

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2012

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Tweddle, Pilkington and Palmer.
Cllr Beaty

Parishioners: Rennie Barbour.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Clarke, Keith Sandars

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 5th MARCH 2012:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.13 Cllr Polito reported problems with the road surface of the adopted road in front of Brook Terrace to the Highways Department. It has been inspected and requires an overlay; the work will be done when there is a gang in the area. It has been allocated job no. 5166768.

3.9. Pothole outside the Old Forge: This has been repaired.

4.0 PLANNING:

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

- **Mr & Mrs Johnson – Alterations to front entrance doorway, erection of canopy to front elevation, erection of single storey rear extension, Corner House, 1 Old Holt Road:** Overall councillors had some objection to this proposal, concerns having been raised regarding the size and appearance of the extension in relation to the existing property and the loss of existing parking facilities to the rear of the property.
- **Mr & Mrs Kendall – Erection of single storey side extension & single storey rear extension to detached garage, 2 Ashley Road:** Although councillors have overall support for this proposal there is a little concern regarding any effect this development may have on the properties in Brook Terrace and the overall appearance the further development may have on the building (given that although it has been previously converted the original character of the property has been retained so far).

4.2 During the month Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Mr & Mrs Ludiman, Bridgedale Farm, Drayton Road:** Creation of new recessed porch and internal alterations.

4.3 During the month Planning Permission was refused in respect of the following:

- **Brudenell Estates, Pagets Farm, 36 Main Street:** Conversion of barns to create two dwellings; demolition of outbuildings and erection of detached garage block (revised scheme of 10/00848/FUL).

- 4.4** During the month permission was given in respect of proposed work to trees for the following:
- **Medbourne Village Hall Management Committee:** Felling one beech tree at The Old School, Main Street.
- 4.5** **Signage for Cinnamon Lounge:** A new advertising sign has been erected by the Cinnamon Lounge on land owned by the Parish Council and leased to the Medbourne Bowls Club. This sign requiring planning permission, had not been applied for nor the Parish Council consulted. The Cinnamon Lounge were therefore served with a notice by Cllr Polito on 21st March that the sign should be removed within 14 days. Cllr Polito spoke to HDC on 2nd April and advised that a check is being made that the appropriate letter has been sent by HDC and a site visit would be made by the Chief Enforcement Officer.
- 4.6** **Request from Stockerston Parish:** A communication had been received from Stockerston asking for support opposing an application for a wind turbine at Belchers Hill near Horninghold. The application has now been withdrawn due to a technicality, but is likely to come up again. Councillors agreed that individual personal responses could be made but it was not appropriate to respond as a council.
- 4.7** **Support for Local Council Right of Appeal:** There is currently a Bill before Parliament which would give local councils the right of appeal against the granting of planning permission, where they have recommended refusal. Cllr Ron Bailey from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council asked for support for this via House of Commons Early Day Motion No 2824. Councillors agreed that a letter of support should be sent from the parish council to the House of Commons.
- 4.8** **Neighbourhood Planning:** This was discussed further, following a Roadshow Event attended by Cllr Pilkington on 5th March 2012 and a HDC Planning Liaison Meeting held on 27th March 2012 attended by Cllr Polito. It was felt that Neighbourhood Planning was geared more towards the larger Parish Councils who are likely to face major developments. A significant amount of work would also be involved in setting up a Neighbourhood Plan, requiring a committee of 21 people, and it was felt that this was not appropriate for the smaller Parish Councils such as ourselves, especially as site proposals will come before the parish council for consultation anyway. Councillors voted unanimously against working to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 5.1** During the month the following correspondence has been received and circulated to councillors:
- Details of insurance requirements for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations organized by Parish Councils.
 - An e-mail requiring confirmation of delegate for 'Finding Project Funding' on 9th May was received from LRALC. Councillors agreed Cllr Clarke should be asked if he would like to go, otherwise the place should be cancelled
 - LRALC Training Schedule 2012
 - Details of Cash for your Community 2012 through the Rural East Community Forum
 - Letter from HDC about the Community Governance Review 2012
 - Information about the Localism Act and the Standards Regime from LRALC
 - Notification and agenda for Standards Committee Meeting on 13th March

- Details of energy advice training
- Market Harborough Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
- Voluntary Action Leicestershire request to check Database information held
- Minutes of a Community Forum Meeting on Thursday 8th March 2012 at Tugby Village Hall.

6.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:

- 6.1** Cllr Palmer asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the Packhorse Bridge. Cllr Polito advised that as it is an Historical Building the bridge is the responsibility of the Leicester Structures Department, and added that they are looking at redesigning it in the future given the problems with deterioration of the timber posts.

7.0 REPORTS:

These will be given at the Annual Parish Meeting that is to follow this meeting.

8.0 SUPERFAST BROADBAND

- 8.1** Correspondence has been received regarding the Broadband Leicestershire programme, which is aiming to improve broadband connectivity in Leicestershire. It is hoped this could result in an improvement in our area. As part of the programme users are asked to complete a questionnaire at www.leics.gov.uk/broadbandsurvey - open until 30th April 2012. Cllrs agreed information on this should be placed on the village website and also in the parish magazine, asking people to support it by completing the questionnaire

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

10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- 10.1 Pothole on Old Holt Road :** Cllr Tweddle will report this to the Highways Customer Service Department

11.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

Eyebrook Bird Feeds	£108.00
The Hollow	

Bryan Smith	£73.59
Petrol Can, The Hollow	

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

J Sandars	£438.00
Clerk Salary and stamps	

L & R ALC	£25.00
Clerks Training	

£200.00

Proposed: Cllr Tweddle. Seconded: Cllr Pilkington.

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| 10.2 | All changes in signatories are complete for Barclays Bank; changes in signatories for the National Savings & Investments account are in progress. |
| 11.0 | DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the Annual Statutory Meeting at 7.45pm on Monday 14 th May 2012. The following meeting will on Monday 11 th June 2012 and the next on Monday 2 nd July 2012. |
| 12.0 | COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS: None given. |
| 13.0 | PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: No questions raised. |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.