MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting of Medbourne Parish Council on Monday 16 May 2022

Present Parish Councillors Oakes; Kendall; Wooton and Shaen-Carter;

Also: Parish Clerk, Cllr Rickman (HDC) + three members of the public

- 923.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Easton
- 924.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.
- 925.0 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

926.0 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (held 4 April 2022)

These were agreed as previously circulated.

927.0 CLERKS / COUNCILLORS REPORT

- 927.1 Potholes referrals had been sent to Highways
- 927.2 Cllr K is to action the obscured road sign on Uppingham Road
- 927.3 The Clerk will order the 500ml road safety mirror.
- 927.4 It was agreed the Clerk obtains 10 printed copies of the Neigh Plan.

928.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

928.1 Thanks were made to the PC for its £500 grant towards the Jubilee events. Over 250 people have already indicated they plan to attend the lunch. Thanks were also expressed to the Jubilee Committee for all its work.

929.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

□ **Village Hall** - updates were accepted as provided to the Annual Parish Meeting, held earlier on the same evening.

- □ **MEFT** No further information to share at present
- □ **Sports Club** Awaiting the AGM to take place.

930.0 TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS

- 930.1 Ref. No: 22/00994/FUL <u>Erection of a dwelling and garage</u> The Old House 10 Old Green Medbourne
 - (NB : correspondence received from A Granger)
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Discussion on this application noted the proposed new access, the trees to be removed, and the proposed height of the new property. It was agreed to ask for a proposed cross-section of the site and the impact on neighbours ACTION Cllr SC to draft comments.

- 930.2 Ref. No: 22/01018/TCA <u>Works to trees</u> The Covers Main St Medbourne It was agreed that Cllr SC check on the exact location of the tress proposed in the application and the proposed extent of the work.
- 930.3 Ref. No: 22/01029/FUL <u>Erection of a two storey front extension, loft</u> <u>conversion with dormer to rear, detached garage to front and</u> <u>associated works</u> 7 Old Holt Road Medbourne Following some extensive discussion on points raised in the application, it was agreed there was no comment to submit on the work proposed.

931.0 PROCESS TO REVIEW MEDBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

931.1 It was agreed that a meeting of a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group be convened @ 20 June in the Sports Club. ACTION Cllrs K and E.

932.0 REVIEW OF 'VILLAGE ENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL'

932.1 Cllr Wooton presented a summary of ideas that could increase parish engagement on sharing information for what could be particular concerns at local level and how this could be presented back to the Parish Council for its own focus.

Further work on such ideas will be brought a future PC meeting.

933.0 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 933.1 It was agreed to invite copies of the LCC 'heritage' leaflet to be delivered to Cllr Kendall (2 Ashley Rd).
- 933.2 It was agreed that Cllr Kendall attend the HDC Annual Parish Liaison meeting in November. ACTION Cllr K

934.0 LRALC 'INTERNAL AUDIT' OF 2021-212 ACCOUNTS

- 934.1 The report received from the Internal Auditor had been circulated and will be placed on the PC's webpages.
- 934.2 Two particular issues were noted in the report:

- It was noted that the information made available for public inspection of last year's 2020-21 AGAR return was incomplete, as not all the AGAR forms had been made available in the public domain.

- A recommendation has been made that a formal inspection regime is set up so that the Council can formally record and minute inspections of its assets including its open spaces, a process which at present is carried out but not formally recorded.

935.0 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2021-22 (to approve)

- 935.1 Councillors noted and approved the documentation for the Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) to the external auditors.
- 935.2 Councillors agreed that the Certificate of Exemption and the accounting statements were approved by the Parish Council on this date (16 May 2022) and recorded in this minute.
- 935.3 The notice to publicise the statutory 30-day period for public inspection of the audit and the AGAR return was agreed to be June to July.

936.0 <u>2022-23 BUDGET & APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS</u>

936.1 **The following payments were approved for 2022-23:**

- Westcotec (poles for traffic signs) : £1950/3900 (SC to check permit)
- Seton (roadside mirror, 500ml) : £137.93
- M Field (salary payments May and June) : £130.48 (x2)
- M Field (renewal of website domain name) : £11.98
- E-on (lighting maintenance to end-June) : £158.40

936.2 Bank Reconciliation to 30 April 2022

The latest balanced bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting.

936.3 Bank Mandate for MPC Mower Fund

- It was noted from the latest visit by CLLRs to the Bank that it does not seem to have complied with the PCs instructions to change the signatures and contact details for all accounts, including the Mower Fund.

- The formal complaint made regarding the original refusal of the OPC's signatures has not been upheld.

- It was agreed that the Clerk consider next options, to include a further complaint and any communication with the Banking Ombudsman.

937.0 INSURANCE RENEWAL 2022-23

The latest quotation for £693.94 had been circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk check if there would be any reduction in taking out cover now for the next three years. ACTION MF

938.0 GRANT APPLICATIONS

938.1 Cllrs agreed that a grant to assist the upkeep of the War Memorial could be suggested to the 'Wardens'. Cllr SC noted she had some gravel that could also be suitable towards such upkeep.

939.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR

No raised at the meeting.

940.0 ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

- 940.1 The notice board outside the shop needs repair ACTION Cllr O
- 940.2 A pothole on Ashley Road has been reported to Highways
- 940.3 A pothole by Springbank will be investigated ACTION Cllr O

941.0 COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES

The latest list of courses had been received from LRALC.

942.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Update on new PC website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 4th July 2022, 7.45pm, Village Hall