

MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Medbourne Parish Council on Monday 4 July 2022

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

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

943.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wooton, M Field

[It was noted that the Parish Clerk was absent due to Covid infection.]

944.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

945.0 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

946.0 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (held 16 May 2022)

946.1 These were accepted as previously circulated.

947.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

947.1 Mr Tom Price thanked the Parish Council for the work in reporting potholes and arranging the subsequent action by County Highways.

948.0 CLERK & COUNCILLORS REPORTS

948.1 Traffic activated 'speed signs'

[see Correspondence - minute no.952.3]

948.2 Update on Packhorse Bridge

It was noted that John Gray Harborough (District Public Rights of Way Inspector) had reported on 4 Jul 22 that he had re-inspected the bridge and it remains usable but only just. Depending on when works are sorted, he may have to close the bridge if public safety becomes an issue. He had emailed the structures team about an update on the last assessment of work not commencing until 'Autumn at the earliest' and once he had that update he would pass it on. Historic England were asking for further information which they were working through.

948.3 Feedback on Jubilee commemorations

- On Day 1 there had been a lighting of the beacon on Beasty's land, followed by fireworks donated by the Sanderson family. Hot dogs and drinks were provided. A prize raffle undertaken.

- On Day 2 a church service was held and W.I supplied the tea and cakes after.
- On Day 3 games and prizes for the children took place at the Sports ground.
- On Day 4 as the weather had been unpredictable, the Street Party was held in the V.H. grounds with Gazebos from all around the village.
- There has been positive feedback from the village " when are we going to do this again"!! Money was donated by residents, H.D.C. and the Parish Council. After all the expenses £1066 remains, and it is hoped to purchase a Gazebo and tables for future events.

948.4 Public notice period of 2021-22 accounts / audit return

The notice period had commenced. A summary of any requests will be brought o the next meeting by the Parish Clerk.

948.5 Other action points from meetings on 15 May 2022

- The next MNP review meeting would be held on 17 Aug.
- MPC wis ready to support funding new gravel for the War Memorial. The Clerk will be asked to get in touch with the custodians of the War Memorial and ask them to indicate potential costs.

949.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

949.1 **Village Hall**

It was noted that a Health and Wellbeing roadshow is coming to the V.H on Tuesdays starting on the 19th July until the 23rd of August. David Tuff will send an email to the village and a poster will follow. A disclaimer notice has been put up in the V.H. grounds.

The windows replacement has been put on hold as there is a short fall of funding.

Fund raising is on-going to cover third party insurance for future Bouncy Castles.

V.H. meetings will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday for a trial period.

949.2 **MEFT**

There had been no further progress on an MEFT Plan since the Vision meeting held on 9th May.

Cllrs raised the issue of the broken gate to the playground which had been raised by a number of people. Cllr K will report this to the MEFT committee.
Action Cllr K

949.3 **Sports Club**

Cllr Wooton should be able to provide an update at the next meeting.

950.0 TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS

950.1 Applications to HDC:

950.1.1 Ref. No: 22/01179/TCA : 16 Main Street Medbourne (work to trees)

The 'no objection' response had been submitted.

950.1.2 Ref. No: 22/01151/TCA : 4 Ashley Road Medbourne (work to trees)

It was noted a 'no objection' response had already been submitted.

950.2 Other planning matters: Hallaton Road site

Cllr SC had prepared a response to the latest outline plan from Hereward Homes. It was agreed that Cllr SC discuss possible next steps with Cllr Rickman and potential next discussion with Hereward Homes.

Action Cllr SC

951.0 UPDATE ON NEW 2022-23 MPC WEBSITE

951.1 The Clerk is to populate the new site so that it can be 'live' in September 2022

951.2 Councillors will share photos to use as backgrounds on the new site.

952.0 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

952.1 Dead Cherry tree

Cllr SC agreed to raise the issue of the dead cherry tree reported by Mr Baugh with the new Tree Warden - Bernard Hanraads. **Action Cllr SC**

952.2 Proposed pathway to local woods

The proposed footpath to Leviathan wood from the sports ground was originally going to be funded by the Brudenell Estate, as part of the planning gain to do with the development of their farm buildings off the Hallaton Rd. The route was explored in detail and would have involved the Estate creating the route including livestock barriers at the edge of fields and a bridge over the river. The route would have passed either under or over the old railway track.

A problem Arose on who would take liability for the safety of pedestrians in that area, and who would maintain the bridge. The bridge was also in different land ownership. In March 2020, the Parish Council did not consider that they should take on this liability, and minuted that other routes should be explored.

Medbourne Neighbourhood Plan page 19 suggested that a new footpath should be provided in Site 1 Station House Livery Yard -

Buildings only. As yet this site hasn't been put forward for development.

In the meantime, the Brudenell Estate has sold the farm buildings, and so are no longer involved.

The PC has no plans to take this further at the moment. Cllr SC agreed to prepare a reply detailing the current situation with Mr Baugh's footpath query.

Action Cllr SC

952.3 Cllr Galton (LCC, Launde division), regarding traffic signs

It was agreed to ask the Clerk to reply to Cllr Galton and ask if the potential funding would fund either all 4 new posts or one of the speed signs (or part thereof).

953.0 2022-23 BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

953.1 Changes to bank account mandate

The Clerk will be asked to contact the bank again on the subject of finally closing the Mower Fund.

953.2 The following payments were noted to have been paid, June 2022:

- M Field (salary for June) : **£130.48**
- Anchor Print (copies of Neighbourhood Plan) : **£147.04**
- Autela Payroll (payroll services) : **£66.52**
- HMRC (Tax & NI, Qtr.1) : **£260.00**
- M Field (postage) : **£10.45**

953.3 The following payments were approved for July 2022:

- M Field (salary for July) : **£130.48**
- Jubilee grant payments from £750+ (*payees to be confirmed*)
- E-on (Qtr. 2 maintenance) : **£158.40**
- Leics. County Council (traffic signs) : **£3900.00**
- Parish of Six Saints (parish magazine 21-22) : **£250.00**
- Medbourne Bowls Club (grant) : **£300.00**

953.4 Bank reconciliation to end-May 2022

The latest reconciliation had been circulated before the meeting.

953.5 Outturn of expenditure Qtr. 1 / (April – June) 2022-23

Qtr. 1 expenditure had been just above 25% of the yearly precept.

953.6 **Increase of Parish Clerk's hours from 1 September 2022**

To be discussed at the next meeting.

954.0 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

None received.

955.0 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

It was agreed that the new information leaflets about the Parish of Medbourne would be distributed via the following contacts:

- The Church
- Shop
- Rural Relaxing
- Pub
- Sports Club
- Village Hall
- AirB&B / B&B

956.0 **ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

The following items were agreed for action:

- Cllr Oakes to report blocked drain next to VH opposite Pub.
ACTION Cllr O
- Cllr Oakes to arrange repair of Village Notice Board next to shop.
ACTION Cllr O
- Cllr K to write to Mrs Wheeler-Bennett, Old Hall on Rectory Lane regarding cutting back hedge. **ACTION Cllr K**
- Cllr K had received the new mirror for the Waterfall Way/Ashely Road junction and would attempt to position it. **ACTION Cllr K**

957.0 **COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

Nothing raised.

958.0 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

To be confirmed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

7.45pm, Monday 5th September 2022