

MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019 in Medbourne Village Hall, Main Street, Medbourne

Present : Cllrs Gidley-Wright, Pilkington, Easton, Shaen-Carter and Caffrey

Also present : Parish Clerk (MF), 5 members of the public, and Cllr Rickman (HDC)

ITEM. NO.	<u>AGENDA</u>	
503.0	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.	
504.0	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
505.0	REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION None	
506.0	MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 7 October 2019 These were accepted, with the following amendments: 491.2 Ground-source heating provision is <i>included</i> , a relocation of bin stores and a revised access road should allow appropriate refuse and emergency buildings vehicles , with a repositioned hedge <i>to give better visibility</i> and potential new pathway/ cycle track routes. 494.2 it was agreed the Chair invite the parishioner to attend the next meeting with further details of this proposal, <i>including the route marked out on a map with the details of the landowners whose land would be affected by this proposal.</i>	
507.0	PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS	
507.1	A proposal for a new 'permitted footpath' was presented to increase the safety of pedestrians and dog-walkers proposal from the village centre to Leviathan Woods, across adjacent farmland and existing access across the water courses. Broad discussion was had on the feasibility of the proposal and on securing support from field owners. It was agreed to put the proposal to the local estate or ask if there could be an acceptable alternative. It was hoped the proposal could be aired at the forthcoming public meeting - Chair to assist David N.	Cllr GW

507.2	Questions were raised about the coming public meeting on the Paynes Lane development proposals, but no further information has been received on possible design revisions. The PC was asked to contact the applicant's agent to ask if revisions are coming.	MF
508.0	CLERK & COUNCILLORS REPORTS	
508.1	It was noted that the existing BT Phone Box on Main Street is still in use actually functioning . No further plans are proposed to seek its 'adoption' at present.	
508.2	Complaints have been received on the amount of mud on the local roads, stemming from large vehicles leaving local fields. An apology for this was given at the meeting from the local estate, with assurances that mitigation measures are in place. All drivers have been instructed to limit their speeds through the village and to drive considerately. Community members are asked to record the registration number and time that further problems are encountered.	
508.3	A response had been received from County Highways that it would not support additional signs mounted by the roadsides in the village, as the level of previous accidents or other incidents did not merit this. The Chair agreed to respond to the original community enquiry on seeking improved safety measures for equestrians and horses.	Cllr GW
508.4	The Chair noted that he had approached a contractor who could supply and erect timber gates at the Ashley Road location (stood in the ground without concrete). A firm quotation is to come in the order of @£700-800 for consideration in December.	Cllr GW
509..0	TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:	
509.1	Village Hall	
509.1.1	It was noted that remedial tree work is under way and a new tree is being prepared.	
509.1.2	Ideas are being considered on a grant application to the PC.	
509.1.3	New chairs are to 'on view' on 8 November, 7.00pm.	
509.1.4	Forthcoming events : 18 January Ceilidh 7 February wine tasting	
509.2	MEFT Nothing to report at the meeting	
509.3	Sports Club Nothing to report at the meeting	
509.4	Village broadband and website Nothing to report at the meeting	

510.0	TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS	
510.1	<u>Applications submitted to HDC:</u>	
510.1.1	Ref. No: 19/01768/FUL : The Manor House, Manor Road, Medbourne LE16 8DU (<i>Erection of an oak framed, feathered boarded outbuilding</i>)	
510.1.2	Ref. No: 19/01827/TCA : Village Hall, 8 Main Street, Medbourne LE16 8DT (<i>work to trees</i>)	
510.2	<u>Decisions taken by HDC</u> t/c	
510.3	<u>Enforcement Actions by HDC</u> t/c	
510.4	<u>Other planning matters</u> : A public exhibition on the proposed Paget's Farm site development will be held on 6 November 2019.	
511.0	2019-20 REVIEW OF MPC POLICIES	
511.1	Financial Regulations (potential use of NALC Model Regulations 2019) – it was agreed to make use of an amend version of these, with financial sums and thresholds adjusted to suit MPC's size and role. MF to bring a revised copy to the next Meeting.	MF
511.2	Safeguarding Role and Policy – details of other Parish Council examples had been circulated, using a Parish Councillor as the 'designated' person. It was agreed to draft a policy amendment for MPC's future policy and bring to the next meeting.	Cllr C / MF
512.0	COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW <i>It was agreed to discuss this item on the December agenda</i>	
513.0	TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:	
513.1	Details of recent correspondence had been circulated.	
513.2	Unitary Proposals, Leicestershire – a Press Release on these proposals had been placed on the Village Notice Board. It was noted that the County Council proposals are not supported by the District Councils or by local MPs.	
513.3	Correspondence received on the day of the meeting had invited further interest in cultivating wildflowers on roadside verges. MF to circulate to all and Cllr SC and C to respond.	Cllr C / SC

513.4	It was noted that the Community Grant scheme from HDC is open for submission until 12 December. All applications can be made on-line and grants of £1000-5000 are available.	
514.0	2019-20 BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS	
514.1	Payments to approve 2019-20: - British Royal Legion (Remembrance Day wreath/donation) : £40.00 - M Field (salary, November): £153.78	
514.2	Bank reconciliation to October 2019 - details had been circulated.	
514.3	Expenditure to end-September – a draft had been circulated. Details of half-year expenditure will come to the December meeting.	MF
515.0	AUDIT OF PC ACCOUNTS	
515.1	It was confirmed that the PC use the LRALC 'internal audit' scheme for 2019-20 accounts. MF will complete the submission to LRALC.	MF
516.0	GRANT APPLICATIONS None received.	
517.0	QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR None received.	
518.0	ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
518.1	The faulty streetlight along Old Holt Road had been reported incessantly. Highways would be informed again.	Cllr P
518.2	Suitability of type and location for the offered bench donation in the towpath area had been discussed with the Bench Warden. The PC agreed to fund an additional 2 bench replacements after the winter. Varnished hardwood is preferred. Approval was given up to £1000.	
518,3	The tree warden is to liaise with tree surgeon on pollarding the willow tree on the towpath and will also look at the split ash tree.	
501.0	COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES MF to book Cllr SC on the March 2020 course on 'planning matters'.	
502.0	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA An update on Anglian Water.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING <i>2 December 2019</i>	