

MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of PC meeting 7 January 2019

Present at the meeting: Cllrs Gidley-Wright, Pilkington, Shaen-Carter, Easton

Also present: 10 members of the public plus M Field (Parish Clerk)

ITEM. NO.	<u>AGENDA</u>	Action
340.0	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr Caffrey (and Cllr Rickman, HDC)</p>	
341.0	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations made.</p>	
342.0	<p>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</p> <p>None requested.</p>	
343.0	<p>MINUTES OF THE PC MEETING ON 3 DECEMBER 2018</p> <p>Two small amendments were agreed to the December minutes:</p> <p>Point 328.1 should read: "... at the previous PC meeting"</p> <p>Point 328.3 should read: "... addressed in the next weeks'</p>	MF
344.0	<p>PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON PAGETS FARM</p> <p>It was agreed to receive this update at the February PC meeting.</p>	
345.0	<p>PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS</p>	
345.1	Members of the public raised extreme anxieties about traffic speeding through the village, noting that this issue had been raised with the PC on various occasions over the past years.	
345.2	A broader discussion was had about speed and traffic issues, summarised in the note attached to these minutes.	
346.0	<p>UPDATES OF MATTERS ARISING / CLERKS REPORT</p>	
346.1	Future use of the PC's reserves for traffic calming measures was discussed within the general consideration of traffic and speeding issues – see additional note attached to these minutes.	

346.2	In noting that resurfacing works will shortly be undertaken in the Uppingham Road area, MF was instructed to contact LCC Highways and request the occasion be used to include the painting of the roads' speed limit on the future road surface.	MF
346.3	MF had received information on the number and placement of the parish street lighting, and will return information to LCC to help an estimate be returned on upgrading these LEDs	MF
346.3	It was agreed to contact Cllr Rickman for an update on various responses to a potential future 'unitary' status in the county area.	Cllr P
346.4	MF noted that the national formula for a PC's spending limits on general Sec 137 grants is an annual figure arrived at by multiplying £7.86 x the population size of the parish.	
346.5	It was noted that the two Remembrance Day wreathes had been purchased for the PC by Cllrs P and G-R. Payment will arranged at the next meeting.	
347.0	TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:	
347.1	Village Hall There had been no V H meeting in December.	
347.2	MEFT Nothing to report at this meeting.	
347.3	Sports Club Nothing to report at this meeting.	
347.4	Village broadband and website Dates of the PC's 2019-20 meetings were requested for placement on the village website.	
348.0	TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS	
348.1	<u>Applications submitted to HDC:</u> (TBC)	
348.2	a) 18/02123/VAC – Variation of condition (Variation of design and orientation of log cabin) It was agreed there was no objection to this proposal.	MF
	b) 18/02178/TCA - Cobblers Cottage, 4 Old Green, Medbourne (removal of a tree) It was noted that this application had only just been received, and that Cllr Shaen-Carter will draft a response.	Cllr S-C
348.3	<u>To note decisions undertaken by HDC:</u> (TBC)	

348.4	<p>None to report at this meeting.</p> <p><u>To note enforcement actions commenced by HDC</u> : (TBC)</p> <p>None to report at this meeting</p> <p><u>Other planning matters</u> : None to note</p>	
349.0	<p>TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:</p> <p>349.1 A note had been received from Caldecott Parish Council requesting that support come from MPC for their campaign to promote a proposed bypass around Caldecott village.</p> <p>Councillors considered this issue but agree there were mixed views and opinions on the benefit of a proposed bypass.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a response to Caldecott PC that expressed this discussion and that MPC will wait to hear more any such proposals in the future and take another view on the matter at that time.</p> <p>349.2 A reply had been received from Leics.CC Highways on MPC's request to reconsider the placement of the local 30 mph speeding boundaries. It noted that such a request could not be supported at present. [This issue also features in the note on traffic speeds attached to these minutes.]</p> <p>349.3 Notice had been received of HDC's current consultation on future Planning Obligations. It was agreed there need be no response.</p>	
350.0	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INTERNAL AUDIT OF PC ACCOUNTS</p> <p>350.1 Bank reconciliation details had been circulated prior to the meeting and will be placed on the village website.</p> <p>350.2 The VAT claim for 2016-17 will be completed in a short while.</p>	
351.0	<p>2018-19 BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS</p> <p>351.1 The payments below were all approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HDC (emptying of bins): £125.69 - E-ON (Lighting maintenance): £126.43 - M Field (salary January): £153.78 	MF

	- E-ON (quarterly street lighting usage): £398.31	
352.0	PREPARATION OF 2019-20 BUDGET AND PRECEPT	
352.1	Details of the next year's budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the final budget for 2019-20 be set at £11,864.	MF
352.2	The proposed 2019-20 precept of £11,864 was agreed and approved on the basis of the 2019-20 budget. MF will return this detail to MDC by 19 January 2019, with details explaining the % increase from 2018-19, and the connection of 'traffic calming' with the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.	MF
352.3	MF was instructed to check the general process and permissions for use of the PC's general reserves, namely to verify terms of the maximum in-year expenditure of reserves on top of the yearly budget.	MF
353.0	GRANT APPLICATIONS	
353.1	Two applications had been received on behalf of Medbourne Village Hall: a) for £2000 towards the current programme of hall redecorations; b) for £500 towards future running costs.	
353.2	It was agreed to support the application for £500 , but to defer a decision on the £2000 application until further information can be obtained with regards to the actual receipts/quotes from the decorating of the Hall, which is a standard requirement of the s137 granting system. MF to action by emailing the Secretary/Chairman to request this in response to the grant application form.	MF MF
354.0	QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR None received.	
355.0	ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: It was noted the lamp by Uppingham Road bridge is now working.	
356.0	COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES LRALC are holding an 'Election workshop' training session for current and prospective councillors on 31 January 2019.	

357.0	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - Update on Pagets Farm - Follow up on speed reduction measures - Payment of Remembrance Day wreathes													
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7.45pm, Monday 4th February 2019 The dates of the 2019-20 PC meetings were agreed as: <table data-bbox="347 712 1249 857"> <tr> <td>1 April 2019</td> <td>13 May 2019</td> <td>3 June 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 July 2019</td> <td>2 September 2019</td> <td>7 October 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 November 2019</td> <td>2 December 2019</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 January 2020</td> <td>3 February 2020</td> <td>2 March 2020</td> </tr> </table>	1 April 2019	13 May 2019	3 June 2019	1 July 2019	2 September 2019	7 October 2019	4 November 2019	2 December 2019		6 January 2020	3 February 2020	2 March 2020	
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ADDENDUM NOTE to the minutes of Medbourne PC January 2019 meeting

SUBJECT : Traffic Speeds and Traffic Calming

In line with the issues raised during the meeting from the 'Public Representations', a broader discussion was had to consider issues about speeding traffic in the village. It was noted that this subject featured in the Neighbourhood Plan and had been subject to discussion with local developers for financial contributions towards speed reduction measures, although no funds had yet been raised.

A letter had been received from Mr Whaling at LCC summarising a recent short review into local traffic and stating there would be no change in local speed limits, due to there being no statistical evidence of local injuries.

It was noted that LCC has increasingly meagre funds for new initiatives, and that local action sought by local communities would be likely to require local funds, although the implementation of any speed reduction measures would need to be in conjunction with the highway authority.

A short presentation was provided to the meeting by Ian Drummond (resident in a neighbouring village) on traffic calming measures considered by communities elsewhere:

- *'Rumble strips', which do slow traffic down, but can disturb local houses even at 30 mph;*
- *Speed Humps, which do work, but are very expensive (@£5k each...), and the provider must maintain them;*
- *Removal of a central white line inside a village core, so as to can induce more cautious driving;*

- *The provision of designed 'gateways' at all entrances to a village;*
- *Speed limit roundels and flashing signs to denote speed in excess of a stated limit (which tend to have an effect after a long period of time, although there is little clear evidence that any one type is superior to another);*
- *'Teeth hatchings' and speed limit figures painted on the road surface (£500 per set of hatchings, and put in by County Hall);*
- *Even a local walker with yellow jacket and a clipboard could achieve an effect....*

It was noted that there are five entry points into Medbourne village, with Ashley Road, Drayton Road and Uppingham Road considered to be especially hazardous.

LCC could provide covert speed survey equipment to help decisions on where to place new equipment, if any of this was considered necessary.

[A 'Speedwatch' initiative was launched in the village to correlate incidents and compile details on the provided form, but no completed responses had been received to date.]

Discussion aired a number of points, such as where to place any new equipment or signage in places with narrow verges, and that any instigation of equipment / activity would need careful conversations to be had with neighbouring properties.

There was general agreement to:

- *consider what funds could be available to the PC and put towards speed reduction measures;*
- *contact LCC Highways now in order to request the painting of speed restrictions on the new road surfacing to be provided in Uppingham Road;*
- *check with the Road Safety Partnership website about current speed reduction engagements and any available training.*