

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall
on Monday, 8th August 2016, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Pat Walton – Chair
 Mrs Jenny Hurst – Vice-Chair

Mr Edward Kitson
 Mr Howard Bakewell

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

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Councillors Mr Gordon Bigam and Mr Gary Fox and Borough Councillor Mrs J Simpson.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Crime Updates - As requested the Clerk had forwarded an email to County Councillor Orson with the request and the unsatisfactory response from PC954 John Scott in relation to crime updates, so that he could pursue the matter further with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.

County Councillor Orson reported that he had received a response from Chief Constable Simon Cole; County Councillor Orson read the email to Councillors:

‘I am confused about the assertion that individuals are not getting updates; they will be getting updates on recorded crime in line with the Victims Code.... are there specific cases/examples that this relates to? Every case will have details of victim contact recorded and that is looked at regularly’.

‘Outcomes of many crimes are nationally reported and on the police.uk website; these are easily viewable. We will also soon have ‘track my crime’ capabilities online for victims too’.

Councillors were of the opinion that the lack of updated information was a general problem, but as the Chief Constable had asked for specific examples, Councillors asked the Clerk, to contact Councillor Fox to ask if he would be able to provide some examples. The Clerk was asked to then write to Chief Constable Simon Cole with the details; County Councillor Orson requested that he is copied into the email response.

Councillor
Fox &
Clerk

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no’s 2016/2017 18-23, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **New Bus Shelter, Barsby** – Nothing to report. A trustees meeting would take place in late August.
2. **White Centre Line Road Markings from the Rearsby Business Park to the Rearsby Bypass Junction (A607)** – Nothing to report.

Matters Arising cont.

3. **Extension at Overleys, 1 Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – After again emailing Mr Joe Mitson of Development Control at MBC, he reported that he had written to the homeowner, but as he had not received a response he had written again. In the letter Mr Mitson requested dimensions of the extensions so that he would be able to assess if planning permission would be required. Mr Mitson advised in the email that at the site meeting the homeowner was of the opinion that the extensions did not require planning permission and that this had been agreed with the previous enforcement officer; although Mr Mitson could not find any record of an MBC Officer permitting the development.
4. **Unsafe Footpath Bridge, Ashby Folville** – After again emailing Mr Paul Wroblewski of the LCC, Structures and Assets Team, he had advised that unfortunately he had not yet been able to carry out the second assessment, but would endeavour to do so this week. Mr Wroblewski would then notify GPC of his findings. Councillors had concerns that the bridge may have deteriorated during the recent spell of dry weather, the Clerk was asked to email Mr Wroblewski again and to ask if he would like to meet with Councillors at the site.
5. **Crime Updates** – See public/parishioner time.
6. **Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads** – Nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department again to remind them that at the point of the dip in the highway on the Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads stretch of the highway, the edges of the carriageway had become worn and weak and required their attention.
7. **MBC/Parish Council Liaison Meeting** – Councillor Bakewell reported that he had attended the agenda setting meeting on Monday, 18th July in the Fernley Room, Parkside. Councillor Bakewell advised that Lynn Aisbett along with two other Parish Council representatives attended the meeting and that an agenda had been set in preparation for the Parish Council Liaison Meeting on Monday, 5th September 2016 – this had been circulated to all Parish Councils. Following the concerns raised by GPC in relation to the absence of an MBC Conservation Officer, Mr Jim Worley, Head of Regulatory Services at MBC had advised that Mr Toby Ebbs had replaced Mr Richard Spooner as the MBC Conservation Officer last July.
8. **Request for Dog Waste Bin** – The Clerk advised that an additional dog waste bin had been ordered and received from Glasdon UK Limited and that the bin was the same design as the other bins within the Parish. Councillors Bakewell and Kitson agreed to install the bin at the agreed location near to the electricity substation opposite Gaddesby Village Hall and car park. Once installed the Clerk would inform the MBC, Environmental Maintenance team so that the bin could be included in their emptying schedule.

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Matters Arising cont.

9. Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Rotten timber on slide – Councillors Bakewell and Kitson had looked at the timber on the slide at the Children's Play Area and confirmed that one of the main timber poles at the top platform had become rotten and required replacing. Councillor Bakewell would ask Mr Nathan Myring if he could take a look at the slide and if would be able to provide GPC with a quotation for the necessary repairs.

Councillor
Bakewell

10. Overgrown Footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to The Old School House, Barsby – The Clerk had emailed Mr Dave Martin at LCC, Highways Department to ask if he could arrange for the footway verge to be cut back from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to The Old School House, Barsby as it had become very overgrown. Following this request the footway verge had been mown. Additionally, the Clerk reminded Mr Martin that, last summer, he had agreed to include the footway in the urban cut and not the rural cut.

11. Overgrown Hedges, Barsby and Ashby Folville – The Clerk had spoken with tenant farmer, Mr Alan Smith, who had trimmed back the overgrown hedge near to The Old School House, Barsby. Unfortunately, due to the busy time of the year, he had yet to trim back the overgrown hedge in Ashby Folville opposite the Dalby Road junction, but would do so in due course.

Clerk

Correspondence

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

Planning Matters

a. Wedmore House, 16 Highfield End, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs P Hensman for the proposed replacement of four roof windows with dormer windows and for the erection of a porch. Councillors resolved to support the application.

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b. 12 Pasture Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr K Taylor for the proposed extensions and alterations to the existing bungalow – extension to the rear of the property and windows fitted to the front roof. Following discussion, Councillors resolved that the comments submitted previously still applied and that the size and proportion of the extension is too large, particularly in relation to the neighbouring semi-detached property. Although, Councillors noted that velux windows had been replaced with dormer windows to the front of the property, albeit a minor cosmetic amendment. Additionally, GPC understood that, since the excavation works began on site last year, the neighbouring properties continued to experience sewage and drainage related problems. The Clerk would forward these comments to MBC.

Clerk

'For Information Only'

c. Sycamore Farm, 15 Main Street, Barsby – Application submitted by Mr A Cresswell-Black, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed removal of one section of the split trunk and reduction of the height of part of the remaining Eucalyptus tree.

Planning Decisions

- a. 2 Randalls Close, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mr Tim Hubbard for a proposed single storey and two-storey extensions to the front side and the rear of the existing semi-detached house, has been granted planning permission by MBC.
- b. Apple Farm House, 4a Main Street, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs German for the proposed conversion of the existing garage to residential plus a small extension, has been granted planning permission by MBC.
- c. Dairy Farm, 2 Main Street, Barsby** – Application submitted by Ashby Folville Estate for the proposed felling of one Norway Spruce tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.
- d. 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. Following last month's meeting the Clerk had written to Mr Joe Mitson of Development Control at MBC to enquire what action would be taken with regard to the new signage. Mr Mitson had advised that he had met with the applicant and with the brewery and had outlined what MBC would support with new applications. This being, the fascia being flush with the wall and externally illuminated, a far smaller sign on the side elevation and external illumination only for the freestanding sign. It was agreed that new applications would be submitted on this basis and that GPC would be consulted once these had been received by MBC.

Representative Reports

1. **Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – Nothing to report.
2. **Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that a committee meeting would take place this evening, Monday, 8th August and that the committee were considering the necessary re-organisation required following the recent and sad loss of Barsby parishioner Mr Ian Spence. Councillor Hurst advised that Mr Spence had mown the Village Hall Green on a regular basis for many, many years.
3. **Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell had nothing to report this month.

Finance

Accounts paid since the last meeting:

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.

Accounts for payment:

Glasdon UK Limited – One dog waste bin (see Matters Arising no.8), £126.69 plus 20% VAT £25.33, total £152.02.

Melton Borough Council – RoSPA Playground Safety Inspection, £49.50 plus 20% VAT £9.90, total £59.40.

South Croxton Benefice – 2nd ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.

Finance cont.**Payments Received:**

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £15,007.61.

Barclays Bank Community Account £1,096.24.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Other Business

1. Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Broken picnic bench – It had been bought to the attention of GPC that the picnic bench, which had been supplied by George Walker Ltd, a number of years ago, had broken. It was thought that this was due to the bench being moved to different locations on the grass area. The Clerk would ask Gaddesby parishioner, Mr Richard Toon of George Walker Ltd to take a look at the bench.

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2. Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Overgrown Trees and Shrubs – It had been bought to the attention of GPC that the trees and shrubs which are growing along the outside of the MUGA boundary at the Gaddesby Children's Play Area had become overgrown and required trimming back. Councillors Bakewell and Kitson agreed to go and have a look at the Play Area.

Councillors
Bakewell &
Kitson

3. Overgrown Hedge, Gaddesby Hall – Gaddesby parishioners had bought to the attention of GPC that the privet hedge which runs along the public footpath from Main Street to St. Lukes Church in Gaddesby had become overgrown. The hedge belongs to Mr and Mrs Jinks of Gaddesby Hall. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Jinks, to ask if they could arrange to have the hedge trimmed back.

Clerk

Arrangements for the next meeting :

Monday, 12th September 2016, at Gaddesby Village Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chair.