

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 5th November 2012

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Tweddle, Clarke and Pilkington.
Cllr Beaty (part), T & A Price, R Daulby, J Sandars, C Pierce-Smith, D Woods, N Philbin

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Palmer

1.1 Due to his imminent house move, Cllr Palmer has tendered his resignation to the Parish Council. The relevant notice of vacancy has been placed on the Parish Notice Board, giving parishioners the opportunity to call a by-election within 14 days by writing to the Electoral Officer at HDC. If insufficient parishioners make such a request the vacancy will be filled by co-option until the next Parish Council elections in May 2015.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2012:

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

3.0 MATTERS ARISING:

3.3.9.2 The Big Tree Plant: Bryan Smith and Cllr Polito had a meeting with Jim Chattaway (Estate Manager) at Leviathan Wood and discussed where trees could be planted. Subsequently a response has been received from Groundwork quoting a price of £730 for 670 trees, for which no grant is available. David Ross has been approached via Jim Chattaway regarding contributing the cost and a response is awaited.

3.3.18.2 Street Lights: No further complaints have been received.

3.3.19.3 Draft Risk Assessment for Volunteers: This has now been finalised and will be distributed to the following volunteers:
Bryan Smith : The Hollow
Sean Reid : Playground
Peter O'Donnell : Benches
David Baugh : Towpath Mowing
Keith Sandars : War Memorial

3.9.1 Road 'Lifting' on Manor Road: This has been reported and issued with a job ticket, although no works timescale has been given.

3.9.2 Manor Road Blocked Drains: The blocked drains between Nutbush and the pumping station have also been reported and issued with a job ticket.

3.13 Archiving: Tom Price reported good progress made on the archiving of the work of the steering committee who worked on the conversion of the old school into the Village Hall. He has passed on some documents to the Village Hall and will meet with Cllr Polito at a later date to go through others. He is also putting together an archive of other documents received from Mick Cooper. There is concern over having safe space to store these archives, since many of the documents are originals. The Clerk will make enquiries about archiving facilities; there is also a possibility there could be grants available to enable copying and displaying heritage documents.

3.7.3 Village Hall lease: A letter has been received from Hewitson's explaining why a new lease was necessary. This has been forwarded to Roger Daulby.

4.0 PLANNING:

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

- **Mr O Muto, 15 Old Holt Road – Erection of external staircase:** Councillors had no comments to make on this application.
- **Mr G Roberts, The Sheiling, 1 Hallaton Road – Demolition of existing single storey rear extensions, erection of single storey rear extension and works to boundary wall:** Councillors had no objections to this application; one councillor did comment that the extension did not appear to match in very well with the original building.
- **Mrs Adams, 39 Main Street – works to trees:** Councillors supported this application.

4.2 During October Planning Permission had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Miss L Easton, 6 Springbank:** Works to trees.
- **Mr Roger Lee, 6 Drayton Road:** Works to trees.
- **Miss Sarah Freer, 5 Springbank:** Extension of time (three years) on application 09/00606/FUL.
- **Mrs J Reeve, Cobblers Cottage, Old Green:** Works to trees.
- **Mr Godfrey, 11 Rectory Lane:** Works to trees.
- **Mr William Jones, Station House, Uppingham Road:** Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and detached outbuilding.

4.3 During October 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 October the following correspondence had been received and circulated to councillors:

- Letter from HDC confirming precept not affected by Council Tax Support Scheme
- Returned Register of Members Interests forms from HDC
- RCC weekly bulletins, Rural Opportunities bulletins, SLCC News bulletin
- Overview of changes to Neighbourhood Policing
- LRALC September and October Newsletters
- Date of Annual Parish Liaison meeting (28.01.13)
- HDC Free Green Cone Offer
- October Crime report for Welland Valley
- Letter advising deferment of HDC Consultation on a Local Plan document
- Details of RCC training session (6.11.12)
- Minutes of Harborough Rural East Community Forum (3.10.12)
- Details of Youth Focus Event in Kibworth (29.11.12)
- Agenda for HDC Council meeting

6.0 BIG SOCIETY

- 6.1** A letter had been received by the Parish Council from Tom and Ann Price. For the benefit of the meeting, Tom read his letter, which voiced the concern felt by many local groups that insufficient people are coming forward to help with or participate in local activities. He suggested some ways which could help to increase awareness and motivate people, such as a poster campaign or an introductory type of event in the Village Hall.
- It was agreed that a brainstorming meeting be set up involving Tom, Cllr Pilkington, a representative from the sports club and a representative from the village hall committee, with a view to presenting some ideas for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

7.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:

- 7.1** None raised.

8.0 REPORTS:

- 8.1** Cllr Polito reported that he had visited the Youth Club on their open evening, saying that it appeared to be well attended and well run. It is felt that the money donated by the Parish Council annually is being put to good use.
- 8.2** The Parish Council has received a letter from Nickie Philbin regarding the Village Hall. Since the building seems to need attention in many areas, it is hard to know which area is the most important. The Village Hall committee is therefore putting in bids for grant money in order to carry out an Energy Audit and also to pay for a surveyor to do a full survey and prioritise the work. A questionnaire would also be circulated to all villagers to try to establish what people would like from the Village Hall and how they may be able to help. This should help to avoid spending time and money on items for which there may be little demand.
- The Village Hall committee already have a letter of support from a County Councillor but also needs supporting letters from the Chairman of the Parish Council to go with their bids. All were in favour of doing this and letters will be sent by Cllr Polito.
- 8.3** Cllr Pilkington clarified some points regarding the MEFT, following concerns raised at the last meeting.
- 8.3.1** The return lodged with the Charity Commission for 2006 was filed in error. The correct figure was £327 and the Charity Commission has amended the record accordingly. MEFT financial records support this.
- 8.3.2** The MEFT is referred to on the Charity Commission website as the "other" or "working name" of the charity registered as the Recreation Ground. Documentation supports that the MEFT is still a valid charity and has a governing document supporting it in the scheme dated 1926 registered with the Charity Commission. Notwithstanding this, a small amount of administrative housekeeping in conjunction with the Charity Commission may be necessary to ensure the governing document reflects the current purpose of the charity.
- 8.3.3** The Charity Commission's record of the Trustees of the MEFT/Recreation Ground needs to be updated. This is the responsibility of the Trustees, in accordance with the governing document and in conjunction with the Charity Commission.
- 8.4** Cllr Clarke reported that the Gang Mowers have been taken to Brooksby College for inspection. Cllr Polito will check with Ian Stevens whether the Parish Mower should also be looked at.

9.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:

- 9.1** The current balance for the Taxi Voucher Scheme is £567.60, with only two users at present.

There is no further funding and it was proposed that the scheme be allowed to continue at the current level until the money runs out. Thanks were given to Cllr Tweddle for having run the scheme for so long.

10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

10.1 No issues raised.

11.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

Ian Stevens	£42.75
Fuel for mower	

Eon	£183.36
Street Lighting Electricity	

R Murphy	£20.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

Murphys Taxis	£15.00
Redeemed Taxi Vouchers	

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

Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds	£32.17
The Hollow	

Royal British Legion	£40.00
Remembrance Day Wreath	

Proposed: Cllr Tweddle. Seconded: Cllr Clarke.

11.3 During the month a £20 donation had been paid into the bank on behalf of The Hollow.

12.0 PRECEPT 2013/14

12.1 The clerk presented a draft precept proposal for the year 2013/14, which councillors took away to review for further discussion at the next meeting.

13.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on December 3rd at 7.45, followed by January 7th.

14.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS: None given.

15.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

15.1 Jenny Sandars queried whether speed checks were still being done in the village. Cllr Polito confirmed that they are.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.