

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall
on Monday, 11th September 2017, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Pat Walton - Chair	Mr Gordon Bigam
Mrs Jenny Hurst – Vice-Chair	Mr Howard Bakewell
Mr Gary Fox	Mr John Simon

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

Mrs Helen Broadhurst (Vale Planning Consultants) and Mr Nils Feldman (Architect)

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson.

Co-Option of Councillor

Having expressed an interest in joining GPC, Mr John Simon was co-opted to become a member of the Council; proposed by Councillor Mr Howard Bakewell and seconded by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hurst.

Councillor Simon completed the ‘declaration of acceptance of office’ and was asked to complete the ‘registration of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests by members of the authority’ form; the Clerk asked Councillor Simon to return this in due course. The Clerk would copy the forms and would forward one to MBC and one would be retained on file.

Clerk

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Mrs Helen Broadhurst of Vale Planning Consultants and Architect, Mr Nils Feldman, both representing Mr and Mrs Jinks, attended the meeting to outline a project which they are working on with Mr and Mrs Jinks.

Mrs Broadhurst explained that they had been working with Mr and Mrs Jinks for a couple of months on a project to develop a single storey, two bedroom, dwelling on a parcel of land to the rear of Gaddesby Hall, which previously formed part of the garden to no. 4 Pasko Grove. Mrs Broadhurst advised that the site is outside the curtilage of Gaddesby Hall and showed Councillors the whereabouts of the plot on a plan of the area. Mrs Broadhurst went on to advise that Gaddesby Hall became a listed building in 1987. With this in mind the surrounding area had been carefully looked at before putting the proposal together.

Mrs Broadhurst explained that pre-application meetings had taken place with MBC and following much discussion the application should be ready for submission shortly.

Mr Feldman explained that the traditional listed buildings of Gaddesby Hall and St. Lukes Church had been carefully considered and it was felt that these important views should not be impacted by the proposed dwelling.

Mr Feldman showed Councillors a sketch drawing of the dwelling and went on to explain that, although the dwelling would appear as a single storey, it would in fact have two floors, with one floor being underground. This would, therefore, give the appearance of a single storey dwelling, this being the upper floor.

Parishioner/Public Time cont.

Mr Feldman advised that the dwelling would be of a simple brick design, surrounded by mature trees.

Mrs Broadhurst advised that the site would be classed as a 'windfall site', which may form part of the housing allocation for Gaddesby.

Councillors expressed their concerns regarding the access to the proposed dwelling via North Hall Drive. Councillors explained that concerns had been previously raised regarding the condition of the drive and the limited visibility when leaving the drive.

Mrs Broadhurst advised that, with reference to the previous application approved by MBC, she understood that the conditions on the drive improvements had been met.

Councillors thanked Mrs Broadhurst and Mr Feldman for taking the time to attend the meeting and for providing an insight into the proposed dwelling.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2017/2018 27-33, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **'Dragons Teeth' Road Markings, Gaddesby** – Nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to email County Councillor Orson to ask if he had made enquiries with LCC regarding the provision of 'Dragons Teeth' road markings in Gaddesby.

Clerk

2. **Flashing Speed Limit Signage (Vehicle Activated Signs): Gaddesby** –

Mr James Gibson, the Safe and Sustainable Travel Manager from LCC contacted the Clerk regarding Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS).

Mr Gibson subsequently forwarded an email which provided all the information discussed, along with covert speed data from 2012, before and after the Community Speed Watch scheme was carried out, a summary of data from the Community Speed Watch scheme taken in 2012 and VAS product information. The Clerk circulated the email to all Councillors.

Mr Gibson advised that the two VAS options available would be:

- Permanently installed mains powered versions, these have a typical cost of £12,000.00.
- Mobile battery powered versions often called MVAS, these have a typical cost of £2,500.00 to £3,000.00 depending on the type. The MVAS are installed on either street light columns (following necessary structural safety tests) or on new posts which are installed at a cost of approximately £250.00 per post. It is a LCC requirement that MVAS are moved every three weeks – this would be the responsibility of Councillors to carry this out and training would be provided by LCC.

Mr Gibson explained that the VAS would have no impact on traffic volumes but can help with vehicle speeds.

It was considered that Ashby Road/Nether End and Main Street were the two main areas for speeding vehicles, with a particular concern being past the village School.

Councillors believed the VAS which indicated the flashing speeds were probably most effective.

Councillor Simon agreed to look into the matter and to obtain some quotations from the supplier suggested by Mr Gibson along with other VAS suppliers. The Clerk would forward the information from Mr Gibson to Councillor Simon so that he could pursue the matter on behalf of GPC.

Councillor
Simon &
Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

- 3. Crime Updates** – Councillors thanked Councillor Fox for all his efforts in liaising with PC Scott to include further follow-on details in his monthly crime reports. Councillor Fox reported that, prior to his departure, he had sent a thank you email to PC Scott.

Councillors noted that PC Scott's replacement would be PC1002 Jon Barlow; Councillor Fox would be sending an email to PC Barlow.

Councillor Fox reported that it had been publicised that Leicestershire Police were not recording the crimes which had been reported to them.

Councillor
Fox

- 4. Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads** – The Clerk emailed County Councillor Orson on 15th August 2017 to ask if he could follow the matter up on behalf of GPC. A response had yet to be received.

- 5. Melton Local Plan** – The Clerk had sent a letter to MBC to advise that GPC supports the four representations as set out by the Gaddesby Community Group. Notification had been received from MBC that the planning team are focusing on processing the responses for the consultation on the focused changes to the Melton Local Plan. The next step is to publish all the responses and to present them to a full MBC Council meeting as soon as possible.

- 6. Gaddesby War Memorial** – A quotation had been received from Mr K Russell of K Russell Memorials Ltd for the cleaning and repainting of the Gaddesby War Memorial, this being:

- Onsite cleaning with granite cleaning agents - £420.00.
- Onsite repainting of the existing letters with two coats of white enamel paint - £190.00.
- Clean down and generally make area good.
- Total cost £610.00. No VAT.

Mr Russell advised that he is currently working on a timescale of eight weeks. However, the Clerk did request that, if he were to be given the instruction to proceed, GPC would like the work to be carried out before armistice day in November.

Following discussion, Councillors resolved to support the quotation and to ask Mr Russell to proceed with the work.

As a grant had been obtained, from the War Memorials Trust, for cleaning and repainting work carried out approximately ten years ago, Councillors asked the Clerk to look into the possibility of obtaining a grant for the current works, either from the War Memorials Trust or from English Heritage.

Clerk

- 7. Neighbourhood Development Plan** – The Clerk reported that a boundary map of the Parish had been obtained from MBC. The boundary map along with the letter of designation as a Neighbourhood Area had been sent to Mr Jim Worley at MBC at the end of August. Confirmation of receipt of the letter and map had subsequently been received by Mr Worley. MBC had advertised that a consultation on the area designation would run from 7th September to 18th October 2017.

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Parish boundary map to all Councillors for future reference.

Matters Arising cont.

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| <p>7. Neighbourhood Development Plan cont. – Councillor Bigam reported that he met with Mr Alex Stroud, a parishioner of Ashby Folville and a trustee of the Ashby Carington Estate in order to explain what GPC and the local community are proposing with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and what the implications of producing a Plan would have on Ashby Folville. Following which it was concluded that the parishioners of Ashby Folville and Barsby may require a fuller, more comprehensive understanding of a Neighbourhood Plan and that possibly a further letter or meeting may be required. Councillor Bigam confirmed that Mr Stroud would be in full support of a Neighbourhood Plan and that he would be willing to be included in a working group. Councillor Bigam would forward the contact details of three or four Ashby Folville parishioners who would be interested in becoming involved with the development of a Plan, to the Clerk.</p> | <p>Councillor Bigam</p> |
| <p>8. Worn Road Marking ‘SLOW’, Barsby – It was noted that the temporary ‘SLOW’ sign remained in place, although the white highway marking had yet to be repainted.</p> | |
| <p>9. New Village Notice Boards – The Clerk advised Councillors that the notice boards had been made and treated/stained, but had yet to be installed in the three locations.</p> | |
| <p>10. RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection : Gaddesby Children’s Play Area – The Clerk advised that two ‘No Playing or Climbing on Fence’ signs had been ordered for the MUGA; upon receipt of the signs the Clerk would arrange for them to be attached to the MUGA frame.</p> <p>Concern was raised regarding the moss on the surface of the MUGA. Following discussion, Councillor Bakewell would ask if any Gaddesby parishioners would be willing to sweep the MUGA surface. Councillors Bakewell and Fox would look into the methods of treating moss effectively. Councillor Bigam raised his concerns regarding Councillors carrying out any repairs/treatment on Council owned property and felt that Councillors may be putting themselves legally at risk. The Clerk was asked to contact RoSPA to enquire if they could recommend someone who may be able to treat the moss as a longer term solution.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Councillors Bakewell & Fox</p> |
| <p>11. Aon UK Limited / BHIB Insurance Brokers – An introductory letter had been received from BHIB Insurance Brokers, the replacement insurance company for Aon UK Limited. The letter advised that BHIB would write to GPC approximately three weeks before the next renewal date and until this time, GPC should continue to contact Aon with any queries regarding the current policy.</p> | |
| <p>12. Parish Council Liaison Meeting : Monday, 16th October 2017 – An email had been received from Ms Carolyn Appleby, Corporate Services Administration Assistant at MBC to ask that any items for inclusion on the Parish Council Liaison Meeting agenda are forwarded to MBC by Friday, 15th September 2017. The Liaison Meeting would take place in the Council Offices, Parkside, commencing at 7pm.</p> <p>Councillor Bakewell agreed to attend on behalf of GPC.</p> | <p>Councillor Bakewell</p> |

Matters Arising cont.

13. 12 Pasture Lane, Gaddesby – After having raised the concerns of GPC with MBC regarding the size and scale of the new extension at the semi-detached dwelling at 12 Pasture Lane, Gaddesby, Planning Officer, Mr Glen Baker-Adams visited the site. Following which he reported that after looking into the matter the proposed development and the actual works on site are to the specification of the approved plans. Although, Mr Baker-Adams did acknowledge that the building is rather large from the adjacent roads but in the street scene it does not have a significant impact. Furthermore, some of the work on the dormer could be classed as permitted development, ie does not require planning permission, therefore it would be difficult for MBC to substantiate a refusal.

14. Footway From The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby – The Clerk emailed LCC, Highways Department to advise that the footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby village requires trimming, cleaning and clearing back to its original width. As the matter had yet to be attended to, the Clerk was asked to report the matter again to LCC.

Clerk

15. Gaddesby Lane, Barsby – The Clerk emailed LCC, Highways Department to advise that Gaddesby Lane, Barsby was in very poor condition. With the edges of the carriageway broken away by heavy plant traffic, large farm vehicles, the increase of traffic use during various road closures and the installation of the new water pipes. LCC responded by advising that a Highways Officer had inspected the Lane and had subsequently raised an instruction to carry out carriageway patching and haunching works.

16. Street Cleaning, Barsby – The Clerk emailed MBC to report that the streets and lanes in Barsby village required cleaning and to ask if they would be able to arrange for the road sweeper to attend to the matter.

17. Field near to Barsby Village, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby – Councillor Hurst spoke with the owners of the field near to Barsby village. Following which Councillor Hurst reported that it is their intention to house rabbits and grow vegetables on the field and that currently there is a small shed sited in the corner of the field. Additionally, GPC understood that there is a covenant on this particular field and also on an adjacent field. Councillors raised their concerns that such use may require permission from MBC for change of use from agricultural to domestic purposes. The Clerk was asked to write to MBC to raise the concerns of GPC and to ask them to seek clarification from the Land Registry if a covenant does exist on the field.

Clerk

Correspondence

1. Melton Mowbray Distributor Road : Consultation – Notification had been received to advise that LCC and MBC were working closely to develop a recommended route for the creation of a distributor road around the outskirts of Melton Mowbray town. The distributor road would form a key part of the draft Melton Local Plan and it is anticipated that the recommended route would help to reduce congestion within the town centre, along with providing access to future housing and employment growth areas within the Borough.

A public consultation was being carried out from Saturday, 2nd September to Sunday, 15th October 2017. Councillors agreed to submit individual comments, on the recommended route to MBC.

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

Planning Matters

a. Harewell House Farm, 1 Highfield End, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by the Smith Carington Settlement 1988, for listed building consent and full planning consent, for the proposal to demolish an agricultural brick barn, which is situated within the curtilage of a listed building. Following discussion, Councillors resolved to be guided by the MBC Conservation Officer in relation to the matter.

Clerk

‘For Information Only’

Application within the Borough of Charnwood:

b. Land Off Main Street, South Croxton, Leicestershire – Application submitted by Mr J Connors for the proposed change of use of land as travellers site and siting of three mobile homes (three pitches). Notification had been received that an appeal hearing would take place on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at the Council Offices in Loughborough, commencing at 10am.

Planning Decisions

a. ‘Fair View’, 31 Park Hill, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr J Buckby for a proposed loft conversion and roof alterations has been granted planning permission by MBC.

b. ‘Holmefield House’, 30 Baggrave End, Barsby – Application submitted by Mrs Ross-Wilson for a proposed single storey timber framed orangery has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – Councillor Walton reported that a committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, 12th September 2017.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that the Barsby Feast Day held on Saturday 2nd September 2017 had been successful and enjoyed by parishioners.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Hall bookings were good and that the refurbishment of the kitchen would be completed by 27th October 2017.

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

Green Waste Club (Biffa) – Two green composting bins for the Gaddesby Children's Play Area, total £104.00.

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

Accounts for payment:

E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd (Highway Lighting) – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 30.09.2017 £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

Payments Received:

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account £13,513.08.

Barclays Bank Community Account £2,901.48.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Other Business

1. Oakbrook Farm, Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF – Parishioners again raised their concerns to GPC regarding the newly formed Oakbrook Farm. Originally permission had been granted by MBC for the construction of a new equestrian type barn. The barn had since been constructed, the original stables relocated from the bottom of the field to the top of the field, plus various other sheds and animal housing had been installed. It had been noted that ponies, sheep, alpacas, pigs, chickens and various other livestock occupied the site. Fresh eggs and logs were being sold at the farm gate, which caused concern as motor vehicles were stopping to purchase the items, along a busy stretch of highway.

Councillors asked the Clerk to write to MBC with the concerns of GPC and to ask them to visit the site as it had quickly grown from one modest equestrian barn to a busy farm, on a relatively small site.

2. St. Mary's Church, Ashby Folville – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that some cables were exposed at ground level in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church, Ashby Folville. It was subsequently understood that the cables were to be used to facilitate lighting for the Church. As St. Mary's Church was a listed building, planning permission would be required before any lighting could be installed. It was thought that an application would be submitted to MBC in due course.

3. Apologies – Councillor Bigam gave his apologies for the October meeting.

Arrangements for the next meeting :

Monday, 9th October 2017 at Gaddesby Village Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chair.

Clerk