

Medbourne Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MEDBOURNE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:45 ON MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016

Councillors present: Pilkington (Chair), Caffrey, Gidley-Wright, Easton, and Shaen-Carter.

Also present: seven members of the public, and Graham Thomson (Clerk to the Council).

68.0D **TO ACCEPT, OR OTHERWISE, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED**

No apologies for absence were received. An apology for absence was received from District Cllr. Rickman.

69.0D **TO NOTE ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION GRANTED**

The Clerk reported that no requests had been granted.

70.0D **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS**

The Chair suspended the meeting at this point and invited comment from members of the community present.

70.1 D **Planning Application 16/00967/FUL, 15 Hallaton Road Medbourne**

A member of the public stated that there were no comments from the Parish Council in response to the revised drawings. It was noted that the windows had been moved higher up and the upper floor reduced but the site had not been lowered.

70.2 D **Resumption of the meeting**

The Chair resumed the meeting at this point.

71.0D **CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 July 2016 had been previously circulated. Cllr. Shaen-Carter MOVED and Cllr. Easton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

72.0D **TO RECEIVE FACTUAL UPDATES OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT MENTIONED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

72.1 D **Minute 55.3:** 16/00967/FUL Erection of a detached garage with habitable accommodation at first floor (revised scheme of 15/01429/FUL), 15 Hallaton Road Medbourne

It was noted that the eaves had been dropped by 482 mm, and suggested that the ridge was as approved.

Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED that the Council ask for details of levels and express concern that the slab level was too high.

72.2 D **Minute 57.3: To Consider And Approve The Accounts For Year Ending 31st March 2016 And The Annual Return**

The Chair reported that Mr Lee the auditor had requested some presentational changes to which the Clerk was attending.

72.3 D **Minute 58.0 To Consider The Request To Hold Funds By The Defibrillator Fundraisers**

The Chair read a letter from the Defibrillator fundraisers indicating that the Committee had closed the fund but would continue to be responsible for the device and training; and that the Village Hall Committee would be responsible for checking the device.

73.0 D **TO RECEIVE REPORTS INCLUDING ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-**

73.1 D **Broadband**

Mr Tuffs reported that Gigaclear had appointed another a new Project Manager. He added that he hoped that the Village Hall would have the service installed by the end of the week and that it was hoped to run free sessions to help people learn and improve their use of technology. Councillor Caffrey suggested that a local college might be able to support the sessions.

73.2 D **Parish Council and Village Websites**

Mr Tuffs reported that the County Council would be closing its Parish Council websites at the end of August but that it would take longer for Google to divert to the new website.

73.3 D **Lighting**

No report was given.

73.4 D **Sports Club**

Cllr. Caffrey reported that car park had been re-laid and that the club was having a successful summer. She added that there had been reports of cars using the carpark in the early hours. It was suggested that it might have been an organized time trial.

73.5 D **Village Hall**

Cllr. Easton reported that there had been no meetings in July or August.

73.6 D **Medbourne Educational Foundation Trust (MEFT)**

Cllr. Pilkington stated that there was nothing new to report.

73.7 D **The Hollow**

The Clerk reported that he had received one competitive quotation for the signs totalling £450, which he undertook to discuss with Mr Price and negotiate with the supplier.

74.0 D **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

74.1 D **To receive a report of the meeting of the Advisory Committee**

Cllr. Gidley-Wright reported that the July meeting had not been held because of the absence of a quorum. He stated that the Advisory Committee would be discussing the terms of reference, including a review of the quorum, at the next meeting.

75.0 D **TO CONSIDER AND MAKE COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS**

75.1 D **Defibrillator – Village Hall, Medbourne**

Concern was expressed at the proposed location of the defibrillator on the listed village hall. Following a full discussion on possible locations and the benefits and drawbacks it was RESOLVED that if consent had not already been granted a further submission from the Parish Council be made suggesting that the device be located at the front (roadside) door of the village hall.

75.2 D **16/01157/CLU DEL/SLU Certificate of lawfulness of existing use of agricultural land as residential garden, Dale Farm, 12 Manor Road, Medbourne**

It was reported that the land in question had been used for ten years and Councillors raised no objections but expressed concern that consent might lead to the potential for future development. Following a full discussion it was RESOLVED that the Council submits a comment as follows:-

"In order to clarify the situation, Medbourne Parish Council requests that a note be added to the permission stating that this permission does not in any way condone any other future developments on the land."

76.0 D **To consider any grant applications received and to determine any awards in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137**

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the Council's Grants policy an application form had been produced and issued to the Scout Group and he outlined the background to the policy. It was noted that Great Easton Parish Council had awarded a grant of £200 to the Scout Group. RESOLVED that the Scout Group be requested to complete an application form and the application be then considered.

77.0 D **TO NOTE SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

77.1 D **Burglary**

The Chair reported that an email had been received from HDC in relation to advice received by them from the police that there had been an increase in burglaries of high value homes within the Harborough District. She referred to advice regarding prevention and stated that the information had been forwarded out to those people on the Medbourne email list and also on twitter.

77.2 D **Consultation entitled "From A-roads to Zebras... have your say on how we look after Leicestershire's roads, pavements and verges in the future"**

The Chair urged residents to complete the online survey about the future of roads in the County. She stated that there was a second survey for Parish Councils, and the closing date for responses was 25 September 2016.

77.3 D **LRALC Development and Member Support Questionnaire 2016**

The Clerk referred to the questionnaire by LRALC into the services provided. The Clerk undertook to populate the questionnaire and circulate to Councillors for consideration at the next meeting.

77.4 D **Community Grant Fund**

The Clerk referred to the District Council's Community Grant Fund and explained that applications had to meet at least one of HDC's Priorities: to improve community safety; to increase physical activity; to support older people; to encourage positive mental health; and, to promote healthy lifestyles.

78.0 D **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

No questions were asked of the Chair.

79.0 D **TO NOTE ANY ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH IN NEED OF ATTENTION**

79.1 D **Ashley Road Footpath**

It was noted that the verge at Ashley Road had not yet been cut.

80.0 D **COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

No new items of training or necessary resources were identified.

81.0 D **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENTS**

The Clerk reported that the payment to BT for website hosting had been made electronically. Cllr. Shaen-Carter MOVED, Cllr. Easton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED that the following payments be approved.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Sub total</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Medbourne Sports Club	Replacement rear rollers and bushes on Ransomes 214 mowers	Mower Fund	-	£134.40	£134.40
Harborough DC	Emptying Dog Bins	Maintenance	£18.46	£92.28	£110.74
Leics C Council	Parish Council web service (Apr – 31 Aug 2016)	Administration	£15.00	£75.00	£90.00
e.on electricity	April – June 2016	Lighting	£13.00	£259.93	£272.93
Graham Thomson	Salary and Neighbourhood Plan	Administration & N'hood Plan	-	£113.82	£113.82

The Clerk undertook to confirm that no further payments would be made to the County Council for the web site hosting.

The meeting closed at 20:49

Signed: _____

Date: _____