

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Cllr Tweddle (Chair), Clarke & Pilkington.
Cllr David Beaty

Parishioners: Rennie Barbour, Keith Sandars, Laurie Smith, Claire Pearce-Smith, Karl Jenkins, Ann & Tom Price, Ian Stevens & Garry Roberts.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Polito & Cllr Palmer.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 1ST AUGUST 2011:

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Tweddle.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.13.0 Speed Gun: A report has been received from PC Andy Cooper listing times and dates he has been to the village using the speed gun during August. One driver doing 39mph had been spoken to and a donation to charity requested.

Some concern was expressed that drivers were only being given a ticket if travelling at over 40mph and this will be taken up with PC Andy Cooper. Concern was also expressed about the speed of tractors through the village.

3.7.1 Beer Festival: A letter had been received from a resident raising a number of issues surrounding the Beer Festival, and in particular the nature of some of the antisocial behaviour from a number of those attending, together with broken glass both in the village hall grounds and the immediate vicinity and loudness and length of time of the music. As the nature of the antisocial behaviour is a matter for the police it was suggested that in future they be notified so that there can be an increased presence in the village when the Beer Festival is taking place.

It was agreed the points raised in the letter be passed to Mark Kempe, proprietor of the Nevill Arms, and that a formal response would be appropriate. Karl Jenkins advised that he has already arranged a meeting with Mark Kempe to address the points raised in the letter and will report back to the Parish Council.

3.81 Dovecote in Nevill Arms Car Park: Holes have now been cut into the sides of the dovecote. As it is on private land however we have no jurisdiction over its design, although the proprietors of the Nevill Arms are now aware of residents feelings towards it.

3.12.2 Water Leak near footbridge by Nevill Arms Car Park: This has now been repaired.

3.12.4 Footpath along Rectory Lane: The Highways Dept have been asked to resurface the footpath seriously degraded by weeds that had been allowed to grow along Rectory Lane due to spraying only having been undertaken as far as The Rectory.

3.16.1 Footpath along Ashley Road: The overhanging branches have now been cut back.

4.0 PLANNING:

4.1 During the month details of the following Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team had been received and circulated to councillors for comment:

D Hillsdon – Work to tree at 37 Main Street: Councillors had no comment to make with regard to this application. Permission for removal of the tree has since been given.

Mr K Galway – Extension of time for Planning Permission Ref: 08/01069/VAC in respect of erection of twenty leisure lodges at Innarla Caravan Park, Hallaton Road: Although overall councillors had supported the application on the basis that 20 leisure lodges would be preferable to the permission previously given for 40 caravans at this site, our original objections to the proposals still apply.

As the application is for an extension of time for permission given in 2008 Cllr Pilkington questioned whether the Parish Council would be able to give full consideration to this development again. Cllr Beaty who was present at the meeting advised that over ruling of an existing permission to a planning application is only considered if there had been a change in planning regulations since the date permission had been given.

It was therefore agreed to repeat our comments from the earlier applications.

4.2 During the month Planning Permission had been given to Mr N Hackett for extension to an existing conservatory at Foxhill, 17 Old Holt Road.

4.3 During the month details of Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team for the Harborough District had been received and circulated to councillors.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 During the month the following correspondence had been received and circulated to councillors:

- Policy Consultation relating to ‘Localising Support for Council Tax in England’
- Review of Polling District and Polling Places in the Harborough District.
- Information about the Rural Youth Voice Project.
- Newsletter for August 2011 published by L&RALC.
- Legal Briefing relating to an update on ‘The Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England’.
- Policy Consultation on ‘Open Public Services White Paper’
- Contact details for ‘Support for Carers Leicestershire’
- Health Information Events for Older People arranged by LINK Leicestershire

6.0 QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN:

6.1 **Public Footpath across sports field:** Following a letter received from the Highways Dept regarding removal of an unlawful sign on the kissing gate onto the sports field, Ian Stevens advised that the Sports Club would like to find a permanent solution by having the footpaths

diverted along the hedge side and across to the stile over the brook. It is understood that there is a flat fee of £1,800 for diversion of a footpath.

Ian had spoken to the Rights of Way Inspector when he had visited the sports ground who indicated he is prepared to come and talk about a possible resolution. The Sports Club would however initially like a joint meeting between themselves, the Parish Council and the MEFT.

Cllr Pilkington also advised that the matter of the signs on MEFT land also needs re-visiting.

7.0 REPORTS:

- 7.1 Deep rut between footbridge and the Nevill Arms car park off Main Street:** A letter has been received from Mark Kempe, proprietor of the Nevill Arms, advising that a customer had fallen after tripping over a deep rut filled with water. The location of the incident was the access road between the footbridge, the small pub car park off Main Street and the gateway to the Village Hall. The complainant appears to be looking to recover their losses by making a Public Liability claim.

The access road concerned is believed to be owned by the Highways Dept and is where recent repairs have been undertaken due to a water leak. The incident will therefore be reported to the Highways Dept and the relevant correspondence passed to them.

- 7.2 Outdoor Gym Equipment:** Cllr Pilkington advised that the MEFT is looking further into the information provided by Park Leisure about funding opportunities available through Sport England for outdoor gym equipment.

- 8.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:** Nothing to report.

9.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- 9.1 Missing drain cover at junction of Slawston Road and Hallaton Road:** This has been reported to the Highways Dept. In the meantime a road cone has been placed in the hole to alert traffic as it is potentially a serious hazard.

- 9.2 30mph Speed Limit signs on Uppingham Road:** The signs on the village side of the bridge appear to have been turned round obscuring view of the speed limit sign, possibly caused by being knocked by a high/wide vehicle. Keith Sandars kindly offered to take a look at them and if necessary the Highways will be contacted.

10.0 ACCOUNTS:

- 10.1** During the month the following invoices had been submitted to councillors for payment:

Clement Keys	£162.00
Audit Fee	

V Simkin	£35.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

At the meeting receipts totalling £42.44 for reimbursement to Peter O'Donnell for materials to paint the village benches were presented for payment. Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Pilkington.

- 10.2** A letter will be sent by the Clerk to Peter O'Donnell expressing our sincere thanks for the

excellent job he had done in repainting the parish benches. A thank you letter will be sent by the Clerk

- 10.3 Annual Audit:** Clement Keys, the External Auditors, have now completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2011 and the relevant Certificate has been received. The Closure of Audit Notice has been placed on the Parish Council Notice Board.
- 10.4 Registration for PAYE by Parish Councils:** Having written to the Specialist Employer Compliance Office of HMRC they have agreed that the current arrangements can remain in place for collection of tax on earnings by the Clerk and in the circumstances the Parish Council will not need to set up a separate PAYE scheme. This would need to be reviewed however if circumstances change.
- 11.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** As there will be no meeting in October, the next meeting will be held on Monday 7th November 2011, followed by the 5th December 2011.
- 12.0 COUNCILLOR'S HOLIDAYS:** Details of when councillors would be away were given.
- 13.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** No questions raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm