

MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4 February 2019
in Medbourne Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Gidley-Wright, Pilkington, Shaen-Carter, Easton, Caffrey, Parish Clerk plus 5 members of the public and Councillor Rickman (HDC)

ITEM. NO.	<u>AGENDA</u>	Action
358.0	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.	
359.0	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
360.0	REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION None.	
361.0	MINUTES OF THE PC MEETING ON 7 JANUARY 2019	
361.1	Two areas of amendment were agreed to the minutes of the January meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - additional comments received from Cllr S-C on the attached note on the traffic-calming discussion; - the comment regarding considerations of a proposed bypass in Caldicott should read "Councillors considered this issue but noted they held individual views on the possible benefit of a proposed bypass." 	
361.2	It was agreed to issue draft minutes to all Councillors for first comments and then agree the final edition with the Chair.	
362.0	PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON PAGETS FARM	
362.1	The Estate Manager and the Scheme Architect provided an update on current ideas for the potential redevelopment of land and buildings at the farm. This included a large agricultural shed, with attached lean-to workshop/'beehive' units as business spaces; barn conversions with extensions, and new dwellings; with landscaping. The proposed site plan and other drawings were circulated at meeting. The agricultural shed had been relocated nearer the rest of the development and is to be camouflaged with trees on a bund. Proposed new accommodation should include some 2-bed units, in line with the principles of the adopted Neighbourhood Plan, as suggested by councillors at the last presentation.	

	<p>Plans included a separate of access points for business and dwellings either side of the existing hedge-line, which was rejected by the councillors in favour of dividing the access road at the far end of the hedge.</p> <p>Consideration was being given for a new cycle route and /or new pedestrian access route(s) across the farm, towards the adjacent woods to the village, and some indicative lines were shown at the meeting. The parish council would be happy to liaise on ideas for public access/footpaths.</p> <p>The new road surfaces would likely be tarmac, with a service charge for their upkeep. Bins may need to be sited in a bin store closer to properties.</p> <p>The application is to be lodged in due course.</p>	
363.0	PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS	
363.1	Points were raised by the Warden for the War Memorial regarding small items of expenditure, such as for planting. It was agreed this did not require any formal grant application and that Cllr Pilkington would be the contact for this matter. [See 'maintenance' below.]	Cllr P.
364.0	UPDATES OF MATTERS ARISING / CLERKS REPORT	
364.1	<p>It was noted that all actions from the January minutes had been carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information had been returned to the Highways department on the extent of local lighting to assess for LED provision; - a letter on the potential painting of speed limits on the road surfaces had been sent to the County Council and a response received on the costs for such work: - a statement and explanation of the 2019-20 Precept had been sent to HDC; - details on the permitted use of the Parish Council's financial reserves had been circulated to Councillors; - a request had been sent to the Chair of the Village Hall for further information on its recent grant application sent out.... - a VAT claim had now been submitted for £1220.00 from the 2016-17 accounts; 	Copy to Treasurer - MF
364.2	Cllr S-C reported on a follow up meeting on speed calming measures held with Ian Drummond. This noted that some existing	

	<p>measures are difficult to see on existing road surfaces and some roadside posts are in disrepair.</p> <p>Details on these would be prepared as claims for reinstatement from LCC under usual procedures.</p>	
365.0	TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:	
365.1	<p>Village Hall</p> <p>The request for further information on decorating costs was noted. The Christmas tree had died but would be replaced again (for the third time). A Table Top sale is to be held 3 March, and a plant sale in May.</p>	
365.2	<p>MEFT</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
365.3	<p>Sports Club</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
365.4	<p>Village broadband and website</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
366.0	TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS	
366.1	<u>Applications submitted to HDC:</u> (None submitted in this period).	
366.2	<u>To note decisions undertaken by HDC:</u> (None to report).	
366.3	<u>To note enforcement actions commenced by HDC :</u> (None to report).	
366.4	<p><u>Other planning matters</u> : An appeal had been lodged by Nevill Holt Estate against refusal for the siting of timber posts by the roadside, near the hall. Previous written objections will be considered, but it was agreed that the Parish Council could provide 'before and after' photos to reinforce its previous objections. Cllr Pilkington undertook to look for some, but none could be found before the submission deadline.</p>	
367.0	TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:	
	<p>A response had been received from Leicestershire Highways department on traffic calming measures and costs for painting on the road surfaces and the positioning of 'Gateways' by the road-verges.</p>	
368.0	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INTERNAL AUDIT OF PC ACCOUNTS	

368.1	A VAT claim for expenses incurred in 2016-17 had now been submitted to HMRC seeking £1220.00 repayment.	
369.0	2018-19 BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS	MF all
369.1	The following payments were approved: M Field (salary, February): £153.78 Grant application Village Hall: £500.00 Remembrance Day Wreath (to Cllr G-W): £18.50 Hire of Village Hall for Parish Council meetings: £75.00	
369.2	Discussion was had on the cost of a short traffic speed survey from Leicestershire Highways into vehicle use of all main roads in the village for one week. The survey will be used to determine which entrances, if any, need additional traffic calming measures. It was agreed that this be authorised for £450 + VAT (which includes 50% discount...) and that MF inform Councillors of which heading this will fall into within the 2018-19 accounts. The anticipated traffic survey results would be considered at the next meeting within a discussion on that agenda for setting a reserve sum for traffic measures as a footnote in 2019-20 budget.	MF All
370.0	GRANT APPLICATIONS No further applications to discuss.	
371.0	QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR None	
372.0	ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:	
372.1	Cllr P will be the point of liaison on matters relating to incidental out-of-pocket expenses for the upkeep of the War Memorial.	Cllr P
372.2	It was noted that there are two significant dips in the Hallaton Road surface between the ford and Main street - Cllr P to contact LCC.	Cllr P
373.0	COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES Nothing to note at this meeting.	
374.0	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA	

	To reserve a budget sum for traffic measures for 2019-20 period.	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>7.45pm, Monday 4th March 2019</p>	
	<p>Amended Note on discussion held at January PC meeting on potential actions to restrict traffic speed:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>A short presentation was provided to the meeting by Ian Drummond (resident in a neighbouring village) on traffic calming measures considered by communities elsewhere:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - ‘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 induce more cautious driving; • The provision of designed ‘gateways’ at all entrances to a village, ideally provided by villagers • - Speed limit flashing signs to denote speed in excess of a stated limit tend to have an continuing effect, even after a long period of time, although there is little clear evidence that any one type is superior to another (i.e. a local community might as well go for the cheapest @ about £2100); 	

- - 'Dragon 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 six entry points into Medbourne village, with Ashley Road, Drayton Road, Uppingham Road and Hallaton Rd considered to be especially hazardous.

LCC could provide a covert speed survey to help justify decisions on where to place new equipment. [A 'Speedwatch' initiative was launched on the village website to correlate incidents and compile details on the provided form, but no completed responses had been received to date.]

Discussion raised 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.

Ian Drummond (who used to work for Highways) offered to meet councillors to consider the 4 main entrances to the village and discuss what he would recommend.

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 re-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.*

Signed.....

Date

Position