

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2011

Present: Cllr Polito (Chair), Tweddle, Clarke & Palmer

Parishioners: Keith Sandars & Fiona Smith

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Pilkington, David Beaty & Rennie Barbour

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2011:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.3.13.0 Speed Gun: The monthly report from Pc Tim Harwood had been received giving the outcome of speed monitoring in the vicinity of villages taking part in the scheme, including Medbourne, and the action taken against a number of offending drivers. The speed gun had been deployed on Drayton Road and Uppingham Road where one ticket was issued and another driver given advice about the speed at which they were travelling.

PC Andy Cooper has advised that it would be difficult to use the speed gun on the Hallaton Road as he must be 200 yards inside the change of speed limit to issue tickets, which means he would be inhibited by the bend in the road.

A suggestion was made at the meeting that the speed limit sign on Hallaton Road be moved so that the sports ground is covered by the 30mph limit.

3.6.1 Sign Post to Sports Club: Cllr Polito is waiting for a response from the Highways Dept.

3.6.2 Advertising Banners: The concerns raised about the advertising banner for The Cinnamon Lounge appear to have resolved themselves as they were damaged in strong winds. The owners have however approached the Bowls Club about erection of a permanent sign. Cllr Polito raised the matter of planning permission that would be required as it is a sensitive part of the Conservation Area.

Cllr Tweddle raised the matter of banners being erected in the church yard on a regular basis advertising events and other church related items. Cllr Polito will follow this up.

3.11.2 Service of Parish Mower: Cllr Clarke advised that maintenance and repair of the parish mower by Brooksby College, along with the Sports Club equipment, is still a possibility and is first on the list if the scheme goes ahead.

4.0 PLANNING:

4.1 During the month details of an application submitted by Seven Locks Housing had been received for installation of cladding to external walls(to provide insulation) and roof covering works at 50 Drayton Road. Cllrs had no reason to comment.

4.2 Planning Permission has been given to Mr K Galway for an extension of time for erection of twenty leisure lodges at Innarla Caravan Park, Hallaton Road.

- 4.3 Consent has been given to Mr & Mrs R Heyman for work to trees at The Manor House, Manor Road.
- 5.0 **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 5.1 During the month the following correspondence had been received and circulated to councillors:
- Email from RCC asking for entries into the Diary of Village Events & Guided Walks.
 - Summary of key measures included in the Localism Act 2011.
 - Notification of the successful application by the Sports Club to the Community Forum for a grant towards coaching.
 - Notification of the next meeting of the Standards Committee for HDC.
- 6.0 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:** No questions raised.
- 7.0 **REPORTS:**
- 7.1 **Village Hall:** Cllr Clarke reported that the recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee had been very positive when number of matters had been raised including the following:
- Repairs to roof:* A quote for £11,000 in respect of extensive repairs required to the roof has been received.
- Increase in hire charges:* Letters have recently been sent explaining why it has become necessary to increase hire charges.
- Cracking in the kitchen area:* The insurers have arranged an inspection of the damage which has confirmed that the cause of the cracking is the beech tree located close to the kitchen area. A planning application will now be submitted to have the tree removed.
- 8.0 **TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:**
- Cllr Tweddle reported that the scheme continued to be used on a regular basis by a small number of residents who do not have access to a car for essential travel. At present a sum of approximately £900 remains in the fund but as during the last financial year £665 was used, if the scheme is to continue further funding would be needed.
- 9.0 **PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**
- 9.1 **Parcel of Land Corner of Paynes Lane/Slawston Road:** Cllr Polito raised the issue of itinerants having been reported looking at this parcel of land which had prompted him to establish who the owner is. Cllr Polito asked councillors if they would like him to follow up on this with the suggestion of whether the owners would consider donating the land to the village, possibly to be used as allotments. It was agreed that this would seem a good idea especially as some interest had been expressed in having allotments in the village.

10.0 ACCOUNTS – Including Precept:

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

RBL Poppy Appeal	£ 40.00
Poppy Wreath & Donation	

Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£ 69.30
The Hollow	

J P Polito	£ 20.00
Reimbursement for contribution towards Trumpeter Remembrance Service	

At the meeting the following invoices were presented to councillors for payment:

SLCC	£ 46.00
Annual Subscription	

L&RALC	£ 25.00
Training Course Fee	

E.on Sustainable Energy	£121.54
Street Lighting Maintenance	

Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£ 49.42
The Hollow	

Proposed: Cllr Tweddle. Seconded: Cllr Palmer

10.2 Precept: A further draft of the Precept had been circulated to councillors to include a sum of £150 in respect of the Annual Fee being charged from next year for use of the Parish Council Website. As a recent invoice also shows the cost of servicing the Dog Bins has increased, the sum to cover these costs should be amended £410.

As a result the following suggestions had been put forward to enable the Precept to be kept at an acceptable level:

- No costs be included for repairs and servicing of the parish mower next year on the basis that Brooksby Agricultural College have offered to undertake maintenance of the Sports Club equipment and Ian Stevens being quite happy to include the parish mower. In the event of costs being incurred for repairs this could be taken from the Contingency Funds set aside for the Parish Mower.
- The sum for grass cutting be amended to £150 on the basis that a reduced charge is being negotiated for a smaller number of cuts along the towpath.
- A donation to the Diamond Jubilee of £150.
- The annual subscription for the L&RPFA no longer be paid by the Parish Council as it is already being paid by the Sports Club.

Taking all the above into account this would result in a Precept of £5,857, an increase on last year of £274 (4.91%). All councillors were in agreement and this will now be submitted to HDC. Proposed: Cllr Tweddle. Seconded: Cllr Palmer.

11.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2012, followed by 6th February 2012 and 5th March 2012 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

12.0 COUNCILLORS' HOLIDAYS: Details of when councillors would be away were given at the meeting.

13.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No questions raised.

At the end of the meeting Keith Sandars thanked councillors and clerk for all their work during the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.