

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 6th October 2014

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Clarke, Cory, Pilkington and Gidley Wright. 5 members of the public attended including David Tuffs who is to present Item 8.0.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Beatty.

2.0 DECLORATIONS OF INTEREST:

2.1 None received.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st September 2014:

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

4.0 MATTERS ARISING:

4.1 Ref 8.2 – Cllr Pilkington raised a question regarding the emerging Local Plan housing figures, Cllr Polito advised that this would be reported in Item 6 (Planning) during the evening's meeting.

4.2 Ref 9.2 – Regarding the condition of the Drayton Road footpath, Cllr Polito was informed by the Local Highway Authority that it was not a priority but will keep an eye on it.

5.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

5.1 None made

6.0 PLANNING:

6.1 Councillors considered the following Planning Applications:

- **14/01292/FUL- Erection of two storey side extension (Resubmission of 14/00918/FUL)**
2 Brookfield Cottages, Drayton Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire,

Resolved: Councillors had no comment or objection to make on this application

6.2 The Council were informed of the following Planning Decisions over the previous month.

- **14/00956/FUL - Alterations and extension and conversion of barn to form dwelling (Revised scheme of 13/01295/FUL)**

Barn, Uppingham Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire
PERMITTED

- **14/00918/FUL - Erection of two storey side extension**
2 Brookfield Cottages, Drayton Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire,
WITHDRAWN

- **14/01112/FUL – Erection of two storey front extension**
Bridgedale Barn, Brook Terrace, Medbourne, Leicestershire
PERMITTED

- **14/01118/TCA – Removal of Leylandii hedge**

Gables, 6 Drayton Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire
PERMITTED

•**14/01107/CLU – Certificate of Lawfulness**

Tanglewood Cottage, Drayton Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire,
PERMITTED

•**14/00806/FUL – Erection of stable, tack room and double door barn**

The Manor House, Manor Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire
PERMITTED

- 6.3 Local Plan housing figures:** Cllr Polito attended a meeting with Harborough District Council (HDC) on 17th September 2014 to discuss indicative numbers of dwellings that would form the basis of the Local Plan. Whilst final numbers cannot be confirmed, Steven Pointer (Head of Planning Policy) indicated through an email (read out at the Parish Council Meeting) that Medbourne is expected an allocation of 50 houses up to 2031. The Parish Council wanted to put out as much information as possible before sending out the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire and the projected number of dwellings is critical.
- 6.4** It is now envisaged that the Parish Council can complete the questionnaire shortly and send it out to residents soon.
- 6.5** Cllr Pilkington asked if Councillors could meet in the next couple of weeks to add the final details to the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.
- 6.6** Resolved: Councillors shall organise a meeting within the next two weeks to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. The date the questionnaire is to be sent out shall be confirmed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- 7.0 SALT BINS IN MEDBOURNE**
- 7.1** The Parish Council received an email in September from Leicester County Council (LCC) regarding Salt Bins in Medbourne. LCC advised the Parish Council that the salt bin at Main Street (by The Neville Arms) was damaged and had been removed. The Parish Council was advised that because the bin was a precautionary salting route, the bin would not be replaced. LCC also advised that the bin at the Pack Horse Bridge wasn't there and that it would cost £200 to replace, the cost needing to be met by the Parish Council.
- 7.2** The Parish Council discussed the locations of salt bins within the village and who was responsible for replacing them. The Parish Council require further details before deciding on whether the village requires further or replacement bins.
- 7.3** RESOLVED: The Parish Council shall seek confirmation from LCC where all the recorded salt bins are within Medbourne, who is responsible for replacing the bins and how often they are stocked.
- 8.0 SUPERFAST BROADBAND/VODAFONE MOBILE SIGNAL**
- 8.1** David Tuffs gave an update regarding Superfast Broadband in Medbourne. A full update is available on the village website in an article titled: 'Broadband Update 23rd September 2014' with an addendum on the 24th September. A summary of the update discussed at the meeting is as follows:

- Medbourne is part of LCC Phase I deployment plan – BT deploying fibre optic cables as far the cabinets in the village.
- The central area of the village shall be covered by superfast broadband, its coverage extending to the old railway bridge on Drayton Road and past the Uppingham Road addresses on the B664. It does not reach the summit of Nevill Holt or Medbourne Grange. Further details can be found on the Superfast Leicestershire website with regular updates available on the website.
- Initial survey work is being undertaken in Medbourne with decisions being made about the placement of new cabinets which will be the first things to appear.
- Maximum speeds of 80Mbps at the cabinet with properties 1.2km from the cabinet expected to have speeds of a minimum of 24Mbps.
- Residents will need to contact their Internet Service Providers to upgrade their broadband package once the area has gone live – this may be at an additional cost.

8.2 David kindly gave an update regarding the Phase II rollout and the background of the Broadband project in the immediate and wider area.

8.3 David then updated the Parish Council Meeting on Welland Valley Broadband Group's (WVBG) recommendation of Gigaclear as a service provider with Medbourne potentially being in a 'dual provider' area should Gigaclear offer a service in the area. It was reported that Gigaclear would require 35% take up of households in an area for it to be viable for them. There would also be additional costs for households in terms of physical (driveway dug up to lay cables) and impact on phone provider and email etc.

8.4 David confirmed that regardless of what happens with WVBG, Medbourne would be provided by BT as part of the Phase I rollout. David also reported that BT have offered to come to the village and have an open meeting to explain what's going on/timescales etc. and try to answer any questions residents might have.

8.5 Cllr Pilkington conveyed the Parish Council's thanks to David for his hard work – David added if any one should have any questions, please feel free to ask him.

8.6 **Vodafone Mobile Signal:** David also reported to the meeting Vodafone's Open Sure Signal programme. This is where small aerials are attached to several properties around the village which are connected to Superfast Broadband. This would improve the Vodafone signal in the area. David asked if that is a proposition people would want canvassing on.

8.7 Cllr Polito advised that it would be best to have an overall picture on all providers and services to allow greater information for residents to consider.

8.8 David will investigate the service further and research whether other providers (O2, EE etc.) are offering anything similar. It is hoped that there may be a solution to the longer term problem for the village in terms of mobile signal.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

9.1 A number of items were circulated during the month including Christmas Lights License requirements, the Harborough Flood Fair event and Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.

10.0 REPORTS:

10.1 Cllr Gidley-Wright did not attend the last Village Hall meeting, however he had received information on the grants received by the Village Hall Committee (£7000 worth of grants) however no further information on the studies previously undertaken has been received. Cllr

Gidley-Wright will report back in the future should any more information come to light.

10.2 Cllr Pilkington reported that David Tuffs and Declan Woods attended a Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Community Council seminar and presentation evening. Medbourne had been nominated for an award which, whilst not winning, the village was highly commended. David Tuffs reported that he and Declan had a demonstration on a new booking system called 'Hall Master'. He believes it is a system that would be fitting for the Village Hall and the Sports Club and that he would pass the information on to the Village Hall Committee.

10.3 Cllr Polito went to the Anaerobic Digester Plant tour on September 6th. It was considered by all those who attended as very fascinating and would highly recommend a visit. Cllr Polito said that should there be a demand for people to attend, another event could be arranged.

10.4 Cllr Cory informed the meeting that herself and Cllr Gidley-Wright attended training at Harborough District Council for online Planning Consulting.

11.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

11.1 No update.

12.0 ACCOUNTS:

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

Daniel Ray	£ 114.78
Clerks Salary - September	

HMRC	£ 86.00
Tax on 3 months Clerks Salary	

EON	£ 126.48
Lighting Maintenance	

EON	£ 183.36
Light Usage	

The payments were a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Pilkington. Seconded: Cllr Clarke.

12.2 It was reported by the Parish Clerk that the Audit of Accounts was now complete and that the signing arrangement for the Parish Council's Bank Mandate had now been updated.

12.3 The Clerk also reported that £138.13 had been spent on The Hollow so far in 2014/15 with the precept allowing for £576.22. This left £432.09 remaining for the year. It was also noted that £968 had been received in donations towards The Hollow.

13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

13.1 The next meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 3rd November 2014. The following meeting will be on Monday 1st December 2014.

13.2 It was noted that there would be no Parish Council Meeting in January.