Cllr. Easton reported that she would follow up the matter with Harborough District Council and that a location adjacent to The Hollow had been suggested.
- 161.2 D **Minute 149.0 Uppingham Road And The Hallaton Road**
The Clerk reported that the letter had been submitted to the Highway Authority.
- 162.0 D **TO RECEIVE REPORTS INCLUDING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-**
- 162.1 D **Broadband**
Mr Tuffs reported that computer sessions would commence soon with peer education with proceeds going to the Village Hall restoration fund.
- 162.2 D **Websites**
Mr Tuffs reported that he proposed to use the Council home page to promote the MNPAC survey and link it through Twitter.
- 162.3 D **Lighting**
The Chair stated that there was nothing new to report.
- 162.4 D **Sports Club**
Cllr. Caffrey stated that the Club would be requesting to use the Mower Fund to purchase equipment and had been advised to provide full information to the next meeting.
- 162.5 D **Village Hall**
Cllr. Easton reported that the village meeting had been successful and that it was hoped to secure a Heritage Lottery grant.
- 162.6 D **Medbourne Educational Foundation Trust (MEFT)**
The Chair stated that there was nothing new to report.
- 162.7 D **The Hollow**
It was noted that there was nothing further to report.
- 163.0 D **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MNPAC)**
- 163.1 D **To adopt the minutes of the meeting of the MNPAC held on 15 February 2017**
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017 having been previously circulated were accepted and adopted.

- 163.2 D **Questionnaires**
Cllr Gidley-Wright reported that questionnaires were being delivered to properties and would be collected. He added that there was also a collection point in the shop. He requested that if possible each adult should complete the questionnaire, preferably online.
- 163.3 D **Neighbourhood Planning Consultation Event– 13 May 2017**
Cllr Gidley-Wright reported that a Neighbourhood Planning Consultation Event was to be held on 13 May 2017 at which potential development sites would be revealed. He undertook to request that the MNPAC submit copy for the website to advertise the event.
- 163.4 D **Neighbourhood Planning Youth Event – 11 April 2017**
Cllr Gidley-Wright reported that a youth consultation involving a pizza and chat was to be held at 5pm on Tuesday 11 April 2017 at Rural Relaxing on Hallaton Road and he undertook to request that the MNPAC submit copy for the website to advertise the event.
- 164.0 D **TO CONSIDER AND MAKE COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS**
- 164.1 D **17/00152/TCA Works to trees, 37 Main Street Medbourne**
Cllr Shaen-Carter stated that the proposal was to reduce by 50% a beech tree in the garden which was too big for its location. RESOLVED that the Council comment in the following terms: *“Medbourne Parish Council has no objection to the proposal”*.
- 164.2 D **17/00156/LBC Installation of replacement windows and repointing of end gable, 25 Main Street Medbourne**
Cllr Shaen-Carter commented that part of the charm of listed properties is that they have windows of varying size and configuration, reflecting when they were introduced. She expressed a preference for the existing glazing pattern to be repeated, and that she had no objection to slim-line double glazing on listed properties. She added that carefully raking out and repointing with lime mortar could preserve the stonework, whereas the infill concrete mortar would damage the stone over a period of time. She suggested that the lime mortar should be brushed with a soft brush just before it sets to recess the pointing, and requested that a method statement and a sample panel should be provided and agreed. RESOLVED that the Council comment in the following terms:
“Medbourne Parish Council:-
a) *has no objection to slim line double glazing;*
b) *requests that the lime mortar be carefully raked out and repointed with lime mortar to preserve the stonework rather than the use of infill concrete mortar which would damage the stone over a period of time;*
c) *requests that the lime mortar should be brushed with a soft brush just before it sets to recess the pointing;*
d) *requests that a method statement and a sample panel should be provided and agreed.”*
- 164.3 D **17/00277/FUL Erection of a first floor extension to garage and rear link extension to dwelling, 2 Ashley Road, Medbourne**
Cllr Shaen-Carter stated that the scheme linked the utility and games room over the garage to the house internally, added a shower room and a garden room, and enlarged the games room. She added that the extension increased the height of the garage / garden room by approx 1500mm, making it taller than the kitchen extension. She added that it would be 3.8m high in the middle. RESOLVED that: the Council comment in the following terms:
“Medbourne Parish Council has no objection to the proposal”.
- 164.4 D **17/00303/TCA (HDC) & 2017/TPO/0062/LCC (LCC) Works to trees (fell) (LCC TPO 52), The Old Hall 3 Rectory Lane, Medbourne**
It was reported that the application was being dealt with by the County Council, but any comment will be submitted to both Planning Authorities. Cllr Shaen-Carter stated that the trees were described as poor specimens being felled to make room for other specimens. RESOLVED that the Council comment in the following terms: *“The Council has no objection to the proposal”*.
- 164.5 D **16/00376/COMS , 36 Main Street, Medbourne**
Cllr Shaen-Carter reported that District Cllr Rickman had convened a meeting to discuss the conditions on the permission which apparently had not been followed.
- 165.0 D **S278 HIGHWAYS ACT AGREEMENT, NEVILL HOLT**
The Chair reported that there was nothing further to report.
- 166.0 D **TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND TO DETERMINE ANY AWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 137**
- 166.1 D **Village Hall**
The Clerk reported that following the Village Hall Committee’s challenge to the Council’s policy of grants and payments, the Council had taken formal legal advice using the services of LRALC and NALC on the questions posed on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. He added that the legal advice was clear that the Council’s position was correct and that the Council has absolute discretion on any and all payments. He stated that an application had been received from the Village Hall Committee earlier in the day. He stated that the use of S137 rather than S133 of the 1972 Act had been questioned and suggested taking further formal advice on which legislation should be used if the Council awarded a grant. RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be made to the Village Hall Committee for maintenance and upkeep of the Village Hall under powers contained in S133 or using powers contained in S137, the specific Section being confirmed following further advice.

167.0 D **TO NOTE SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**167.1 D **Public Consultation**

The Chair reported that District Cllr Rickman had informed the Council of a public consultation on Highways Maintenance Strategy and the Transport Asset Management Plan ending on 26 March 2017, and was on the LCC Website. RESOLVED that information be provided to Mr Tufts for the website.

168.0 D **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

No questions were asked of the Chair.

169.0 D **TO NOTE ANY ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH IN NEED OF ATTENTION**

The Chair noted that comment had been received about damage caused by vehicles in Leviathan Wood and it was RESOLVED that the matter be reported to the Nevill Holt estate for action.

170.0 D **COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES**170.1 D **An Insight into the Gypsy Traveller Way of Life Conference Monday 27 March 2017**

Councillor Shaen-Carter expressed an interest in attending this conference (at a cost of £40.00) and it was RESOLVED that attendance be approved.

171.0 D **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:-

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Sub total</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grant Thornton	Annual Audit (replacement for previous meeting – VAT added)	Administration	£40	£200.00	£240.00
Autela Payroll Services	Payroll	Administration	£0	£22.50	£22.50
HMRC	Tax	Administration	£0	£226.80	£226.80
Graham Thomson	Salary and Neighbourhood Plan (02/17)	Administration	£0	£87.95	£113.82
		Neighbourhood Plan	£0	£25.87	
Village Hall Committee	Grant S137 or S133 subject to confirmation	Grants and Subscriptions	£0	£500.00	£500.00

RESOLVED that the payments be approved.

The meeting closed at 20:39

Signed: _____

Date: _____