

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall
on Monday, 7th October 2013, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair
 Mr Howard Bakewell

Mrs Pat Walton

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

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Vice-Chair, Councillor Mr Gordon Bigam, Councillor Mr Neil Shorrocks and Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson.

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 LCC would carry out a public consultation for six weeks, possibly beginning during the third week of October. The consultation would focus on bus users. County Councillor Orson advised that ten bus routes were under review, with five of these being in the Asfordby division. County Councillor Orson reported that a draft timetable had already been put together which included definite changes to the 'Rural Rider' timetable. County Councillor Orson understood that changes would be made to the following services: 100/128, 113, 23/24/25. Councillors felt that if the existing service were to be cut by 50% then it would be an appropriate service which should suit the needs of the majority of the Parishioners.

County Councillor Orson reported that Sir Clive Loader would be happy to address Parish Councils. Councillors suggested that Parishioners could be invited to a meeting with Sir Clive Loader, so that they could address him any questions that they may have.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2013/2014 28-33, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Street Light Programme** – Nothing to report.
2. **Arrow indicator signs, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – An email had been received from Mr David Martin, the Clerk of Works for LCC, East/Northern Division, stating that the Traffic Management team at County Hall had advised that the arrow indicator signs would not be replaced as they are not 'prescribed' signs. The email advised that the other signs would not be taken down but subsequently would not be replaced if they were to become damaged. Councillors were very disappointed by the email and felt that the signs had improved the safety and visibility of the sharp bend. Councillors were of the opinion that if the bent and broken signs could not be replaced then they should be removed altogether for safety reasons. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Martin to ask for the area to be made safe.

Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

3. **Blocked Drain, Paske Avenue, Gaddesby** – Nothing to report.
4. **Blocked Drain, Folville Street, Ashby Folville** – The Clerk had reported to LCC, Highways Department that the drain situated outside Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, frequently blocks on a regular basis and requires their attention.
5. **Changes to the Local Bus Service 100** – See Parishioner/Public Time.
6. **RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection** – A quotation had been received from Greyhound Leisure Ltd for supplying and laying 45 square metres of grass matting under the multi-play area, to include underlay and fixing together and with the ground area given a fall distance of 1.5 metres from the existing multi-play posts at a cost of £631.00 plus VAT £126.30 making an overall cost of £757.20. The Clerk had met with Paul at Greyhound Leisure who advised that, in his opinion, it would not be necessary to replace the rubber tiles underneath the junior swing area. Paul suggested that he provide GPC with an alternative quotation for the cleaning of the tiles and to make any necessary repairs, once the tiles had been cleaned. This quotation being: £90.00 plus VAT £18.00, overall cost £108.00. The total cost for both tasks being £865.00 inclusive of VAT. Following discussion, Councillors felt that, due to the time of year with the onset of winter, it would be more practical to wait until the spring to carry out the installation of the grass matting underneath the multi-play area as it would cause less mess to the play area. Councillors felt that the quotation for the cleaning of the rubber tiles could be a little too expensive; therefore, the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Nigel Pick, the maintenance contractor for GPC to ask him if he could provide a quotation for the cleaning of the rubber tiles. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to contact Paul at Greyhound Leisure to inform him that GPC have decided to wait until the spring to carry out the installation of the grass matting. The Clerk advised Councillors that Councillor Shorrock would attach the safety notices to the MUGA fence the following week-end. Councillor Bakewell advised Councillors that he had carried out the necessary repairs to the multi-play/playhouse steps.
7. **Uneven Public Footpath, Gaddesby** – Nothing to report.
8. **MBC, Renewable Wind Energy Guidance** – The Clerk had forwarded a letter and a copy of the map to indicate the local important view points within the Parish of Gaddesby to MBC.
9. **MBC, Parish Council Liaison Meeting** – The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Parish Council Liaison Meeting would be held on Monday, 18th November 2013 at 6.30pm at the Council Offices, Parkside. Additionally, the draft minutes of the last Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st May 2013 had been received from MBC; these were circulated to all Councillors.
10. **Melton Local Plan** – The Clerk had emailed Mr Jim Worley at MBC to advise that a representative from GPC would be pleased to join the 'Environment and Rural' Reference Group.

Councillor
Shorrock &
Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

11. Melton West Community Forum – The Clerk reminded Councillors that the next Melton West Community Forum would be held on Thursday, 10th October 2013 at Somerby Memorial Hall, 57 High Street, Somerby from 6.30pm. Agenda items would include:

- MBC, Local Plan.
- LCC, Bus Service Review.
- Parish Community Hub.

Councillor Hurst would attend the Forum on behalf of GPC. Minutes of the previous Melton West Community Forum held at Twyford Village Hall, 774 Main Street, Twyford on Thursday, 21 March 2013, had been received; these were circulated to all Councillors.

12. D66 Public Footpath, Baggrave End, Barsby – The Clerk had emailed Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for the Melton area for LCC, to ask him to arrange to have the section of the public footpath trimmed back and to arrange to have the arrow indication signage installed.

Mr Bye responded to the email and would go and walk the footpath in due course. In the meantime he had forwarded the requests to Ellen Senior at County Hall so that they could be logged onto the management systems.

Councillor
Hurst

Correspondence

1. Letter from Internal Auditor, Mr Ian Fraser – A letter had been received from Mr Ian Fraser, the Internal Auditor for GPC. The letter advised that Mr Fraser would be unable to continue as Internal Auditor for GPC and that over the course of the last two or three years it has become increasingly difficult for him to fulfil his current commitments particularly where travelling is concerned.

The Clerk read the letter to Councillors. Councillors asked the Clerk to send Mr Fraser a letter of thanks. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with other local Parish Councils as to who they were planning to appoint as their Internal Auditor for the future.

2. Letter from the Community Lunches Team – A letter had been received from the Community Lunches Team. The letter provided details of how successful the Community Lunches Programme had proven to be and that financial support had been received from Parish Councils in the area along with help from the Florence Turner Trust for 2013 and the Melton Times/Ragdale Hall make it Happen Initiative. A copy of the letter was circulated to all Councillors.

3. Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils – A letter had been received from Mr Jake Atkinson, the Chief Officer at the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC). The letter outlined that the LRALC would be running three events during November aimed at all local councils in Leicestershire. The main items for discussion will be key in determining the future delivery of public services in the County. In the letter LRALC encourage all councils to send at least one delegate to the event as the content and discussion would be relevant to all councils. The events will be facilitated by LRALC with senior representatives from LCC in attendance and presenting the following:

- An overview of the current national picture in terms of local councils working together to deliver local services and the existing and new powers they have to do this.

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Correspondence cont.**3. Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils cont. –**

- The initial results of LCC's 'Leicestershire's Future' consultation and a presentation and discussion around the implications for local services and communities of where savings are likely to be made.
- A facilitated discussion with delegates around the role that local councils may wish to play in delivering new, expanded and/or devolved services to their parishioners.

A copy of the letter was circulated to all Councillors for their consideration. Councillors would read through the letter over the course of the next month and would decide if they felt it necessary to attend one of the events.

All
Councillors

4. Email from Gaddesby parishioner, Mr Stephen Johnson – An email had been received from Gaddesby parishioner, Mr Stephen Johnson. The email asked if GPC have a programme for the maintenance of street furniture, such as benches. The bench in question is situated outside the bungalows along Ashby Road in Gaddesby. The email advised that the bench could benefit from a clean and a fresh coat of protective stain. Councillors understood that the bench is dedicated to the memory of John Folwell, 1926 to 1996.

Councillor Bakewell agreed to go and have a look at the bench so that Councillors were clear as to its current condition and could therefore discuss at the November meeting what action to take.

In the meantime the Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Johnsons email, by thanking him for bringing the matter to the attention of GPC and to advise that GPC will be looking into it.

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

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Planning Matters

a. Lawn Cottage, 12 Main Street, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr S Baker, for listed building consent, for the proposed removal of two half doors and replace with a new oak arch door. Councillors resolved to support the application.

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b. Ivy Cottage, 20 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr Anthony Bourne, for listed building consent, for the proposed garage and garden room extension, external facade repair works and internal remedial works. After careful consideration of the plans received, Councillors had no principle objections to the works to the cottage but resolved not to support the application for the following reasons:

- i. the proportion of the garage is too large for the size of the cottage and is over bearing on the existing site.
- ii. it was felt that the garage would not enhance the overall development within the conservation area.

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The Clerk would forward the comments to Development Control at MBC.

c. Glebe Farm, Pasture Lane North, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs P Chantrell for the proposed erection of a replacement dwelling. Councillors resolved to support the application.

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Planning Matters cont.

d. Strathlene, 4 The Lane, Barsby – Application submitted by Mr Phillip Ciuffardi for the proposed demolition of the existing dwelling and a replacement detached two storey dwelling. After careful consideration of the plans received, Councillors resolved not to support the application for the following reasons:

- i. the proposed replacement dwelling is too large for the size of the plot.
 - ii. architecturally the dwelling is not in keeping with the other properties in the immediate area.
 - iii. the property is overbearing and not in keeping with the character of The Lane.
- The Clerk would forward the comments to Development Control at MBC.

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Planning Decisions

None.

Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – Councillors understood that the Ashby Folville Harvest Supper would take place in the Hall on Thursday, 17th October 2013.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that a skittles evening would soon be held and that raffle tickets were available to purchase. Councillor Hurst advised that the committee had decided that proceeds from the evening would be divided between the Village Hall Green and the Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Rutland Air Ambulance. Councillor Hurst went onto report that castings for the New Year pantomime were taking place tonight.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Village Hall continued to be well used and that the Hall floor would be sanded and varnished during half term week; week commencing Monday, 21st October 2013. Councillor Bakewell advised that the grey floor tiles would be replaced with an alternative floor covering.

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

E.ON UK Plc – Replacement of street light lantern outside no.24 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby, £2,380.00 plus 20% VAT £476.00, total £2,856.00.
Plus street light maintenance, ¼ end 30.09.2013, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

Total cheque to E.ON UK Plc - £3,075.18.

Accounts for payment:

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.

Payments Received:

26.09.2013 – MBC, 2nd precept payment for 2013/2014, total £7,250.00.

Finance cont.**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £9,486.25.

Barclays Bank Community Account £9,067.99.

Bank Reconciliation : 30th June 2013 :

A copy of the latest bank reconciliation was circulated to all Councillors.

Transfer of Funds:

Councillors agreed that £5,500.00 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. Large Overgrown Christmas Tree, Paske Avenue, Gaddesby – It had been bought to the attention of GPC that a Christmas tree situated in the front garden of no. 6 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby had become very large and overgrown. It was thought that the roots of the tree were growing under the public footpath, thus making it uneven and potentially a danger to pedestrians using the footpath. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to LCC, Highways Department.

Clerk

Arrangements for the next meeting:

Monday, 4th November 2013, at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chair.