

**Medbourne Parish Council**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs Polito (Chair), Pilkington and Clarke

20 members of the public

**1.0 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Beaty, Steph Dunkley

**2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None raised

**3.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS:**

**3.1** It was queried why Neighbourhood Planning was not on the agenda, having been minuted to be included. Due to the resignation of Cllr Dunkley and the fact that Matt Oliver had not yet been replaced it left only three councillors in place, which was felt to be insufficient given the subject. It will therefore appear on a future agenda when the full quota of councillors is in place.

**3.2** A query was raised regarding the invitation from Cllr Beaty to see his anaerobic digester. It is believed this will be fully up and running in the near future and an invitation will be issued around May time.

**3.3** The problem of bagged dog mess being left beside the kissing gate on Rectory Lane has not been resolved. It was requested that a notice be posted reminding people to clean up after their dog as it is an offence not to.

**4.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014:**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chair as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Pilkington.

**5.0 MATTERS ARISING:**

**5.6.1** Details regarding Neighbourhood Plans had been sourced on the Harborough District Council website and circulated to councillors. The link is available from the clerk. Cllr Pilkington also has a booklet on Neighbourhood Plans should anyone wish to borrow it.  
Cllr Clarke advised that the tankers currently travelling through the village from the anaerobic digester plant will not be an annual occurrence; it is just a one-off as things get started.

Two applications have been received for the position of clerk, both from outside Medbourne.

The resignation of Cllr Dunkley has resulted in a second councillor vacancy; a notice of Casual Vacancy will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard for the required 14-day period. The notice from Matt Oliver expires on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**6.0 PLANNING:**

**6.1** There was some confusion regarding the following application, as it appeared that only one tree was to be felled, but there was also some doubt as to whether the right tree was marked on the plan.

- **Mrs Wheeler-Bennett, The Old Hall – fell 2 sycamore trees and raise crowns to 5m of 3 sycamore trees**

Resolved: the Parish Council would ask for further clarification on this application to ensure full understanding.

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

**7.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- LRALC December Newsletter

**8.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:** No questions raised.

**9.0 REPORTS:**

**9.1** Keith Sandars reported that he had been advised by Harborough District Council that the planning application for work to the War Memorial had been refused – despite an original comment of ‘no objection in principle’. The objection is regarding the limestone plaque, therefore it is planned to proceed as follows:

The existing lettering should be cleaned and Barham Stone consulted on whether these letters need recutting prior to repainting. If they are felt to need recutting a new planning application will have to be submitted.

**9.2** Cllr Clarke reported that the large room at the Sports Club should be open and useable within the next month or so.

**9.3** Laurie Smith reported that a further 420 trees have been promised for Leviathan Wood with delivery due in early March. A planting date will follow.

**10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

**10.1** It was reported that the white lines from Paynes Lane to Ashley Road were barely visible, Highways will be contacted regarding possible repainting.

Holes in the road at the bottom of Rectory Lane were reported, Highways will be notified.

**11.0 ACCOUNTS:**

**11.1** A precept requirement of £6832.75 had been submitted to Harborough District Council.

**11.2** A VAT refund of £282.31 had been received from HMRC.

**11.3** The clerk reported that information had been received regarding the costs of payroll processing over the next four years (£60 in 2014-15) together with information regarding auto enrolment pensions (for which the staging date for Medbourne Parish Council is July 2017).

There were no invoices to be presented to councillors for payment.

**12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting should be held at 7.45pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, followed by April 7<sup>th</sup>. A change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> March meeting is possible – this would be posted on the noticeboard.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.