

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall**  
**on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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  
 Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson  
 Mrs Gwynneth Whitehouse – Representative of SMART  
 Mr Peter Pritchard – Gaddesby parishioner

**Action**

**Apologies** – Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr J T Orson.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

Mrs Gwynneth Whitehouse, a resident of Great Dalby and a Councillor for Burton and Dalby Parish Council attended the meeting to outline a proposal submitted to MBC, by Wind Ventures, for five 130m wind turbines on the land at Crown Hill, Melton Mowbray (known as Melton Airfield). Mrs Whitehouse advised that Great Dalby village had formed a working group, known as ‘SMART’ – ‘Support Melton Against Rural Turbines’. Mrs Whitehouse informed that the group were, in general terms, not against green energy but were against the installation of five large turbines, which would be the largest in Great Britain. Councillor Bigam informed everyone that a wind turbine of this height and scale had recently been installed at the Severn Trent Sewage Works at Wanlip and could be seen for miles around. Mrs Whitehouse went on to advise Councillors that Wind Ventures had carried out a public consultation with 10,000.00 leaflets being distributed throughout Melton Mowbray and some of the local villages and that the various exhibitions held throughout November had not been very well attended. Mrs Whitehouse commented that the landscape and heritage of the area were very important aspects and that more than 80% of the airfield site is productive agricultural land. Mrs Whitehouse advised that Burton and Dalby Parish Council had previously opposed the wind turbine applications in Thorpe Satchville and Mrs Whitehouse went on to ask for the support of GPC in opposing the current proposal for the installation of the five wind turbines on the land at Crown Hill. Prior to leaving the meeting Mrs Whitehouse advised that the working group SMART have a website along with face book and twitter pages, should Councillors wish to follow any progress and comments and that the scoping documents were available to view on the MBC website. Councillors discussed the matter later in the meeting, where Borough Councillor Simpson presented Councillors with a map, which had been printed off the MBC website, which showed the proposed locations of the five wind turbines. Councillors had concerns regarding the ‘flicker’ effect and that the number of turbines could eventually increase over the years. Also Councillors felt that they would industrialize the rural landscape. Councillors agreed to look at the SMART website and the Clerk was asked to include the matter on the agenda for the January meeting.

All  
 Councillors  
 & Clerk

**Parishioner/Public Time cont.**

Mr Peter Pritchard attended the meeting to ask if it would be possible to have a defibrillator installed in the telephone box in Gaddesby. Councillors advised Mr Pritchard that although there was a defibrillator in the telephone box in Barsby, it had been a project which had been funded by Barsby village, not the Parish Council. Councillors suggested that Mr Pritchard bring the matter to the attention of the Gaddesby Village Hall committee who may be able to assist with ways of raising funds in order to proceed with the project.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2013/2014 40-45, 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 express the concerns of Highway safety along Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby and to ask him to visit the site near to the arrow signs. A reply had yet to be received. As requested, the Clerk had copied the email to County Councillor Orson. As a response had yet to be received, the Clerk was asked to email County Councillor Orson to ask if he would be able to follow up the email to LCC on behalf of GPC.
2. **Changes to the Local Bus Service 100** – Notification had been received from LCC, Environment and Transport Department that the consultation regarding the proposed changes to the Local Bus Services would take place between 4<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013. A number of consultation documents had been received and all bus users, County Councillors, Parish and District Councils and other relevant bodies were being encouraged to complete and return the proposal document to LCC. It was understood that some Gaddesby parishioners were concerned that they may not currently use the bus service but may wish to do so in the future. Councillors were of the opinion that the proposed changes were acceptable and should suit the needs of the majority of parishioners.
3. **Gaddesby Children's 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 January 2014 meeting.
4. **MBC, Parish Council Liaison Meeting** – Councillor Bakewell reported that he had attended the Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Council Offices, where the meeting was chaired by County Councillor Orson. Councillor Bakewell advised that the meeting had been poorly attended and that the following items were discussed:
  - Sustainable Communities Act (SCA) – A radical new law in Great Britain, to encourage individuals to become involved with planning/local services, etc, within their community.
  - Parish Precept – All Parish Councils should be sent an email with their new precept details. Parish Councils with an annual turnover of less than £25,000.00 will be exempt from external audit from 2016. Parish Clerks with a salary exceeding £8,105.00 per year, to be offered a pension.
  - Community Resilience – The idea is that a Parish Council is resilient in the event of a major disaster, so that any plan can be quickly and effectively implemented, re: floods, power failures, accidents, etc.

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Matters Arising cont.

- 4. MBC, Parish Council Liaison Meeting cont.**
- Planning Issues – There are currently 33 wind turbine planning applications within the Borough, 25 of which have been deferred due to various reasons.
  - Melton Local Plan – MBC is hoping to involve as many as people as possible with the ‘Reference Groups’, in order to gain the specific requirements of the community.
- 5. Melton Local Plan : ‘Environment and Rural’ Reference Group –** Councillor Hurst reported that along with Councillor Walton they had attended the meeting of the ‘Environment and Rural’ Reference Group at the Council Offices on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. Councillor Hurst advised that the attendees were split into smaller groups/tables and that each group was given a map and were asked to indicate their various requirements and wishes. Councillor Hurst commented that it was interesting to see that each group/table had the same or similar requirements and wishes.
- 6. D66 Public Footpath, Baggrave End, Barsby –** Since the November meeting, Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for the Melton area for LCC, had visited the D66 Public Footpath and had walked along the overgrown section. Mr Bye advised that he had attached an additional way mark arrow at the top of the steps and had ensured that both routes, the steps and the track, were clearly marked and accessible to the public.  
With regard to the overgrown section, Mr Bye advised that he would arrange for the maintenance team to trim the area, so that pedestrians could walk along the footpath without any difficulties.
- 7. Appointment of Internal Auditor –** The Clerk had yet to contact Mr Richard Willcocks from Sileby to ask if he would be interested in being the Internal Auditor for GPC, but would endeavour to do so in the New Year.
- 8. Bench, Ashby Road, Gaddesby –** The Clerk had emailed Mr Johnson to advise him that GPC would take the appropriate action in the spring to give the bench a clean and a fresh coat of protective stain and that GPC felt that the winter months were not an ideal time to carry such maintenance tasks. Mr Johnson responded by thanking GPC and by supporting the decision to wait until the spring.
- 9. Large Overgrown Christmas Tree, Paske Avenue, Gaddesby –** Councillor Bakewell reported that he had seen some contractors from LCC, Highways Department looking at and spraying paint markings on the footpath.
- 10. MBC, Arrangements for consulting with Parish Councils on planning applications/matters –** The Clerk had emailed Mr J Worley, the Head of Regulatory Services at MBC, to advise that GPC would prefer to receive an email with all of the documents associated with the individual planning application as attachments.  
Since then, MBC had forwarded any relevant planning applications to GPC in this way, which the Clerk had then forwarded to Councillors. Everyone agreed that this form of communication would work well.

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**Matters Arising cont.**

- 11. Broken Nameplate : Main Street, Barsby** – The Clerk had reported to MBC, that the Main Street nameplate at the Barsby crossroads had broken and was now leaning against the wall, therefore a new nameplate was required. MBC advised that generally it can take twelve weeks for a replacement to arrive.
- 12. Church Lane, Barsby** – The Clerk had emailed LCC, Highways Department, to report that Church Lane, Barsby was in very poor condition and possibly required resurfacing.
- 13. Overgrown footpath between Barsby and Ashby Folville** – The Clerk had emailed LCC, Highways Department, to report that the grass on the footway, which runs along the Highway between Barsby and Ashby Folville, had become overgrown and required trimming back.

**Correspondence**

- 1. LCC, Public Footpath Diversion Order 2013, Footpath 177 (part), Chapel Lane, Gaddesby** – Notification had been received from the Chief Executive's Department at LCC to advise that approval had been granted for the making of an Order in respect of the diversion of the public footpath 177 (part), Chapel Lane, Gaddesby. Any objections should be submitted to LCC, no later than 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

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

**Planning Matters****'For Information Only'**

- a. Y.Bwthyn, 16 Main Street, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mrs Anne Randal, for works to trees within a conservation area, for the proposed crown reduction by 25% and the removal of the dead and dying wood of one Ash tree and the crown thin and reduction by 20% of two Ash trees. Clerk
- b. Field no: OS 5684, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mr Peter Featherstone for the proposed extension to the existing cattle building. Councillors resolved to support the application. Clerk
- c. Strathlene, 4 The Lane, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mr Philip Ciuffardi, for the proposed demolition of the existing dwelling and a replacement detached two storey dwelling. Additional information had been received in relation to the application. Namely: two water colour drawings to show the new dwelling and the street scene and details of alternative building materials to be used. Councillors agreed that the previous comments submitted to MBC would remain as they were concerned about the size and design of the proposed dwelling. Borough Councillor Simpson offered to 'call-in' the application on behalf of GPC, which would mean that the application is looked at and considered by the planning committee and not the case officer. The Clerk was asked to contact the case officer to find out if there were any objections to the application, when the determination would be and what the case officer would recommend. The Clerk would then contact Borough Councillor Simpson with this information. Clerk

**Planning Decisions**

**a. Ivy Cottage, 20 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr Anthony Bourne, for a proposed garage and garden room extension, external facade repair works and internal remedial works has been granted listed building consent by MBC.

**Representative Reports**

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – Nothing to report.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that the sausage and mash supper/skittles evening had been very enjoyable and well attended. Councillor Hurst went on to advise that ‘Carols on the Green’ would take place on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 from 5pm.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Village Hall continued to be well used and that a committee meeting would take place on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Councillor Bakewell advised that the committee had decided to install a new sewage system in the Hall and that they would be reviewing the hire charges for the Hall.

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

South Croxton Benefice – 3<sup>rd</sup> ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.  
Grant Thornton UK LLP – Annual audit fees, year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Accounts for payment:**

None.

**Payments Received:**

02.09.2013 – Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account, interest from 03.06.2013 to 01.09.2013, total £1.97.

**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £14,986.25.  
Barclays Bank Community Account £1,829.34.

**Discussion of Budget/Precept 2014:**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all Councillors the final 2014/2015 budget. Although the Clerk had completed the necessary forms in readiness to be returned to MBC, MBC had advised that the amount of funding that is passed to Parishes had yet to be determined, therefore Councillors resolved to wait until the January 2014 meeting to sign and fully complete the form.

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**Other Business**

**1. Slippery Pedestrian Footpath : Park Hill/Pasture Lane Corner, Gaddesby** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the pedestrian footpath at the corner of Park Hill and Pasture Lane had become very slippery due to moss growing on the footpath. It was understood that a Gaddesby parishioner had slipped and fallen on the coating of moss and algae. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to draw the matter to their attention and to ask them to clean the footpath.

Clerk

**2. Large Pot Hole : Pasture Lane, Gaddesby** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that there was a large pot hole in the Highway along Pasture Lane, Gaddesby, between Rose Cottage and Harborough Farm on the left hand-side. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to draw the matter to their attention.

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**Arrangements for the next meeting:**

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014, at Gaddesby Village Hall,  
commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair.