

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall
on Monday, 4th November 2013, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair
 Mr Howard Bakewell
 Mr Neil Shorrocks

Mrs Pat Walton
 Mr Gordon Bigam – Vice-Chair

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

Action

Apologies – There were no apologies received.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

County Councillor Orson provided Councillors with an update of the Local Bus Service Review. This being that the LCC public consultation with bus users, County Councillors, Parish and District Councils and other relevant bodies began today, Monday, 4th November 2013 for six weeks. County Councillor Orson, was of the opinion that the LCC Cabinet would make a decision following the responses received in possibly February 2014.

County Councillor Orson advised that the LCC Council Tax would rise by approximately 1.5% and that budget discussions at MBC had yet to take place.

Borough Councillor Simpson reported that a proposal has been put forward for five 130m wind turbines on the Melton airfield site. Borough Councillor Simpson advised that the developer, Wind Ventures, would be carrying out a public consultation with exhibitions being held in local Village Halls during November.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2013/2014 34-39, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Arrow indicator signs, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – The Clerk had emailed Mr David Martin, the Clerk of Works for LCC, East/Northern Division, to ask that the bent and broken signs are removed for safety reasons. Councillors felt that this particular bend on Rearsby Lane did require some type of signage as motor vehicles tend to drive fast into the sharp bend. It was noted that there had been two accidents in the same vicinity within the last couple of weeks and that there had been three or four accidents after the bend within the last 12 months. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Martin to ask if he could visit the site as Councillors were concerned of the highway safety in this area.
 The Clerk was asked to copy the email to County Councillor Orson.
2. **Blocked Drain, Paske Avenue, Gaddesby** – Nothing to report.
3. **Blocked Drain, Folville Street, Ashby Folville** – Nothing to report.

Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

4. **Changes to the Local Bus Service 100** – See Parishioner/Public Time.
5. **RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection** – The Clerk had informed Paul at Greyhound Leisure that GPC had decided to wait until the spring to carry out the installation of the grass matting underneath the multi-play area. The Clerk had yet to obtain a quotation from Mr Nigel Pick, the maintenance contractor for GPC, for the cleaning of the rubber tiles underneath the junior swing area, but would endeavour to do so prior to the December meeting.
Councillor Shorrock reported that he had attached the safety notices to the MUGA fence recently.
6. **MBC, Parish Council Liaison Meeting** – An agenda had been received from MBC, for the forthcoming Parish Council Liaison Meeting, to be held on Monday, 18th November 2013 at 6.30pm at the Council Offices, Parkside.
Councillor Bakewell agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of GPC.
7. **Melton Local Plan** – The Clerk advised Councillors that the first meeting of the ‘Environment and Rural’ Reference Group would take place on Monday, 11th November 2013 at 6pm in the Council Offices, Parkside. The required documents for the meeting had been emailed to GPC by Mr J Worley at MBC; these were circulated to all Councillors.
Councillors Hurst and Walton agreed to attend as both individuals and Councillors.
8. **Melton West Community Forum** – Councillor Hurst reported that she had attended the Melton West Community Forum on Thursday, 10th October 2013 at Somerby Memorial Hall. Where items discussed included:
- MBC, Local Plan – parishioners are being encouraged to get involved.
 - LCC, Bus Service Review.
 - Parish Community Hub – discussion about the community lunches programme.
 - Broadband – looking at the gradual provision of broadband within the community.
 - Report by the Leicestershire Constabulary – there had been an increase in motor vehicle crime. Motor garages in Melton have offered to fit, free of charge, tamper proof screws to attach number plates to vehicles.
9. **D66 Public Footpath, Baggrave End, Barsby** – Nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for the Melton area for LCC, to ask him if he has been to visit the site and walked the footpath.
10. **Internal Auditor** – Following receipt of the letter from Mr Ian Fraser, the Clerk had sent Mr Fraser a letter of thanks. Mr Fraser had subsequently responded to the letter by asking the Clerk to pass on his own thanks to GPC.
The Clerk had telephoned the Clerks at East Goscote Parish Council and Twyford and Thorpe Parish Council. Mr Challoner, the Clerk for Twyford and Thorpe Parish Council had advised that they had appointed Mr Richard Willcocks from Sileby as their new Internal Auditor and after having made enquiries with other local Council Clerks he was highly recommended and was well used in the area. The Clerk at East Goscote Parish Council had yet to respond to the Clerks telephone message.

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BakewellCouncillors
Hurst and
Walton

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Matters Arising cont.

10. Internal Auditor cont. – Following discussion Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Mr Willcocks to enquire if he would be available to carry out the internal audit for GPC. All Councillors agreed to this proposal.

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11. Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils – After having read through the letter received, Councillors resolved not to attend any of the events to be held during November, but resolved to concentrate on matters at a local level.

12. Email from Gaddesby parishioner, Mr Stephen Johnson – Councillor Bakewell reported that he had been to look at the bench situated outside the bungalows along Ashby Road, Gaddesby. Following this, he informed Councillors that, in his opinion, the bench was ‘weathered’ rather than in poor condition. However, Councillor Bakewell suggested that the bench would benefit from a clean and a fresh coat of protective stain, but not at the moment, perhaps in the spring once the weather has improved. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Johnson to advise him that GPC will take the appropriate action in the spring, as it was felt that the winter months is not an ideal time to carry out such maintenance tasks.

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13. Large Overgrown Christmas Tree, Paske Avenue, Gaddesby – The Clerk had emailed LCC, Highways Department to advise that a Christmas tree situated in the front garden of no. 6 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby had become very large and overgrown.

As LCC were slow to action the reports sent to them from GPC, County Councillor Orson suggested that when an email is sent he is copied into the email to see if LCC acknowledge or respond to the matter any sooner.

Correspondence

1. Email from Mr J Worley, Head of Regulatory Services at MBC – An email had been received from Mr J Worley, the Head of Regulatory Services at MBC regarding the arrangements for consulting with Parish Councils on planning applications/matters. A copy of the letter was circulated to all Councillors. The letter stated that MBC prefer to consult Parish Councillors by emailed letter, which contains a link, which then takes you to the relevant web pages where the planning application can be viewed. The letter advised that, on request, MBC are able to email directly all of the documents associated with a planning application as attachments and, by exception they are willing to reproduce applications in paper form for collection and/or postage. Councillors were of the opinion that the preferred method for GPC would be to receive an email with all of the documents associated with that planning application as attachments, then the Clerk would be able to forward the email to all Councillors, so that everyone can view the documents prior to the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Worley of this decision.

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

Planning Matters

a. St. Mary's Church, Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mrs Angela Patton, for listed building consent, for the proposed installation of seven new guards to three specified windows. Councillors resolved to support the application. However, it was noted that although the application had been submitted on a listed building consent form, some of the boxes ticked conflicted this. The Clerk was asked to write to MBC to advise that GPC support the application, but would like to draw to their attention that St. Mary's Church is a grade one listed building and would trust that a suitable company will be employed to carry out the works to such a building.

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Planning Decisions

a. Lawn Cottage, 12 Main Street, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr S Baker, for the proposed removal of two half doors and replace with a new oak arch door, has been granted listed building consent by MBC.

b. 22 Park Hill, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Faulknull for a proposed two storey rear extension, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

c. The Gables, 24 Main Street, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr S Machin for a proposed side and rear two storey extension and first floor roof extension to the existing dwelling, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

d. St. Mary's Church, Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mrs A Patton, for the proposed reduction of the lower branches of a yew tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

e. Glebe Farm, Pasture Lane North, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs P Chantrell for the proposed erection of a replacement dwelling, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – Councillors understood that the Harvest Supper held in the Hall on Thursday, 17th October 2013, had been very well attended and enjoyed by parishioners.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that a very successful 'pumpkin carving' competition had been organised by the Barsby Village Hall Green committee on Thursday, 31st October 2013, where there had been 22 entries.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Village Hall continued to be well used and that the Hall floor had been sanded and varnished during the half-term break, with the grey floor tiles being replaced. Councillor Bakewell went on to report that the pipes, which run along the wall just above the skirting boards, would be boxed in over the Christmas holiday and that the Hall would be re-decorated. Councillor Bakewell advised that Gaddesby Primary School would be purchasing a portable stage and that the Village Hall would be able to use the stage when required. Additionally, Councillor Bakewell reported that a new member had joined the committee.

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

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy from 01.07.2013 to 30.09.2013, £213.60 plus 5% VAT £10.68, total £224.28.

The Society of Local Council Clerks – annual membership fee 2013/2014, total £100.00.

The Rural Community Council – annual membership fee 2013/2014, total £40.00.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.07.2013 to 30.09.2013, salary £1,253.20 plus back pay, 01.04.2013 to 30.06.2013, £12.48 plus expenses £108.69, total £1,374.37.

Accounts for payment:

South Croxton Benefice – 3rd ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.

Grant Thornton UK LLP – Annual audit fees, year ending 31st March 2013, £200.00 plus 20% VAT £40.00, total £240.00.

N.G.Pick – Playground maintenance from 01.05.2013 to 31.10.2013, total £400.00.

Payments Received:

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £14,986.25.

Barclays Bank Community Account £1,829.34.

Discussion of Budget/Precept 2014:

The Clerk circulated to all Councillors the proposed 2014/2015 budget. Following discussion Councillors resolved that the current precept of £14,500.00 should remain and that there should not be an increase for the forthcoming year. The Clerk would complete the necessary forms and would present them at the December meeting for Councillors to sign.

The Clerk read to Councillors the precept letter sent from MBC, which advised that funding for Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2014/2015 will include funding for Parishes. This funding will not be separately identified within the Revenue Support Grant payment made to the Council. The amount of funding that is passed to Parishes, is something that MBC members have yet to determine but will be raised as part of their budget considerations.

Councillors noted this information and would wait for further guidance from MBC.

Other Business

1. Broken Nameplate : Main Street, Barsby – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the Main Street nameplate at the Barsby crossroads had broken and was now leaning against the wall. The Clerk was contact MBC to inform them that a new nameplate was required at Main Street, Barsby.

2. Church Lane, Barsby – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that Church Lane, Barsby was in very poor condition and possibly required resurfacing. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to inform them of the matter.

3. Overgrown footpath between Barsby and Ashby Folville – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the grass on the footpath, which runs between Barsby and Ashby Folville had become very overgrown, making it difficult for pedestrians to walk along. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC, Highways Department to ask if they could arrange to have the overgrown grass trimmed back.

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Arrangements for the next meeting:

Monday, 2nd December 2013, at Gaddesby Village Hall,
commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chair.