

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair (part)), Pilkington (Chair (part)), Clarke, Oliver and Dunckley
40 members of the public

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Beaty

2.0 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURE

Attention was drawn to a sheet which outlined the general procedure for a Parish Council meeting with regard to public participation.

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Polito declared an interest in the Drayton Road planning application and Local Green Space.

4.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

At this point Cllr Polito left the room.

4.1 It was queried why the Parish Council was not supporting those who oppose the Drayton Road Field planning application; surely the Council is there to represent view of parishioners?
This was not the only view, there were those who supported the application.
It was queried that if the time allocated for public representation is not a question and answer session, when can questions be asked? It was advised they could be addressed to either a councillor or the clerk, for inclusion on a future agenda if necessary.
There was a suggestion made that for major issues where there may be a great deal of public interest, a public meeting could be held.
How can the Parish Council reflect that people have differing opinions?
The Parish Council would encourage everyone to make representations themselves.
It was also suggested that people should put themselves forward to be councillors.
The view was expressed that Medbourne has had little development compared to other villages and needs a new influx of people and life to the existing facilities. However, it was felt that the proposed development should have more focus on lower priced housing, it is not providing sufficient opportunities for those who cannot afford housing such as the types proposed.
Could the Parish Council undertake to represent the views of the village in their response – ie. If there are two viewpoints, show them both?
It was emphasized that those opposing the Drayton Road Field proposal are not completely against any development in Medbourne, but they are against developing this site.

At this point Cllr Polito returned to the room.

5.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th OCTOBER 2013:

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

6.0 MATTERS ARISING:

6.3.7.3 The Truck Pull is reported to have raised approximately £6000; presentation of cheques to various charities will be made in Market Harborough on November 16th.

- 6.3.9.2** Three quotations for the work to the Ash tree have been received, ranging from £410 to £570. Bryan Smith has recommended the work be done by Treespace, who quoted £450. Resolved – to accept this quotation.
- 6.3.13** Cllr Polito has received a letter from Leicestershire County Council Highways, saying they cannot help regarding parking on the triangle at the base of Paynes Lane. Apparently if a fence is put up, the person who put it up is liable for any damage which may be incurred from it.
- 6.8.2** Police have reported that they visit on average twice per month with the speedgun.
- 6.10.1** The bench on Paynes Lane has been reinstated.
- 7.0 PLANNING:**
- At this point Cllr Polito left the room and Cllr Pilkington chaired the meeting.
- 7.1** Cllr Pilkington advised the meeting of the role of the Parish Council in regard to any planning application.
It was advised that the detailed application for housing on the Drayton Road Field – application **13/01508/FUL** – was available to view and comment on online.
The Parish Council would be considering the application on its merits in terms of a planning application – as with all planning applications, but it was confirmed that the Council would not be opposing this application solely on the basis of its location. However, more time was required to look at the individual elements of the application. Members of the public were invited to communicate comments relating to specifics of the proposed application to the Parish Council. It was advised that Core Strategy policies CS8 and CS17 were likely to have particular relevance in the determination of this application.
It was also recommended that parishioners with an interest in this matter used their right to respond separately as individuals.
- 7.2** It was queried whether a site notice had been displayed; the clerk advised that HDC had said it was posted on October 30th. This would be checked and HDC notified of any discrepancy.
- 7.3** During October details of the following Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team had been received and circulated to councillors:
- **Mr P Jackson, 3 Brook Terrace – works to trees**
 - **Mr & Mrs D Tuffs, 41 Main Street – works to trees**
- 7.4** During the month Planning Permission had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:
- **Mr D Herrick, Barn, Main Street:** Alterations and extensions to barn and conversion (approved with significant conditions)
 - **Mr & Mrs D Heyman, 13 Rectory Lane:** Erection of a detached carport/store
 - **Mr P Bromwich, Mill Farm, Slawston Road:** Erection of extension to agricultural barn
- 7.5** During October details of Planning Applications submitted to the Development Control Team for the Harborough District had been received and circulated to councillors.
- 7.6** The revised planning application and associated items regarding the development on the site of

The Old Slaughterhouse on Springbank were due to be discussed at the November Harborough Planning Committee Meeting, having been deferred from October.
The Parish Council plans to speak at the meeting referring to the wall which has been demolished and submitting that it should be rebuilt in its original style.

8.0 LOCAL GREEN SPACE:

8.1 Various correspondence had been received from members of the public regarding requests for the Parish Council to add the Drayton Road Field to the list of sites submitted to Harborough District Council (HDC) for consideration as Local Green Space (LGS). Cllr Pilkington gave details of the background to the current LGS consultation (invitation to submit sites, May 2012) and information on the procedure and reasoning by which the Parish Council reached the conclusion of maintaining that the sites originally proposed in 2012 were appropriate.

8.2 There was some concern from landowners that they had not been consulted; Cllr Pilkington advised that the Parish Council had not been asked to do this and were unaware that HDC had not done so previously.

At this point Cllr Polito returned to the room.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- Link to details on Broughton Astley Neighbourhood Plan
- Speed Camera Summary
- Information about Tree Wardens in Leicestershire
- Road Closure Information
- Details of Rural East Community Forum (29/10)
- Information on elections

10.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN: No questions raised.

11.0 REPORTS:

11.1 Cllr Clarke reported that he has received one book of Taxi Voucher stubs and will refrain from giving out any more books until an invoice has been received, so the balance remaining is known. He will advise users accordingly.

11.2 Cllr Polito reported that he had been to the Rural East Community Forum where there was an interesting presentation on superfast broadband. The likelihood of receiving this via BT in this area appears to be extremely slim; however independent providers Rutland Telecom and Gigaclear are putting a proposal together for a collection of villages.

11.3 Cllr Polito reported that there have been a number of complaints about tractors with trailers (both full and empty) travelling erratically and at speed through the village. These have been communicated to those responsible and it is believed that action has been taken to ensure safer driving. However, there is concern as to the pattern of tractor traffic flow and maintenance of safe driving, as these tractors are ferrying material to the anaerobic digester which will require a regular supply.

12.0 WAR MEMORIAL:

12.1 It was felt that along with the plaques of World War I names, a limestone fascia should also be made for the lettering of names from World War II which currently appear around the plinth.

Barham Stone have quoted a total of £3724 for the complete project, which includes steam cleaning of the memorial. A planning application has now been submitted for 'cleaning of war memorial including superimposing of limestone plaques with replacement identical lettering'. An initial 'expression of wish' for funding has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund; it is believed they would be the best funding source as Keith Sandars had established that the possible money available from Harborough District Council would only be a total of £10,000 to be spread throughout the district.

- 12.2** The Heritage Lottery Fund requires emphasis on 'heritage' for any funding it makes; Keith is currently looking at possible projects involving the village website, biographies of those who were killed and work with Brighthurst School. The 4th August 2014 will see a rededication service at the War Memorial, this could be followed with a project display in the Church or the Village Hall.

13.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- 13.1** On Ashley Road the verges at the road side are badly damaged with deep ruts, this has been reported to Highways and given job reference 7314524.
- 13.2** Kerbstones to the edge of the footpath on Manor Road and outside Stone Cottage have been ground down by tractors.
- 13.3** The damaged signpost at the Paynes Lane / Slawston Road junction has also been reported and given job reference number 7378020.

14.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

LRALC	£ 3.10
Good Councillor Guide	
Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds	£27.90
The Hollow	
Mrs F Smith	£42.49
Postage, Printer Ink, Paper	
Ian Stevens	£24.81
Fuel for Parish Mower	

Proposed Cllr Pilkington, seconded Cllr Dunckley.

15.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 2nd December followed by January 6th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.