

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall**  
**on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, commencing at 6.45 pm.**

**Councillors Present**

Mrs Pat Walton – Chair  
 Mrs Jenny Hurst – Vice-Chair  
 Mr Edward Kitson

Mr Gary Fox  
 Mr Howard Bakewell  
 Mr Gordon Bigam

County Councillor Mr J T Orson  
 Borough Councillor Mrs J Simpson  
 Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

**Action**

**Apologies** – There were no apologies received.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

There were no parishioners present.

Borough Councillor Simpson informed Councillors that the MBC Local Plan was progressing and that members and officers had looked at some of the results of the recent consultation. Following which it had been highlighted that MBC would be short of land sites.

Councillors raised the issue of car parking charges in Melton town centre with Borough Councillor Simpson. It was understood that in general, people in and around Melton were unclear as to why the charges were so high especially on a Tuesday, market day.

Borough Councillor Simpson advised that she was a member of the committee which deals with such matters and that she had requested a review of the current parking charges. Councillors felt that it was not encouraging tourism to the area.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2016/2017 13-17, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

1. **New Bus Shelter, Barsby** – Mr James Walton, the land agent for Brown and Co, had advised the Clerk that a trustees meeting was scheduled to take place in late August, when the Barsby bus shelter would be included on the agenda for discussion.
2. **White Centre Line Road Markings from the Rearsby Business Park to the Rearsby Bypass Junction (A607)** – Following the email sent to LCC, Highways Department, a response had been received which stated that the works were being considered and that the white centre lines would be added to the package of works (along with other lining works in the area). However, a date for this work had yet to be scheduled.
3. **Extension at Overleys, 1 Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – After again emailing Mr Joe Mitson of Development Control at MBC, he reported that he had visited the property recently and had discussed the extensions with the homeowner. However, Mr Mitson required further details from the homeowner to assess against the regulations governing permitted development rights.

**Matters Arising cont.**

- 3. Extension at Overleys, 1 Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby, cont.** – Following receipt of these details Mr Mitson would be able to assess if planning permission is required. At which point an application should be submitted in the usual way. The homeowner had informed Mr Mitson that the extensions had previously been the subject of discussions with MBC's previous Enforcement Officer, although Mr Mitson could find no record of any such discussions.

The Clerk was asked to email Mr Mitson again in a couple of weeks to enquire if he had made any further progress with the matter.

Clerk

- 4. Unsafe Footpath Bridge, Ashby Folville** – Mr Paul Wroblewski of the LCC, Structures and Assets Team, had advised the Clerk that the vegetation removal works had been carried out and that he would visit the bridge to assess it further. Upon the initial assessment it appeared that the south west brick wing wall with the vertical cracks is at present stable and not likely to collapse or be pushed over. Councillors asked the Clerk to email Mr Wroblewski again in a couple of weeks to ask if he had visited the bridge and if he would like to meet with Councillors at the site.

Clerk

- 5. Crime Updates** – The Clerk had received an email from PC954 John Scott which was read and circulated to Councillors. The email, in brief, stated that the Leicestershire Police would provide Parish Councils with:

- Good new stories, ie capture and conviction
- Provide updates on specific incidents that have had an impact on the community (this request to be Parish Council led).

Councillors felt the response to be unsatisfactory and were of the opinion that it didn't satisfy the initial request made by GPC – for Parish Councils and the victims to receive a progress update once a crime has been reported.

As County Councillor Orson chaired the Police and Crime committee, Councillors asked him to take forward the matter on behalf of GPC. County Councillor Orson asked the Clerk to send him an email with the request and the response from PC954 John Scott and he would then forward the email to the Police and Crime Commissioner and would then be able to pursue the matter further.

Clerk

- 6. Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads** – Nothing to report.

- 7. MBC/Parish Council Liaison Meeting** – Notification had been received from MBC that the next Parish Council Liaison Meeting would be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Council Offices, Parkside, commencing at 7pm. In addition an agenda setting meeting would be held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July in the Fernley Room, Parkside, commencing at 6.30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to consider and raise items for inclusion on the agenda for the Parish Council Liaison Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Bakewell was unsure if he would be able to attend the agenda setting meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> so asked the Clerk to forward the items for inclusion on the agenda to MBC. Following discussion, it was agreed to raise the following:

- Latest update on the new waste collection contract.
- Planning – the workload on individual officers is becoming too great, therefore they are not able to provide an adequate service, ie, the response time to queries is slow and sometimes vague.

Councillor  
Bakewell &  
Clerk

**Matters Arising cont.****7. MBC/Parish Council Liaison Meeting cont. –**

- Planning – lack of ‘Conservation Officer’ – it was felt that this is a specialist role, which, unfortunately is not being sufficiently fulfilled by the planning officers. There are many important rules and regulations specifically related to Conservation Areas, which need to be adhered to and sometimes they are not adequately met.

The Clerk would forward these matters to MBC.

**8. Request for Dog Waste Bin** – Councillor Bakewell reported, that after having looked at possible locations, the most suitable position for a dog waste bin to be situated would be near to the electricity substation opposite Gaddesby Village Hall and car park. Councillors agreed to this proposal and asked the Clerk to order a new bin, which would match the existing dog waste bins.

Clerk

**Correspondence**

**1. RoSPA : Play Area Safety Inspection Report** – The Clerk reported that a RoSPA inspector had carried out a Play Area Safety Inspection at the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016, where the current overall risk rating was found to be ‘medium’. The document was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting; Councillors present noted the content of the report.

However, it had been brought to the attention of GPC that some of the timber on the slide had become rotten. Councillors Bakewell and Kitson would visit the Play Area and would have a look at the slide and would report back to Councillors.

Councillors  
Bakewell &  
Kitson

**2. LCC, Felling of Horse Chestnut Tree, Ashby Folville** – Notification had been received from Mr Steward Marshall, the Forestry and Arboriculture Officer at LCC, that during a recent health and safety inspection of the horse chestnut trees in Ashby Folville, one of the trees was found to have an aggressive decay fungi near to its base. The tree in question is situated opposite to the Carington Arms Public House on the highway verge of Ashby Road/Folville Street adjacent to the cricket pitch.

In the email Mr Marshall advised that unfortunately the tree would have to be felled and that an application would be submitted to MBC in due course in order to seek planning permission.

Correspondence was either emailed or made available to Councillors as necessary.

**Planning Matters****‘For Information Only’**

**a. Dairy Farm, 2 Main Street, Barsby** – Application submitted by Ashby Folville Estate, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed felling of one Norway Spruce tree.

**b. Ashby Pastures, Pasture Lane, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by Mr Darrell Fowler for the proposed conversion of the existing barns into two house dwellings. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

## Planning Decisions

**a. The Buses, 21 Main Street, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs S Godsiff for the proposed demolition of the existing single storey extension and conservatory and replacement with part two storey extension to form kitchen, dining utility and bedroom over. Works also to include modification of access to existing garage accommodation, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

**b. Barsby Farm, 11 Main Street, Barsby** – Application submitted by Ms Sarah Whiting for the proposed construction of a new dwelling (plot one), has been granted outline planning permission by MBC.

**c. Barsby Farm, 11 Main Street, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mrs Kathryn Shorrock for the proposed construction of a new dwelling (plot two), has been granted outline planning permission by MBC.

**d. 12 Pasture Lane, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr K Taylor for the proposed alterations and extensions to the existing bungalow. Dormer window and velux windows to the front elevation, dual pitched dormer window to the rear elevation and single storey to the rear, has been refused planning permission by MBC. Although MBC had been previously informed that work had commenced to the rear of the property, Councillors understood that neighbouring properties were having sewage related problems, therefore Councillors asked the Clerk to write to MBC again advising them of these difficulties.

Clerk

**e. 'Westbury', 12 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr Lance Shaw, for the proposed removal of one tree (Beech), has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

**f. The Cheney Arms Public House, 2 Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Everards Brewery Ltd for the proposed refurbishment and updating of the existing signage has been refused listed building consent and refused consent to display an advertisement. The Clerk had written to Mr Joe Mitson of Development Control at MBC to advise that the signs are currently being illuminated, but Councillors had noted that the signs were still being illuminated, therefore the Clerk was asked to write again to enquire what action would be taken with regard to the signs.

Clerk

## Representative Reports

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – It was reported that the St. Mary's Church Garden Fete held on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 raised over £2,500.00 for the Church.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that details had been circulated to parishioners of the forthcoming 'Barsby Feast Day' which would take place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell reported that, it had been brought to the attention of the Village Hall committee, that some of the trees and shrubs, which were growing around the boundary of the Village Hall car park had become overgrown. After looking into the matter, the committee had been made aware that there was a covenant on part of the car park which stated that trees and shrubs should not be allowed to grow in the boundary. Councillor Bakewell advised that the Village Hall committee would be arranging to have the trees and shrubs cut back to ground level.

**Finance****Accounts paid since the last meeting:**

N.G Pick – Playground maintenance from 01.11.2015 to 30.04.2016, total £450.00.

E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 30.06.2016, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

**Accounts for payment:**

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30.06.2016, £317.95 plus 5% VAT £15.90, total £333.85.

The Green Waste Club – Two green waste composting bins for the Gaddesby Children's Play Area, total £94.00.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.04.2016 to 30.06.2016, salary £1,281.28, expenses £129.93, total £1,411.21.

**Payments Received:**

HMRC – VAT refund from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016, total £1,170.43.

**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £15,007.61.

Barclays Bank Community Account £2,935.30.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

**E.ON UK Plc : Deemed Contract Rates:**

Notification had been received from E.ON UK Plc that the Deemed Contract rates would be increasing from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Currently the rate to GPC is 12.40p per kWh and this will increase to 14.40p per kWh.

Councillors noted details of the increase.

**Annual Audit of Accounts 2015/2016:**

Councillor Kitson reported that he had scanned the GPC accounting statement, but had yet to post it to the Gaddesby village website, although he would do so in the next few days.

Councillor  
Kitson

**Other Business**

**1. Parking outside Gaddesby Primary School at peak times** – As a parent himself, Councillor Kitson reported that he had met with a parent governor of Gaddesby Primary School to discuss their concerns regarding the congestion and volume of motor vehicles around the School at peak times. Councillor Kitson advised Councillors that they discussed the various possible options for trying to reduce this, a few of these being:

A 'kiss and drop' scheme.

Extending the bus service to children outside the catchment area.

Making the 20mph speed limit signage more obvious.

A 'carless zone' within the Village Hall car park.

Councillor Kitson informed that the School were asking all parents to sign a 'Parent Charter' with which they agree with and adhere to. Councillor Kitson would keep GPC informed of any decisions made.

**2. Gaddesby Hall** – Councillors noted that the boundary yew hedge belonging to Gaddesby Hall, which is situated on Main Street, Gaddesby, had been substantially cut back.

**Other Business cont.**

**3. Overgrown Footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to The Old School House, Barsby** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to The Old School House, Barsby had become overgrown. Councillors were of the opinion that last year, LCC, Highways Department had agreed to include the footway in the urban cut and not the rural cut. As the footway had not been cut within the urban cut, the Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to ask them to cut back the footway as a matter of urgency.

Clerk

**4. Overgrown Hedges, Barsby and Ashby Folville** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the hedge near to the Old School House in Barsby had become overgrown. Also the hedge in Ashby Folville opposite the Dalby Road junction had become overgrown. It had been reported that both hedges were overhanging the footway. The Clerk would ask the tenant farmer of both the pieces of land, Mr Alan Smith, if he could trim back the hedges when he had time.

Clerk

**Arrangements for the next meeting :**

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016, at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chair.