

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall**  
**on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017, commencing at 6.45 pm.**

**Councillors Present**

Mrs Pat Walton - Chair  
 Mrs Jenny Hurst – Vice-Chair  
 Mr Gary Fox

Mr Howard Bakewell  
 Mr John Simon

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

**Action**

**Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillor Mr Gordon Bigam, Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson and County Councillor Mr J T Orson.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

There were no parishioners present.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no’s 2017/2018 34-40, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

1. **‘Dragons Teeth’ Road Markings, Gaddesby** – The Clerk emailed County Councillor Orson to ask if he had made enquiries with LCC regarding the provision of ‘Dragons Teeth’ road markings in Gaddesby. County Councillor Orson advised that he is following the matter up.
  
2. **Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): Gaddesby** – Councillor Simon reported that he had spoken with Mr James Gibson, the Safe and Sustainable Travel Manager from LCC, who confirmed that prior to any VAS installations being carried out approval must be granted from LCC. Councillor Simon would be arranging to meet with Mr Gibson to discuss possible locations for the installation of two VAS in Gaddesby. It was considered that one VAS may be installed on Rearsby Lane near to the ‘Oaklands’ and one VAS may be installed on Main Street/Park Hill, near to the village notice board. Councillor Simon informed Councillors that solar powered signs could potentially be worthwhile, although these would be a more expensive option and during the winter months the solar panels may not provide sufficient power.  
 Councillor Bakewell reported that he had spoken with the Clerk to Rearsby Parish Council and the Clerk to East Goscote Parish Council regarding the VAS in their parishes. Councillor Bakewell advised that East Goscote Parish Council share a portable VAS with Cossington Parish Council and Queniborough Parish Council and that the Clerk for Queniborough Parish Council was responsible for the movement rota of the VAS. The Clerk to East Goscote Parish Council offered GPC a trial of their portable VAS.  
 Councillor Bakewell reported that the funds to purchase their VAS came from the Section 106 grant funding/agreement.

Councillor  
Simon

**Matters Arising cont.**

2. **Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): Gaddesby cont.** – The Section 106 grant funding/agreement – ‘under S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as providing community and social infrastructure, the need for which has arisen as a result of a new development taking place’. Councillors agreed that this could be something that could be considered to finance the VAS, particularly the one along Rearsby Lane.
3. **Crime Updates** – The September beat report/crime update had been received from PC1002 Jon Barlow. Councillor Fox had sent an introductory email to PC Barlow; a response had yet to be received.
4. **Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads** – Nothing to report.
5. **Melton Local Plan** – Following a full Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017, where Councillors agreed to submit the plan for independent examination, the Plan was submitted to an independent examiner for inspection on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

It was noted that in a recent edition of the Melton Times, a Councillor in the Vale of Belvoir was protesting about the large quantity of houses allocated to the villages rather than to Melton town.

**Melton Mowbray Distributor Road : Consultation** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that a flyer had been distributed to all households in Melton from MBC regarding the consultation on the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. As the flyer had not been distributed to households in the villages, Councillor Bakewell was asked to draw the matter to the attention of MBC at the Parish Council Liaison Meeting on Monday evening. Councillors felt that a flyer should have been distributed to all households within the Borough, not just in Melton town. Additionally, it had been noted that action groups in Melton held private meetings for residents regarding the proposed new road.

Councillor  
Bakewell

6. **Gaddesby War Memorial** – The Clerk had spoken with Mr K Russell of K. Russell Memorials Ltd to ask him to proceed with the cleaning and repainting of the Gaddesby War Memorial, as per his quotation. Mr Russell confirmed that he would complete the works before armistice day. The Clerk contacted the War Memorials Trust to enquire about a possible grant for the works to the Memorial.

The War Memorials Trust advised the following:

- The grant application process could take from 4 to 6 months.
- Two quotations would be required.
- Grant applications are assessed quarterly, with the next assessment deadline being 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 – realistically we would be too late for this deadline.

The Clerk advised that a grant application would probably not be suitable on this occasion as Mr Russell had already been given confirmation to proceed with the works to the Memorial and that Councillors had previously expressed that the work is completed before armistice day. Councillors were in full agreement with the Clerks recommendation, but thanked the Clerk for looking into the process.

**Matters Arising cont.**

**7. Neighbourhood Development Plan** – The Clerk reported that the MBC consultation on the area designation would continue until Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Councillors Bigam and Hurst forwarded the names and contact details, to the Clerk, of the Ashby Folville and Barsby parishioners who would be interested in becoming involved with the development of the Plan and in joining a working group. Councillor Hurst expressed her disappointment that Mrs Kathryn Shorrock of Ashby Folville had expressed an interest in joining the working group for Ashby Folville, but had subsequently not been included. As Mrs Shorrock would eventually be moving to Barsby, she would be included as a Barsby parishioner. The Clerk forwarded the names and contact details to Councillor Simon for his attention. Councillor Simon reported that a meeting would be arranged for the working group after the 18<sup>th</sup> and that some parishioners would be meeting with a different Neighbourhood Development Plan consultant.

**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.

**9. New Village Notice Boards** – The Clerk was pleased to report that new village notice boards had been installed in Ashby Folville, Barsby and Gaddesby and that positive feedback had been received from parishioners. Councillors noted that the notice board in Barsby is particularly well used.

**10. RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection : Gaddesby Children’s Play Area – Warning Signs for the MUGA :** The Clerk advised that two ‘No Playing or Climbing on Fence’ signs had been received for the MUGA; the Clerk would arrange for them to be attached to the MUGA frame.

Clerk

**Moss on the MUGA surface :** Councillor Bakewell reported that he had contacted several companies with a view to treating the moss on the surface of the MUGA. These companies being: ESPO, HC Courts and Charles Lawrence (tennis courts). Councillor Bakewell advised that one of the companies suggested that the MUGA surface is sealed. Councillor Bakewell agreed to look into the matter further and to obtain quotations from each of the companies, with and without sealing. Councillors raised concerns that the surface may not have initially been suitable for the site, as the area is in the shade which in turn will encourage the moss to form and grow and that GPC and the Gaddesby parishioners may have been wrongly advised. Councillors asked Councillor Bakewell to enquire with the three companies if this may have been the case and to ask if the surface is suitable for its location.

Councillor Bakewell

Councillor Bakewell suggested that a planned maintenance programme may be required for the play area, so that GPC would be able to make ongoing financial provision for the expenses to the area.

**Climbing Plant in Neighbours Garden :** It had been noted that the climbing plant growing in the garden next to the Children’s Play Area was again beginning to creep over the fence and grow in the gap between their boundary fence and the play area boundary fence. Councillors had concerns that if the climber is not trained and trimmed back accordingly it will rapidly grow and again fill the gap. Councillor Bakewell volunteered to speak with the parishioners to ask them if they would be able to either trim the climber back or encourage it to grow along their trellis.

Councillor Bakewell

**Matters Arising cont.**Councillor  
Bakewell

**11. Parish Council Liaison Meeting : Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council Liaison Meeting would take place on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the Council Offices, Parkside, commencing at 7pm, where Councillor Bakewell would attend on behalf of GPC.

The Clerk gave Councillor Bakewell the agenda and associated documents for the meeting for his information.

**12. Footway From The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby** – The Clerk reported to LCC, Highways Department, that the footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby village requires trimming, cleaning and clearing back to its original width. LCC subsequently advised that the footway overgrowth would be addressed as part of their ‘edging back programme’, which would be due to commence mid October. It had been noted that the overgrown grass had been badly trimmed during September.

**13. Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.

**14. Street Cleaning, Barsby** – Notification had been received from Jodie Farlow, Environmental Maintenance Administrative Support at MBC that the roads and lanes within Barsby village would be due to be swept week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**15. Field near to Randals Close/Barsby Village, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby, (grid reference SK697115)** – The Clerk had written to Development Control at MBC in order to raise the concerns of GPC – do the owners of the field require a change of use from agricultural to domestic? Also to ask MBC if they could seek clarification from the Land Registry to confirm if a covenant does exist on the field.

**16. Oakbrook Farm, Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF** – The Clerk had written to Development Control at MBC in order to raise the concerns of GPC, as the site has quickly grown from one modest equestrian barn to a busy farm on a relatively small site.

**Correspondence**

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

**Planning Matters**

None.

**Planning Decisions**

**a. Branbury Farm, Ashby Road, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Stephen Branson for retrospective planning consent for an agricultural building, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

## Representative Reports

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – Councillor Walton reported that the next ‘Social/Coffee Morning’ would be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, with a ‘Fashion Show’ being held on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup>, both events in the Parish Hall. Councillor Walton went on to report that the Harvest Supper would be held in the Hall on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and that a Harvest Festival service would take place in St. Mary’s Church, Ashby Folville on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 6pm.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that a Barsby Village Hall Green committee meeting was taking place tonight, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, to discuss and organise the future programme and fundraising events.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Hall bookings were good and that the refurbishment of the kitchen would be completed by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Councillor Simon reported that the Gaddesby Village Hall committee had agreed to allow the Neighbourhood Development Plan working group to use the Hall, free of charge, when required to facilitate their meetings.

## Finance

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

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.

### **Accounts for payment:**

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30.09.2017 £408.28 plus 5% VAT £20.41, total £428.69.

Grant Thornton UK LLP – Annual audit of accounts 2017, £100.00 plus 20% VAT £20.00, total £120.00.

The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – Membership renewal 2017, total £93.00.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.07.2017 to 30.09.2017, salary £1,293.76 plus expenses £136.33, total £1,430.09.

### **Payments Received:**

25.09.2017 – MBC, 2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment for 2017/2018, total £6,681.19.

(Precept £6,600.00 plus Council Tax Support Grant £81.19).

### **Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account £13,513.08.

Barclays Bank Community Account £9,363.49.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

### **Transfer of Funds:**

Councillors agreed that £4,000.00 should be transferred from the Community Account into the Business Reserve Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

Clerk

**Other Business**

**1. Society/Association Memberships** – As a way of keeping up-to-date with the various changes and rules and regulations, etc, Councillor Simon asked if GPC were currently members of any Parish Council societies or associations. Councillors explained that, in the past, GPC had been members of the RCC and LRALC but resolved not renew the membership as it had not been considered to be worthwhile; Councillor Simon suggested that he would look the various societies or associations available to Parish Councils.

**2. Temporary Traffic Lights : Queniborough Road** – It had been noted that works to the highway were again being carried out along the Queniborough Road, near to the South Croxton/Barsby crossroads and that temporary traffic lights were in operation. Councillors agreed that this had not made any significant difference to the volume of traffic through Barsby village.

**3. W.I Commemorative Bench, Main Street, Gaddesby** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that an area had been prepared near to the post box in Gaddesby, in readiness for the installation of the new W.I commemorative bench.

**Arrangements for the next meeting :**

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chair.

Councillor  
Simon