

**Medbourne Parish Council**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012**

**Present:** Cllrs Polito (Chair), Tweddle, Clarke, Palmer and Pilkington.  
Tom & Ann Price, Jenny Sandars and Laurie Smith

**1.0 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Beaty

**2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2012:**

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

**3.0 MATTERS ARISING:**

6.1 **Ragwort:** This has now been cut where possible, having not been sprayed last spring. A reminder may be necessary for it to be sprayed next spring.

7.4 **Register of Member's Interests:** All Councillors have returned the register of interests form to the monitoring officer at Harborough District Council, with the exception of Cllr Palmer, who will return his as soon as possible.

9.1 **Drain at corner of Springbank:** Highways did clear mud and debris from this drain but unfortunately water is once again escaping on to the road. It has been reported and given a new job number – 5946250.

9.2 **The Big Tree Plant:** A response is currently awaited from David Ross regarding planting in Leviathan Wood.

10.5 **Medbourne Mower Fund:** Cllr Clarke reported that the Sports Club had disputed having missed an annual payment into the Mower Fund. The clerk will provide detail from the bank statements to Cllr Clarke.

18.2 **Street Light Ashley Road/Waterfall Way:** There is still some doubt as to whether this is working properly – Cllr Clarke will follow it up.

19.3 **Draft Risk Assessment for Volunteers:** No further comments have been made to Cllr Pilkington regarding the draft risk assessment. Councillors were given an additional week for comment, after which the assessment will be formalised and then kept on file for the purpose of insurance 'good practice'.

**4.0 PLANNING:**

**4.1** During July and August details of the following Planning Applications submitted to Development Control had been received and circulated to councillors:

- **Mr & Mrs Smith, 6 Waterfall Way – Conversion of existing summerhouse to en-suite bedroom:** Councillors had no objection to this application, with one supporting comment that it would enhance the existing building.
- **Mr & Mrs Hammond, 7 Hallaton Road – Erection of two-storey side extension and two-storey front extension:** Councillors had no comments.

- **Mr Bromwich, Mill Farm, Slawston Road – Erection of agricultural worker’s dwelling and detached garage:** Councillors objected to this application on the grounds that it was too substantial a development on unspoilt fields.
- **Mrs J Reeve, Cobblers Cottage, Old Green – Removal of one tree:** Councillors had no comments.
- **Miss Sarah Freer, 5 Springbank – RENEWAL - Erection of two-storey extension:** Councillors had no comments.

**4.2** During July and August Planning Permission had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Innarla Caravan Park, Hallaton Road:** Planning Condition Discharge; discharge of conditions 2, 4, 7 and 9 of 09/00592/FUL
- **Mr & Mrs Sanderson, Nutbush, Holt Road:** Erection of a single storey extension.

**4.3** During July and August Planning Permission was refused by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Mr & Mrs Sowerby, 26 Drayton Road:** Two-storey and single storey rear extension

**4.4** During July and August 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 July and August the following correspondence had been received and circulated to councillors:

- E-mail from David Hankey, Great Easton re. Affordable Housing Contribution
- Details of consultation on changes to Council Tax Benefit Scheme
- Details of SLCC Elections and Regional Conference
- Details of training courses from LRALC
- HDC Rota of Meetings 2012 – 2013
- Agenda for HDC Council Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July
- Speeding report
- July and August Crime reports for Welland Valley
- LCC Highways Customer Contact Points information
- LRALC July and August Newsletters
- Request for info. Re Chill Out Bus (passed to David Gibley)

- LRALC Annual Report
- Details of Leics Rural Partnership rural business grants
- Details of campaign to implement Sustainable Communities Act
- Details of Naturespot Parish Wildlife Websites
- Details of Neighbourhood Watch beat surgery in Market Harborough
- Transport survey from RCC
- North Northants Notification of Consultation, Joint Planning Unit
- Invitation to apply to be a Trustee of the RCC

## **6.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:**

**6.1** Cllr Clarke queried the height of new kerbstones laid at the development on Rectory Lane (Mr and Mrs Heyman). Detail from the original plans will be circulated to councillors.

## **7.0 REPORTS:**

**7.1** Cllr Polito reported that he had been contacted by Steve Castens from Ashley who in turn had been approached by Northampton Borough Council about the possible extension of the Brampton Valley Way. Mr Castens wanted to find out if this was practical, and if so, whether it was something Medbourne Parish Council would support. Since much of the land this would concern in Medbourne is in private ownership, it was felt that an extension would not be practical.

**7.2** Cllr Polito has spoken to Cllr Beaty regarding a letter received from David Hankey about affordable housing contributions. Cllr Beaty has the paperwork regarding Harborough District Council's policy on this, which is representative of how most councils operate. This will be circulated to councillors so that they are in a position to discuss this further.

**7.3** A letter has been received from Roger Daulby querying the status of the MEFT and the Free School Charity. He has also asked for an explanation of the requirement for a new lease for the Village Hall, rather than merely an extension to the old one.  
Cllr Polito will respond.

**7.4** Cllr Tweddle has announced her intention to retire as councillor from February 2013. Steph Dunkley has been co-opted to replace her at that time.

## **8.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:**

Nothing to report.

## **9.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

**9.1** The state of the drains at the junction of Main Street and Drayton Road has been reported to Highways. It has been given a job number - 5946252.

**9.2** The footpath through the churchyard has been inspected following a request for re-surfacing last year.

**10.0 ACCOUNTS:**

**10.1** During July and August the following invoices had been submitted to councillors for payment:

Eon Quarterly Electricity	£181.37
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Murphys Taxis Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	£30.00
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Leicestershire County Council Parishes Website Support Service	£180.00
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**10.2** At the meeting the following invoices were presented to councillors for payment:

Eon Quarterly Maintenance	£126.43
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Bryan Smith Fuel for strimmer	£21.33
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Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Palmer.

**10.3** The sum of £492.40 raised at the Sunday Teas has been paid into the Hollow Funds held within the Parish Council accounts.

**11.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.45, followed by November 5th.

**12.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS:** Details of when councillors would be away during the forthcoming month were given.

**13.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

No questions raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.