

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2012

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Tweddle & Clarke.
Cllr Beaty

Parishioners: Laurie Smith, Keith Sandars & Tom & Ann Price.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Pilkington, who is attending a meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, and Cllr Palmer.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.3.7.1 Neighbourhood Planning: Cllrs Pilkington & Palmer are looking into this scheme to enable Parish Councils to become involved in decision making on land chosen in their communities for new development. Cllr Pilkington is tonight attending a Road Show Event organized by the L&RAC in order that the Parish Council can make a crucial informed decision about the scheme.

3.3.9.1 Towpath Mowing: Mark Paine has kindly volunteered to help with mowing of the towpath.

3.3.11.2 Servicing of Parish Mower: Cllr Clarke advised that the first batch of Sports Club equipment is due for return this week and the parish mower will be taken to Brooksby College with the second batch of equipment.

3.9.1 Pothole outside the Old Forge: This has been reported to Severn Trent Water who have indicated that it will be classed as a non urgent repair and looked at as soon as possible. The repair work has been allocated ref: no. 2000606139.

4.0 PLANNING:

4.1 Planning Application 11/01723/FUL – Brudenell Estates: The Planning Committee Meeting to discuss this application is being held tomorrow evening, Tuesday 6th March 2012, at the Council Offices, Market Harborough. The Parish Council has registered it's intention to speak for the allotted 3 minutes, along with two of the residents who have objected to the proposal. To make best use of the limited time given to speak it has been arranged that Cllr Tweddle will speak about the Road Safety & Visibility aspect, Paul Polito will speak as one resident covering Volume of Traffic & Relinquishment of Agricultural Rights to the paddock, and the second resident, Mark Paine, will speak on the Conservation aspect.

4.2 During the month details of the following Planning Applications submitted to Development Control have been received and circulated to councillors:

- **Mr Richard Matthews – Erection of 2 storey rear extension, insertion of new windows & canopy over front door at Brook House, 1 Main Street:** Councillors supported the proposal although some concern was expressed about any adverse impact on houses in Brook Terrace.

- **Mr & Mrs Ludiman – Creation of new recessed porch & internal alterations to Bridgedale Farm, 7 Brook Terrace:** Councillors had no reason for comment with regard to this particular application.
- **Medbourne Village Hall Management Committee - Felling of beech tree at The Old School, Main Street:** Councillors had given their support to this proposal. As the Parish Council is a party to the lease for the Village Hall their interest in this application was declared.

4.3 During the month Planning Permission had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Mr M Smith 2 Brookfield Cottages, Drayton Road:** Extension of time for erection of two storey side extension.

4.4 **HDC Planning Liaison Meeting:** The Agenda for this meeting arranged for 27th March 2012 has been received. This includes important elements of the Core Strategy adopted by HDC, including housing in the countryside and Selected Rural Villages, Neighbourhood Plans & Neighbourhood Development Orders and Planning Application Decisions & Material Considerations. Representatives of the Parish Council will attend.

4.5 **Site Allocations Plan – Call for Sites:** As part of the Core Strategy adopted by HDC the public, parish councils, landowners and their agents, together with other interested parties are being given the opportunity to put forward sites for development that could be allocated for housing. Parish Councils have now been asked if they have sites to put forward, although this is aimed at any derelict land that could be considered suitable for development.

A further consultation will be undertaken in April/May when an opportunity will be given under the Allocation Development Planning Document, giving options of sites that have been put forward for further assessment. Any sites already put forward following the Call for Sites in May 2011 will automatically be included as part of the Site Allocations process.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- List of courses being arranged by SLCC during period March – June 2012
- Details of revised times for visits to the village by the Mobile Library
- Summary of the cover provided to Parish Councils by the policy through Came & Company
- Details about entry for the Village Achievement Awards 2012
- Acknowledgement of our support for the proposal put forward by Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council to introduce compulsory pre-application consultation on large scale planning applications between prospective developers and local communities.
- On-line Consultation from HDC for Community Safety Plan and Town Centre Development
- Legal Briefing from NALC in respect of S.137 Expenditure Limit for 2012-2013

- On-line survey relating to HDC Priorities
- Notice of Open Events and Time Trials being arranged by Rockingham Forest Wheelers during 2012.
- Notification of a Community Forum Meeting on Thursday 8th March 2012 at Tugby Village Hall.

6.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:

- 6.1** Cllr Clarke asked about a recent disturbance outside the Horse & Trumpet. It transpired this was in connection with a private party involving a Medbourne resident.

7.0 REPORTS:

- 7.1 Beer Festival:** The Village Hall Committee has now received a letter from the Nevill Arms outlining the steps being taken to address the problems encountered with the Beer Festival last year. If the list of proposals are implemented, similar incidents should be avoided this year and this will be discussed at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

- 7.2 ‘Pork Pie Evening’:** This recent fun event held each year at the Sports Club had been very successful. Fifteen people in the village took an active part by bringing along their homemade pork pies for tasting and judging by Neville Hackett.

- 7.3 Allotments:** Cllr Pilkington has done some preliminary research into the obligations and requirements of the Parish Council in relation to allotments. In the event of six letters or more being received from people in the parish the Parish Council has a duty to try to find suitable sites for allotments.

The Clerk has also contacted LCC and HDC to ascertain if they have any land in the vicinity which could be used as allotments. LCC advised however that they have no involvement with allotments. HDC do not hold any land in the area. They are not allowed to hold allotment land where a Parish Council exists and would need to look at leasing it to the relevant Parish Council for that purpose. Our only option, if the requisite number of written requests are received, would be to provide the allotment land from existing Parish Council land or approaching local landowners to determine whether they have any land which they would be prepared to lease or donate to the Parish Council as allotments. If, after due consultation, no land is available for allotments, nothing more could be done.

There are a number of allotments at Hallaton for which a waiting list is kept. Having spoken to a member of the Allotment Association Committee, we have been advised that although Hallaton residents would always take precedence, if no resident of Hallaton is on the list it could be offered to a resident of a neighbouring parish, should a plot become vacant.

- 8.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:** The scheme continues to tick along with the few regular users.

9.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- 9.1 Faulty street light:** The street light opposite the entrance to Waterfall Way has been repaired but now appears to be on all the while. This has been reported to E.on.

9.2 Signage to Sports Club: A letter has been received from Traffic Management at LCC advising that following guidance received from Central Government on reducing the amount of clutter on the highway, the County Council will only consider new installations if they are deemed necessary. After considering our request they do not feel it would be appropriate to install any new signs giving directions to the Sports Club.

10.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

Murphy's Taxis	£55.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	
Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£79.12
The Hollow	
R Murphy	£50.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	
CAB	£ 50.00
Annual Donation	
Medbourne Village Hall	£740.00
Annual Donation & Hire of Hall	
Medbourne DCC	£ 24.00
Donation to Church Light	

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

E.on	£121.54
Street Lighting Maintenance	
E.on	£ 45.60
Street Light Repair	

Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Tweddle.

10.3 The relevant forms for the change in signatories that will be required when the new clerk takes up the position, have been requested from Barclays Bank and National Savings & Investments.

11.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd April 2012. Could all councillors please submit their written reports to the Clerk beforehand. This will be preceded by the normal monthly meeting at 6.30pm. The following meeting will be the Annual Statutory Meeting on Monday 14th May 2012 and the next on Monday 11th June 2012.

12.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS: None given.

13.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Tom Price asked if arrangements could be made to have the adopted road in front of Brook Terrace re-surfaced as it has deteriorated quite badly. Cllr Polito will report this to the Highways Dept.

At the end of the meeting Cllr Polito thanked the retiring Clerk for the support given to the Parish Council over the last twelve years and made a presentation on behalf of councillors. Fiona Smith has kindly come forward to fill the vacancy and will take over the role as Clerk from 1st April 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.