

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 7th April 2014

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Pilkington, Clarke and Gidley Wright

9 members of the public

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllrs Beaty and Cory

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None raised

3.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None raised

4.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd JANUARY 2014:

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

Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Pilkington.

It was resolved to agree that the minutes are a true record.

4.1 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24th MARCH 2014:

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

Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Pilkington.

It was resolved to agree that the minutes are a true record.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING:

5.1 Cllr Clarke advised that the tankers currently travelling through the village from the anaerobic digester plant might not be just a one-off as things get started. Cllr Clarke believed it may be an annual occurrence but would seek clarification and report back in the future.

Works had begun with pothole repair and that it is hoped that this work will continue in the near future.

Improvement to the white lines, especially Ashley Road were on the list for the Highway Authority to sort, however are unable to confirm when this will be at the present time.

6.0 PLANNING:

6.1 During the month details of the following Planning Application submitted to Development Control have been received and circulated to councillors:

- **Mr M Delaney, 5 Old Holt Road: 14/00310/TCA:** Works to trees – fell one
Councillors had no comments.

6.2 During the month Planning Permission had been given by Development Control in respect of the following:

- **Mr and Mrs Keith Sandards, Pine Ridge, 29 Hallaton Road, Medbourne:**
Erection of a single storey rear extension.

6.3 The Parish Council had received a Lawful Development Certificate for comment, however Councillors were unsure as to whether this is retrospective or proposed. It was resolved the Parish Clerk would make enquiries with Harborough District Council for further details.

Cllr Pilkington gave a verbal update regarding the Slaughter House application. A resident had complained to the District Council about the level of information submitted. The Parish Council are being kept up to date by the resident and will keep an eye on the complaint process and will offer support to the resident if necessary.

It was noted that no decision notice had been posted online as of yet and it was resolved that the Clerk will investigate why this is so.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

An email has been received from a resident regarding the proposed Truck Pull on 25th August 2014, raising their disapproval and concern.

The matter was discussed by Councillors; the organiser has been advised that the village hall has already been booked for that date and the village hall would not rescind this booking. Steven Sanderson Transport who was a sponsor has already advised the Parish Council that he would not be sponsoring the event.

There was mixed feeling towards last years event amongst Councillors however it was resolved that Cllr Polito would ask for the result of the ballot, as advertised by the organiser in recent literature delivered round the village. It was felt that residents should voice their opinions to the organiser, despite the event not being affiliated with the Parish Council, so that a clear indication of local opinion was cast.

8.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Pilkington asked whether issues regarding Neighbourhood Planning would be dealt with. It was resolved that now that the Parish has two new Councillors, the Parish Council revisit this issues in the future and would be added to the next agenda.

It was also noted that Great Easton had recently got a 'nil' response towards undertaking a village plan due to the huge amount of work that would need to be undertaken.

9.0 REPORTS:

9.1 Cllr Clarke reported that the extension at the Sports Club was coming along, with the big room partly open having already held a few functions. Cllr Clarke thanked all volunteers and helpers and added that it would be worth a look to see the works and that the Club would be open to more functions in the near future.

9.2 Cllr Clarke reported that there was £52 left in the Taxi Voucher Scheme that would allow for one more book of vouchers to be issued and that this would see the scheme come to an end.

9.3 Cllr Polito attended a number of Seminar and Training events, his report is as follows:

On February 24th, I attended a Planning Enforcement Training meeting at Harborough District Council. The net outcome appeared to be, that unless serious harm could be proven, then a planning enforcement officer was unlikely to enforce the original plans. This was considered by

those present to be less than satisfactory.

On March 11th, I attended a Good Neighbour Scheme seminar at the Coplow Centre in Billesdon. There was a presentation by Whissendine, who are currently implementing a scheme and a question session to those who had already got schemes in place. The most important aspect was to prove a need, prior to going ahead with any scheme. A number of parishes had got elaborate schemes some aspects of which were not being used.

On March 17th I attended a seminar at Harborough District Council entitled 'A day in the life of a planning officer'. The object was to provide foundation knowledge about the processes planning officers follow to assist them in making the decisions they do.

On March 24th I attended the inaugural meeting of the Welland Broadband Group. This comprises representatives from Blaston, Horninghold, Stockerston, Ashley, Hallton, West by Welland, Slawston, Medbourne and Drayton with Nevill Holt and Bringhurst. At the present time these villages are not part of the Leicestershire superfast broadband roll-out scheme, which is of great concern. It was decided initially that we meet with Councillor BEaty who is the Harborough District Council member for the majority of these villages.

This meeting was held on April 3rd and it was decided to produce a list of questions for Blake Pain, who is the SFB Cabinet Member for LCC, as well as leader of Harborough District Council. It is only when some very basic questions are answered we decide on a plan of action.

9.4 A discussion then took place regarding Medbourne specifically where it was resolved that Welland Broadband Group would be seeking updates from LCC and BT with them to answer very basic questions such as, 'what the plans are?' Cllr Polito would report back any information passed on to the Parish Council.

9.5 It was further resolved that David Tuffs would do a survey on the village website to establish connection speeds within the village.

10.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

10.1 Tree planting at Leviathan Wood was very successful and compliments to the organisers were conveyed. 400 trees were planted within an hour.

10.2 Potholes were mentioned, however had been discussed earlier

10.3 Cllr Clarke raised concern with some bricks loose on the bridge by the pub, but work was being done further down the road so this may be attended to as part of those works.

10.4 David Tuffs conveyed concern regarding damage to the curb and path outside of the village hall made by a skip as part of the works associated with the disabled access to the hall. It was resolved that the Cllr Polito would speak to one of the contractors.

11.0 ACCOUNTS:

11.1 During the months of February and March the following invoices were submitted to councillors for payment:

Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds
The Hollow

£126.45

Leicestershire Cab Subscriptions and Donations	£50.00
Medbourne D.C.C Subscriptions and Donations	£24.00
Medbourne Village Hall Committee Village Hall	£475
Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds The Hollow	£79.65
Fiona Smith Clerks Salary	£173.44
HMRC Tax on Salary	£43.40
Eon Sustainable Energy Street Lighting Maintenance	£126.43
Fiona Smith Stationary	£29.11

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

Autela Limited Payroll	£80.00
R.C.C Subscriptions and Donations	£45.00
Parish of Six Saints circa Holt Subscriptions and Donations (Parish Magazine)	£200.00
Six Saints circa Holt Youth Club Subscriptions and Donations	£400.00
Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds The Hollow	£108.50

Proposed: Cllr Clarke Seconded: Cllr Pilkington

11.3 Bank mandates were being organised for the new Clerk and Cllrs.

12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting should be held at 7.45pm on Monday 12th May, followed by June 2nd.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.