

**MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held in Village Hall on Monday 7 March 2022**

**In attendance:** Cllrs Kendall; Easton; Shaen-Carter; Wooten.

**Also present :** M Field (Parish Clerk), Cllr Rickman (HDC), 11 members of the public, plus Matt Bills (HDC)

**ITEM. NO.**

**885.0      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Oakes.

**886.0      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**887.0      REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None

**888.0      MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (held 31 January 2022)**

888.1      These were accepted as an accurate record.

**889.0      PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

889.1      A number of points were raised from members of the public on the ongoing concerns about the implications of proposed building works at 41a Main Street. The meeting was informed that previous surveys and conclusions may not have included sufficient consideration of the effect on all boundaries and mature trees. Cllr K & Cllr SC undertook to visit the property to confirm specific concerns.      **ACTION Cllr K / SC**

889.2      It was acknowledged that the Parish Council and Cllr Rickman will continue to press for further examination by HDC Planning and Building Control sections of the proposals at this address.

**890.0      HDC PRESENTATION ON REVIEWING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

890.1      A short presentation by provided by Matt Bills on how Neighbourhood Plans can be reviewed and refreshed following adoption. It was noted that such reviews could involve potential change or amendments at any of three levels:

1. Minor amendments (factual considerations, such as reference to any changed status of the Local Plan; built changes in the NP area; other circulars, etc.) – which can be agreed without the need for further public consultation or referendum.

2. Changes which will not materially affect the Neighbourhood Plan or its policies – e.g. identifying a new environmental site, or housing site that would be in accord with the existing Plan.
3. Other more substantial matters which could require definite material changes to the Neighbourhood Plan, which *are likely to* require a further consideration by an External Examiner – such as the community’s desire for some new policies - and may possibly a further referendum.

The recent review and adoption of a revised Plan at Great Bowden was suggested as a relevant example of this approach.

890.2 It was acknowledged that much of the ‘evidence base’ to Medbourne’s Neighbourhood Plan is pre-2018 and some local planning changes have certainly transpired since then, so it could be timely to consider an initial desk-based exercise to take a view of what level of renewal or revised could be appropriate actions the actions listed under points 1-3 above.

890.3 Councillors agreed that small group of parishioners should consider that first desk-based consideration - Cllr E (involved in drafting the original MNP) agreed to coordinate this initial activity. **ACTION Cllr E**

890.4 It was noted that further government funding support of local Neighbourhood Plan development could be renewed in the coming financial year – this could provide further grant support for Plans that give consideration for the allocation of new development sites.

**891.0 CLERK & COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

891.1 Traffic activated ‘speed signs’

The previous decision to apply for position traffic-activated signs on all four roads into the village was confirmed and to arrange payment of two signs in 2021-22 and two at the next suitable date.

Cllr SC to apply now for a licence for all four signs. **Action Cllr SC**

Cllr K noted that work has commenced to contact neighbours to all of the proposed positions.

No further details were available on final costings - Cllr O to be approached for an update **Action Cllrs K & O**

[NB : Further correspondence has been sent from Cllr K and Cllr R (HDC) to Highways on relocating the existing speed limit signs further out of the village, but no reply and been received to date. Other lobbying support had been sent to Highways from the Leics. Police Commissioner.]

891.2 Update on Packhorse Bridge

A brief update was had on discussions to organise the necessary repairs to the bridge. It was noted that the matter is now being considered by Leicestershire County Council Special projects who repaired the bridge the last time.

891.3 Jubilee Year commemorations (incl. Village Hall)

An outline of village events over the Jubilee period was provided to the meeting.

Posters and forms will be issued to identify likely demand and take-up.

Some HDC funds could be available although 'matched funding' would be required, and use of MPC's bank account as a 'holding account'.

It was agreed to allocate £250 - £500 (subsequently confirmed as £500) from MPC funds for general expenses here. **Action MF / Cllr E**

891.4 Other action points from 31 January

MF noted that a printing of the Neighbourhood Plan had been quoted as @£20 for a single copy - the printers had requested a password for access to the document, but MF was asked to check on this need.

891.5 Boundary Commission

Cllr R noted concerns on the recent Boundary Commission report that suggests changing the parliamentary constituency boundaries and recommended that parishioners return formal responses if they hold objections to the proposals.

**892.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**

892.1 Village Hall

892.1.1 A new 'appeal' is to be included in the village magazine.

892.1.2 Prices to hire the Hall and facilities may be required to rise.

892.1.3 Some of the Hall's tables are to be refurbished.

892.1.4 The latest 'Gin-tasting' evening raised £280.

892.2 MEFT

892.2.1 A further meeting was held earlier in the day and a new Treasurer and Secretary have now been appointed.

892.2.2 The proposed discussion with the Sports Club is to be organised in the near future.

892.3 Sports Club

It was noted that the next AGM is due to be held 14 May 2022.

## **893.0 TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS**

### 893.1 Applications to HDC:

#### 893.1.1 22/00430/TCA - 13 Rectory Lane Medbourne (*works to trees*)

There was no main objection to this application, although Councillors felt that the reason for removing the Sycamore could be clarified.

#### 893.1.2 22/00472/TCA - 2 Old Holt Road Medbourne (*works to trees*)

There was no objection to this application.

### 893.2 Other planning matters:

#### 893.2.1 *Revisions for 29 Main Street, Medbourne:*

There was no objection to the further detail of this application.

#### 893.2.2 *Land adjacent to 41A Main Street, Medbourne:*

Following the discussion on this subject earlier in the meeting, it was agreed that a request be submitted for a more substantial analysis of ground and soil conditions and potential slippage, assess the water courses and consider 'tree protection zones' on the site.

Cllr K agreed to contact the developer's agent, and Cllr K and SSC will meet and draft response to HDC Planning. **Action Cllrs K and SC**

## **894.0 MPC WEBSITE AND ACCESSIBILITY**

894.1 It was confirmed and agreed that costs of the required stand-alone website will be:

- Yr1 : establish site and hosting @£1000 + VAT

- future years : hosting, licence support @£250 + VAT

894.2 MF and DT had discussed the scope of transferring documents from the existing site to the new one. Weblinks will be established between the new site and the Village webpages. **Action MF**

## **895.0 REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL DEEDS**

895.1 MF noted he has reviewed the deeds held for Parish Council in the church safe and by the Council's solicitor, in preparation for the coming internal audit.

## **896.0 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

896.1 A letter had been received from Somerby Parish Council requesting lobbying support to protect Neighbourhood Plans.

896.2 A copy of the proposed Resources and Waste Strategy for Leicestershire had been received from Leics. County Council – it was agreed to place this on the village website. **Action MF**



**900.0**      **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

None.

**901.0**      **ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

901.1      It was noted that new arrangements are required for future mowing of the tow path - Cllr E agreed to check on a replacement 'volunteer' (funding would be available for a small fee).

901.2      It was noted that the roadside sign has fallen down at the top of Uppingham Rd – Cllr K will inform Cllr O.      **Action Cllr K & O**

**902.0**      **COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

902.1      Feedback from the LRALC Councillor Training on 8 February 2022 was extremely positive, and the session was strong on describing legal requirements

It was noted that LRALC can do tailored training, if desired.

**903.0**      **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Indicative budget outturn 2021-22
- Arrangements for Parish Meetings in May

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** *Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022*