

Medbourne Parish Council
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 3rd November 2014

Present: Cllrs Polito (Chair), Clarke, Cory, Pilkington and Gidley Wright. 36 members of the public attended including David Tuffs who is to present Item 8.0.
Please note: Agenda Item 6.0 Neighbourhood Planning and Item 7.0 Planning were switched and all in attendance were advised of this.

1.0 APOLOGIES: Cllr Beatty.

2.0 DECLORATIONS OF INTEREST:

2.1 Cllr Polito declared an interest in the Drayton Road planning application (Item 6.1).

3.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd November 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 None

5.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

5.1 None made with the exception of item 6.1 Planning.

5.2 Cllr Polito left the room for public representations regarding item 6.1 and remained absent during Item 6.1

5.3 Bill Barrie queried that there may be a conflict of interest between the Neighbourhood Plan, the questionnaire and current planning applications.

5.4 Cllr Pilkington responded: There is no link between the questionnaire and the planning application as the questionnaire is being prepared to see if there is an appetite in the village to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. The results of the questionnaire and the development of a Plan is not any individual's, or groups decision, but the village as whole's decision.

5.5 Jenny Sandars had questions about the specifics of the application, however was encouraged to speak to the planners who would be in a better position to discuss the technicalities of the application.

6.0 PLANNING:

6.1 Councillors considered the following Planning Applications:

14/01411/FUL – Erection of 6 dwellings (revised scheme 13/01508/FUL)
The Paddock, Drayton Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire

6.2 Cllr Cory gave an update regarding the application which is summarised as follows:

6.3 The Parish Council (PC) received official notification of the application on 25.10.2014. The initial consultation deadline was 17.11.2014, however the PC had asked for, and agreed an extension

with Harborough District Council (HDC) to allow Councillors sufficient time to consider the application in detail. Written confirmation of this was received from HDC to extend the consultation period to 02.12.2014.

6.4 The PC had so far received three items of correspondence from members of the community which shall be considered when dealing with the matter and other residents were encouraged to raise any views they wish to make directly to Councillors or through the Parish Clerk.

6.5 The correspondence received so far is summarised as follows:

- The site is outside the current Medbourne Limits to Development, noting the old Local Plan there is a presumption against building outside the Limits to Development
- It is against Core Strategy Policies CS17 and CS2A
- Support was given for Medbourne preparing a rational Local Plan within the current village limits to development
- Two of the letters provided support for developing a Neighbourhood Plan but didn't specify whether this was just within the village limits or also to look into sites outside the current boundary
- The approach to the village along the Drayton Road has a rural view and is part of the attraction of the village and to build opposite the existing houses would urbanise the entrance to the village
- The development ignores the buffer zone required for the protection of otters and water voles
- There is a flood risk
- Medbourne doesn't have the infrastructure to support six new dwellings
- One of the letters stressed that whilst Drayton Road was not suitable, there are two sites which have been put forward in the recent "Call for Sites" on the Uppingham Road, and one on Paynes Lane, and suggested that if the PC supported Drayton Road it would be doing so to the detriment of the owners of other land within and outside of the village which may be put forward for further development.

6.6 The PC advised that each application will be looked at as submitted and that Councillors would attempt to do their very best with an open mind with each and every application. For example, if planning applications were put forward on the Uppingham Road, the PC would, as with this application, look at their individual merits.

6.7 With specific regard to this application, as the plans were not received by the PC until 25.10.2014, not all Councillors have had an opportunity to consider them in detail or have an opportunity to discuss the shortfalls or merits of the application. The PC would consider the application over the following month and report back during the meeting on 01.12.2014.

6.8 RESOLVED: Councillors would meet prior to the meeting on the 01.12.2014 to discuss the application and this would be reported back at the next Parish Council Meeting.

6.9 **Cllr Polito returned to the meeting after this Item.**

6.10 The Council made representations on the following applications and were informed of the following Planning Decisions over the previous month.

•14/01313/TCA – Fell one Evergreen

9 Hallaton Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire

Parish Council Response: General comment made that better plans should be provided

Application: PERMITTED

•**14/01322/TCA – Works to trees**

Willowbrook House, Hallton Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire,

Parish Council Response: General comment made that better plans should be provided

Application: PERMITTED

•**14/01342/TCA – Fell two Cherry trees**

Village Hall, Medbourne, Leicestershire,

Parish Council Response: Concern was raised about the loss of the Cherry Trees and did not think a Norwegian Spruce would be suitable.

Application: PERMITTED

•**14/01340/TCA – Works to trees**

7 Old Holt Road, Medbourne, Leicestershire,

Parish Council Response: No objection raised but did want to make sure the works wouldn't impact negatively on the Conservation Area.

Application: PERMITTED

- 6.11** Cllr Pilkington: In relation to 14/01342/TCA – Fell two Cherry trees, a call had been received querying whether or not the Parish Council had been consulted. Cllr Gidley-Wright, the Village Hall Committee (VHC) representative outlined that the correct processes were undertaken by the committee, the PC had passed their comments on to HDC and that HDC gave consent to remove the trees.

7.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 7.1** Cllr Cory advised that the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire would be distributed by the end of next week. The PC are hoping to canvass whether or not there is support and appetite within the village to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. Questionnaires would be distributed on a one per adult per household basis and would be anonymous.

8.0 SALT BINS IN MEDBOURNE

- 8.1** Cllr Polito reported that there were not as many salt bins in Medbourne as previously thought. There is a salt bin in Marlow Court and another at the Packhorse Bridge, although there may have been others in the past. If any residents would like to request any further bins, please contact the Parish Council.

9.0 SUPERFAST BROADBAND/VODAFONE MOBILE SIGNAL

- 9.1** David Tuffs reported that the open meeting held by BT was attended by approximately 45 people. Another meeting will be held by Gigaclear on the 27th November, however its format is unclear at present.
- 9.2** Gigaclear had sent round a newsletter to residents in Medbourne, the PC has sent this on to LCC for their information. David will be publishing a newsletter online which will help to inform residents of the offers being proposed, however the PC wish to remain neutral and do not wish to make a recommendation, it is for the residents to decide. David kindly offered to answer any questions any one has, and he can ask these questions at the Gigaclear meeting if needed.
- 9.3** Cllr Polito advised the meeting is to be held at 19:30 on 27th November 2014 at the village hall and encouraged all who are interested to attend.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 10.1** A number of items were circulated during the month including an update regarding the precept,

further information on salt bins, Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, Gigaclear correspondence which had been forward on to David Tuffs.

10.2 Cllr Pilkington had been in contact with Matthew Bills and advised that the maps which will be accompanying the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire would be sent to her within the next day or two.

10.3 Cllr Pilkington also noted that there was advertising for the hire of the field opposite the Sports Club for events and wanted to ensure that all the correct permissions had been sought.

11.0 REPORTS:

11.1 Cllr Gidley-Wright reported that the Village Hall Social Evening was well attended with 45 residents. It is hoped that this will become a permanent fixture at the Village Hall. Cllr Gidley Wright also reported that the VHC are going to plant a Christmas tree. It was advised that neither the PC nor HDC can have any influence over the decision to plant a Christmas tree; the VHC are well within their rights to plant one. The Nevill Arms is donating money for the cost of the tree. A party, directed towards younger families will be taking place on 6th December 2014.

11.2 Cllr Clarke advised that the Sports Club is now open on a Thursday night from 18:00 to 22:00.

11.3 Cllr Pilkington advised that the MEFT had been designated as one of the Church Committee's chosen charities for next year and that funds would be being raised for the playground at Medbourne and the Great Easton youth club.

11.4 Cllr Polito reported that Tom Price and his committee had received the plaque which Medbourne had won for the 'Village Directories' project. Tom Price thanked everyone for supporting the project and the entry. Tom advised that if anyone missed out on one, or are new residents, please get in touch with him. His details would be uploaded to the village website and he can provide a directory to them.

11.5 Cllr Polito highlighted that the Remembrance Sunday Service and procession would be taking place at Great Easton at 10:00 on Sunday 9th November. Wreathes would be laid and a silence would be observed. James Clarke and Tom and Harry Glover would be representing the village and will be laying a wreath on behalf of Medbourne.

12.0 PARISH REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

12.1 No update, however Cllr Polito advised that 420 trees are being planted at Leviathan Wood on Saturday 8th November at 09:30, all are encouraged to come and help should they wish to.

13.0 ACCOUNTS:

13.1 No payments had been made since the previous meeting.

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

14.1 The next meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Monday 1st December 2014. The following meeting will be on Monday 2nd February 2014.

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