

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MEDBOURNE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:45 ON MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017

- Councillors present: Pilkington (Chair), Caffrey, Easton, Gidley-Wright, and Shaen-Carter.
Also present: Ten members of the public, District Councillor Rickman, and Graham Thomson (Clerk to the Council).
- 172.0 **ADDITIONAL ITEM –LAND ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH AT RIVERSIDE HOUSE**
In accordance with Paragraph 100B(4)b of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair authorized the inclusion onto the agenda the item entitled “Land adjacent to the church at Riverside House”, on the grounds that any response has to be submitted to the Secretary of State by 20 April 2017.
- 173.0 **TO ACCEPT, OR OTHERWISE, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED**
No apologies for absence were received.
- 174.0 **TO NOTE ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION GRANTED**
The Clerk reported that no requests had been granted.
- 175.0 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
Councillor Caffrey declared an interest in the item entitled “Works to trees, 37 Main Street Medbourne” as an adjacent landowner.
- 176.0 **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**
The Chair suspended the meeting at this point and invited comment from members of the community present.
- 176.1 **Dog Bins**
A member of the public referred to the dog bins and requested that one be located by Rectory Lane.
- 176.2 **Right of Way**
A member of the public referred to the proposal to close the Right of Way at Riverside House. He expressed concern that other Rights of Way would be at risk if this proposal was accepted. Another member of the public referred to a previous petition to retain the right of way, and read comments previously made by Heritage England. Others raised the question about the possibility of the Parish Council objecting. District Councillor Rickman stated that the Planning Authority had done a good job of mediating and retaining the 4m strip but that the current draft Order to stop up the Right of Way appeared to be different. It was noted that anyone was able to object to the draft Order in writing to the Secretary of State.
- 176.3 **Kerbstones**
A member of the public reported that the kerb stones adjacent to 27 Main Street were in need of repair.
- 176.4 **Resumption of the meeting**
The Chair resumed the meeting at this point.
- 177.0 **CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2017**
The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 February 2017 had been circulated.
Cllr. Easton MOVED and Cllr. Caffrey SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and signed by the Chair.
- 178.0 **TO RECEIVE FACTUAL UPDATES OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT MENTIONED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**
- 178.1 **Minute 159.2 Leviathan Wood**
Cllr. Gidley-Wright explained that contact had not yet been made with the Estate, although it was noted that the tyres had had an impact on preventing further vehicular encroachments.
- 178.2 **Minute 161.1 Dog Bins**
Cllr. Easton reported that she had been in touch with Mr Kemp at the District Council about relocating the bins and she would follow this up. District Councillor Rickman reported that he would be getting in touch with sports clubs in the District with a view to a proposed byelaw or Public Space Protection Order to require dogs to be kept on leads in grassed play areas.
- 178.3 **170.1 An Insight into the Gypsy Traveller Way of Life Conference**
Cllr. Shaen-Carter reported that she had not been allocated a place in time for the conference but had been advised that she would have a free place at the October conference.
- 178.4 **161.2 Uppingham Road And The Hallaton Road**
In response to a question from Cllr. Caffrey, the Clerk reported that he had not yet heard anything from the County Council.
- 179.0 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS INCLUDING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-**
- 179.1 **Broadband / Websites**
It was noted that there was nothing new to report.
- 179.2 **Lighting**
The Chair stated that there was nothing new to report.
- 179.3 **Sports Club**
Cllr. Caffrey stated that there was nothing new to report, and no further information had been received relating to the request for funding from the Mower Fund.

- 179.4 **Village Hall**
Cllr. Easton reported that an incident had required the fitting of a new lock and keys which would be numbered and signed for. She added that the fence had now been removed, and works for grants was ongoing.
- 179.5 **Medbourne Educational Foundation Trust (MEFT)**
Cllr. Pilkington stated that there was nothing new to report.
- 179.6 **The Hollow**
The Clerk reported that the signs had been erected, and a piece had been placed in the parish magazine.
- 180.0 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MNPAC)**
- 180.1 **To adopt the minutes of the meeting of the MNPAC held on 15 March 2017**
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017 having been previously circulated were accepted and adopted.
- 180.2 **Questionnaire**
Cllr. Gidley-Wright reported that the questionnaires had been analysed and most of the evidence gathering was now complete. He added that the response rate had been 83% of households, and 43% of the population. He explained that the policies were being drafted and would be presented at an open meeting on 13 May 2017. He stated that a private briefing for Councillors would be arranged.
- 181.0 **TO CONSIDER AND MAKE COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS**
- 181.1 **17/00338/FUL Demolition of part single storey extension and erection of single storey rear extension; installation two roof lights within the first floor side elevation and one roof light in ground floor side elevation (revised scheme of 16/00532/FUL), 32 Main Street, Medbourne**
Cllr. Caffrey having declared an interest in this item, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.
Cllr. Shaen-Carter reported that this was a revised scheme which had more garden land, and although the extension was quite modern, it was in keeping with the building and it was RESOLVED that:-
the Council comment in the following terms: *"The Council has no objection to the proposal"*.
- 181.2 **17/00377/FUL & 17/00443/LBC Removal of a metre of stone wall, 12 Old Green, Medbourne**
Cllr. Shaen-Carter reported that the proposal would enlarge the opening and that the suggested enlargement of the carport would take it to within 2m of the attractive range of outbuildings. RESOLVED that:-
the Council comment in the following terms: *"The Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that 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. This proposal would enlarge the opening. The suggested enlargement of the carport takes it to within 2m of the attractive range of outbuildings. The Parish Council objects to this removal of an extra metre of stone wall"*.
- 181.3 **17/00406/LBC Replace the render on the end wall of the garage, Old Queen House, Springbank, Medbourne**
Cllr. Shaen-Carter reported that the wall was in a poor state of repair and it was RESOLVED that the Council comment in the following terms: *"The Council has no objection to the proposal"*.
- 182.0 **S278 HIGHWAYS ACT AGREEMENT, NEVILL HOLT**
It was noted that a holding response had been received and that the County Council's highways department would be chased again.
- 183.0 **TENNIS CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
The Chair reported that a proposal had been received from the Tennis Club to change the membership of the Tennis Club Management Committee from requiring five members (of ten) to reside within the Parish of Six Saints Circa Holt, to five who live within a five mile radius of the club. It was noted that attempts had been made to encourage more people from the parish to volunteer for the management committee. It was suggested that the club be requested to make further attempts to recruit local committee members and it was RESOLVED that the proposal to alter the management committee membership be rejected.
- 184.0 **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE MEDBOURNE W.I. FOR PERMISSION TO USE TEXT FROM THE MEDBOURNE COMMUNITY INFORMATION DIRECTORY**
The Clerk reported that in 2017, Medbourne W.I. was celebrating the centenary of the WI's inauguration and its own inauguration as the first W.I. established in Leicestershire. To this end it is creating a scrap book to commemorate these auspicious dates and wished to use some of the information from the Directory. It was noted that some of the information in the Directory was covered by the Council's Data Protection policy. RESOLVED that the W.I. be permitted to use information from the Directory not covered by the Data Protection policy and subject to the text being approved by the Parish Council in advance.
- 185.0 **TO NOTE SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
- 185.1 **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**
The Chair reported that a member of the public had volunteered to research and lead a neighbourhood watch scheme for the village. RESOLVED that the offer be welcomed and accepted.

186.0 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

Cllr Shaen-Carter requested an update of the position with the painting of the sheds at the Bowling Club.

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

It was noted that items in need of repair and maintenance included the kerbs and drains in Main Street, the tarmac over a drain, and potholes on Brook Terrace.

188.0 D **COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

No new items of training or necessary resources were identified.

189.0 D **SUBSCRIPTION**

The Clerk recommended and it was RESOLVED that the Council approves subscriptions to the Society of Local Council Clerks at £55.00, and the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) at £569.01.

190.0 **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENTS**

The Clerk reported that the payment to BT for website hosting had been made electronically. RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:-

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Sub total</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Society of Local Council Clerks	Subscription	Administration (subscriptions)	£0	£55.00	£55.00
LRALC	Subscription	Administration (subscriptions)	£0	£569.01	£569.01
MH District Council	Emptying of dog bins	Mower / Village Maintenance	£18.46	£92.28	£110.74
e.on	Street Lighting (supply)	Street Lighting	£14.93	£298.54	£313.47
e.on	Street Lighting (maintenance)	Street Lighting	£21.07	£105.36	£126.43
Medbourne Village Hall	MNPAC meetings (Jan – Feb)	Neighbourhood Plan	£0	£147.00	£222.00
	PC Meetings (Jan – Mar)	Administration	£0	£75.00	
Graham Thomson	Salary and Neighbourhood Plan (03/17)	Administration	£0	£117.16	£151.62
		Neighbourhood Plan	£0	£34.46	

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Cllr. Gidley-Wright read a letter from the owners of the property referring to the lack of objections to the proposal and the security issues in the property. It was reported that the Secretary of State proposed to make an Order stopping up (closing) the Right of Way adjacent to Riverside House. The Chair stated that the Council had made strenuous efforts to be even handed. She added that the recent planning application required the 4m strip to be retained but that the current proposal would remove the right of way entirely. The Chair questioned the legislation under which the Order was proposed. Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED that the Council objects to the Order and seeks advice from LRALC.

The meeting closed at 21:29

Signed: _____

Date: _____