

MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall on Monday 1 November 2021 at 7.45 p.m.

In attendance: Cllrs Kendall; Easton; Shaen-Carter.

Also present : Cllr Rickman (HDC) and members of the public

ITEM. NO. AGENDA

809.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Oakes; Parish Clerk (M Field)

810.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr SC declared an interest in Item 816.0 21/01785/FUL
36 Manor Rd as she was the architect involved in the submission.

811.0 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

812.0 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (held 27 September 2021)

These were accepted – all related actions noted below:

- 802.1 Laurie Smith had informed **Cllr K** that Nick Barker was willing to go on the Tow Path rota. **Cllr K** had still to approach Nevill Arms.
- 803.3 [excessive glare from VH lights] **MF** was asked to elaborate on what was meant by 'done' [and sent to Ian Clarke]
- 803.6.1 [visit to Barclays] action still outstanding with **Cllr K** – he informed meeting that due to work commitments and availability this was unlikely to happen until December.

813.0 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

- 813.1 A number of objections were raised regarding the development at 41A Main Street, and why development had been granted for this piece of land with regard to terrain relief and water run-off. Concern was raised on the tenuous revetment efforts made to retain ground levels and on the proximity of the 'seventh house' to neighbouring boundaries and the trees. **Cllr SC and Cllr Mike Rickman** undertook to again raise these issues with HDC planning. **Action Cllr SC**

814.0 CLERK & COUNCILLORS REPORTS

814.1 Co-Option / Election of Parish Councillors

An article would be placed in the Parish magazine advertising the vacant Cllr position. **Action Cllr K**

- 814.2 **Update on Traffic calming ‘Gateways’.**
On-site work will commence mid-November.
- 814.3 **Traffic activated ‘speed signs**
County Highways have emailed Cllr SC concerning the lengthy process involved in obtaining permission. The proposed locations need to be sent in advance to check on suitability of the posts. **Action Cllr SC**
- 814.4 **Garage development – Drayton Rd**
Platform Housing are to be invited to the 6 December meeting to discuss the proposed scheme for Drayton Rd garages & the provision of a 3m wildlife buffer. **Action MF**
- 814.5 It was suggested that to help make the MPC more accessible to people who did not have access to home IT, a small number of copies of the Minutes be made available in the village shop. Cllr E undertook to do this with the MPC reimbursing her on an annual basis for paper and ink. **Action Cllr E**
- 815.0 REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:**
- 815.1 **Village Hall**
 - Fire Risk Assessment - work has started on easier items identified in the report BG/CS.
 - Last full wiring safety Inspection was 2017 - a quotation has been requested for this to be carried out again.
 - The gas safety record is being checked with plumber to ensure this meets requirements.
 - LPG storage is being sited onto slabs within a cage.
 - A discussion was had regarding the suspended weekly visit of the Nurse Practitioner which is seen as essential for less mobile members of the community and has been greatly missed. Cllr Mike Rickman had approached the South Leicestershire Medical Group (SLMG) partners about re-commencing this service. **Cllr K** agreed to write to the SLMG senior partners requesting the service be reinstated. **Action Cllr K**
- 815.2 **MEFT**
Cllr K had held an informal meeting with Stephen Bishop, to discuss the governance of the MEFT along with playground maintenance, gat/fence repair and the outdoor multi gym project. The MEFT would re-convene on 6 Dec 21 with **Cllr K** attending on the PC’s behalf.
- 815.3 **Sports Club**

- Cllr O was not available to provide an update on the Sports Club. The issue of the lack of female changing rooms was brought up. **Cllr K** undertook to address this issue. **Action Cllr K**

- Cllr Mike Rickman informed the meeting that the very popular Seniors Lunch Club, held monthly in the Sports Club had started again.

816.0 TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS

816.1 Applications to HDC:

816.1 21/01286/FUL Nevill Arms Whilst Medbourne

Parish Council are keen for the pub to be successful, but councillors expressed concern about public safety and parking. **Cllr SSC** to prepare comment for MF to send to HDC Planning. **Action Cllr SC**

816.1.2 21/01294/TCA Old House 10 The Green

This removal of a birch tree near several other trees has been approved by HDC, and the PC would have had no objection.

816.1.3 21/01750/FUL Medbourne Grange, Nevil Holt.

The scheme is considered an improvement on what is existing, and the PC has no objections. **Action MF**

816.1.4 21/01785/FUL Holt Rise, 36 Manor Rd. - replacement of extension. SSC declared an interest in having prepared the drawings. Other councillors are to review drawings.

816.2 Other planning matters: tbc

Cllr K agreed write to the senior planner at HDC observing that when MPC has previously submitted comments to HDC Planning there is seldom a reply. **Action Cllr K**

817.0 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

This subject was deferred to the next meeting.

818.0 POLICY REVIEWS

818.1 Equality and Diversity – the renewed policy was approved

818.2 Safeguarding – it was felt further work is required to this update. The reference to ‘Cllr Caffrey’ requires amendment to **Cllr E, and the wording need to be adjusted to reflect safeguarding responsibilities ‘as and when relevant appropriate’ or words to that effect. **Action MF****

819.0 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

819.1 The meeting was informed that the new routine time for MPC meetings to start would be 1945 hrs, following communication raised with the Village Hall.

820.0 2020-21 BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

820.1 Payments approved for November 2021:

M Field (salary for October) : **£173.48**

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HDC (bins) : **£135.77**

LRALC (course fee) : **£45.00**

E-on (electricity charges) : **£515.72**

820.2 Bank reconciliation : to 7 October 2021

A Bank Reconciliation to October 2021 had been circulated.

820.3 Change of signatories for PC bank accounts

This is in hand as noted above (minute ref. 812.0)

821.0 GRANT APPLICATIONS

None received.

822.0 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR

None received.

823.0 ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

823.1 The state of the railings on the Packhorse Bridge and safety were discussed. Cllr K again re-emphasised that the bridge's repair and safety were the responsibility of Highways and that he had personally visited the Packhorse Bridge with Mike Thornton from Highways. Mr Thornton had said that he would inspect the bridge every month and close it when it is assessed to be unsafe. Any repair/replacement of the railing would have to be subject to planning consent and approved by English Heritage.

823.2 **Cllr Oakes** is to continue to liaise with Highways.

823.3 In order to generate more momentum, **Cllr SC** agreed to see if a local craftsperson could assess the work required on the bridge and then broker discussion with Highways/English Heritage and the craftsperson to consider a schedule/way forward. **Action Cllr SC**

824.0 COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES

No training discussed.

825.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: *Monday 6 December 2021, 7.45 pm*