

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2013

Present: Cllrs Tweddle (Chair), Clarke and Oliver
Cllr Beaty, J Sandars, M Jones, L Easton

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Polito, Cllr Pilkington, R Daulby

2.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2012:

2.1 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Oliver.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: None

4.0 PLANNING:

4.1 During the month details of the following planning applications submitted to Development Control had been received and circulated to Councillors:

- **Severn Trent Water – Creation of a grass crete layby, Manor Road:** Councillors had no comment to make in respect of this application.
- **Langton Homes – Demolition of two existing buildings and erection of a detached dwelling and garage, The Old Slaughterhouse, Springbank:** This was discussed at the meeting, where concerns were raised of the visual impact in a conservation area of the size and height of the proposed dwelling and its setting against the existing listed buildings and in particular, the church. This comment will be submitted to the Planning Officer. (Councillor Oliver did not comment due to a conflict of interest). Public comment at the meeting also included concerns over increased traffic and parking around the already busy shop area and the potential impact on trees via their roots due to the proposed basement.

4.2 During December details of Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team for the Harborough District had been received and circulated to councillors.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Parish Liaison Meeting Information
- Neighbourhood Planning Bulletins
- Notification of Website Review and Annual User Conference
- LRALC December Newsletter
- November Crime report for Welland Valley
- Precept Setting Update and Briefing from HDC Finance
- Highways Newsletter
- Letter from Village Hall Management Committee re. Funding

6.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:

- 6.1** Further to Cllr Tweddle's intention to retire as councillor from February 2013 (Minute 7.4 meeting of 3/9/12), the clerk raised the issue of the requirement to display a Notice of Casual Vacancy. This will be displayed before the next meeting.

7.0 REPORTS:

Nothing was reported.

8.0 TAXI VOUCHER SCHEME:

- 8.1** This continues to run, the balance of the fund now stands at £387.60

9.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- 9.1** Some of the slabs which stand upright alongside the Ashley Road footpath are broken. This will be reported.
- 9.2** A ditch is blocked on the Hallaton Road by the 5-bar gate near the Sports Club. This will also be reported.

10.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

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| Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds | £62.92 |
| The Hollow | |

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| E-on Sustainable Energy | £126.43 |
| Lighting Maintenance | |

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

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| Murphys Taxis | £80.00 |
| Redeemed Taxi Vouchers | |

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| E-on Electricity | £183.36 |
| Electricity | |

Proposed: Cllr Clarke Seconded: Cllr Oliver

- 10.3** The bank mandate form has now been completed and will be sent off, to enable Cllr Oliver to be a cheque signatory.

11.0 PRECEPT 2013/14

- 11.1** Further to presentation of the precept at the last meeting, an estimate of £5903 has been submitted to HDC. However, a change in the tax base and the lack of knowledge of the amount of grant which will be received from HDC mean that this precept may need to be revised. Since the final figure needs to be with Harborough by the end of January this would need to be done before the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that in the event of the tax base and grant calculations giving too high an increase in council tax, a small adjustment in precept could be made to offset this.

11.2 A letter had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding their grant applications for an Energy Audit, Full Structural Survey and Consultation Exercise. Whilst they had had some success in their applications, one of the conditions attached to the grants was that they should approach the Parish Council to see if the Parish Council could contribute to the shortfall of £2000. This was therefore discussed, but it was felt that in view of the difficulties raised in minute 11.1 (above) it would not be possible to include extra for the Village Hall in the precept. However, since the Parish Council already planned to contribute £500, as it has done on an annual basis for some years, it was agreed that this year's contribution could be used for the purpose of offsetting the grant shortfall if necessary.

12.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on February 4th 2013 followed by March 4th at 7.45 in the Village Hall.

13.0 COUNCILLORS HOLIDAYS:

Details of when councillors would be away were given at the meeting.

14.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

14.1 Cllr Beaty asked whether any communication had been received from Harborough District Council regarding Dog Orders. He was advised nothing had been received to date.

14.2 A question was raised regarding parking on the corner just in front of the car park for the Nevill Arms, as it was felt that it was becoming hazardous to through traffic. It was confirmed that this is a police issue, specifically with regard to parking too near to corners.

14.3 The question was asked whether anything has been done to slow motorbike traffic in the past, to which the answer was yes, the speed gun had been contributed to and is now used. This has actually shown that bikes tend to be slower than cars.

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