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

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair  Mr Neil Shorrock
Mr Howard Bakewell  Mrs Pat Walton
Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council
County Councillor Mr J T Orson
Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson

Apologies

– Apologies were received from Councillor Mr Gordon Bigam.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Minutes

– Minutes of the previous meeting no’s 2012/2013 49-53, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. Street Light Programme – A letter and quotation had been received from Ms Sandra Townson at E.ON with reference to the replacement of the lanterns, one situated at the top of Church Lane, Gaddesby and the other one situated outside no.24 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby. The letter advised that the wooden pole at the top of Church Lane has an underground service, not overhead, and can, therefore, be replaced. In addition, Western Power Distribution had, today, visited the village to clarify what work could or could not be carried out on these two remaining wooden poles. Western Power also confirmed that the wooden pole at the top of Church Lane is serviced underground, although there is a telephone cable attached to the top of the pole. Western Power advised the Clerk that, in their opinion, the best practical option would be to have a new street light column installed in close proximity to the existing wooden pole. Councillors felt that this would be a suitable option and an acceptable solution to an ongoing problem. With regard to the wooden pole outside no.24 Paske Avenue, E.ON and Western Power both confirmed that this pole is serviced overhead, so the installation of a new street light column would not be possible, as it would be too costly to install a new service to the column. Therefore, E.ON had provided GPC with a quotation and details of an alternative replacement bracket for installation on the wooden pole, the Clerk circulated to Councillors the diagram of the proposed bracket. The quotation supplied from E.ON, being:

- to remove the existing pole bracket at a cost of £230.00.
- to supply and install a Teca pole bracket complete with Iffley 42W PL-T lantern, lamp and gear and factory fitted photo electric cell to provide ‘all night’ lighting at a cost of £1260.00. The bracket would be finished in black gloss so there would not be any additional painting charges.
- there would also be a charge to carry out the transfer of the service, which would be forwarded to GPC in due course.
1. **Street Light Programme cont.** – Following discussion Councillors felt that the proposed Teca bracket would be acceptable and that it was a reasonable substitute for the swan neck bracket. Therefore, Councillors asked the Clerk to place an order with E.ON for the bracket replacement on the wooden pole outside no.24 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby and to obtain a quotation from E.ON for the installation of a new street light column at the top of Church Lane, Gaddesby.

2. **Unsociable gardening activities : No. 21 Baggrave End, Barsby** – Nothing to report. Councillor Simpson again advised Councillors that it was extremely important that the residents of Baggrave End, Barsby provided Mr Dudley, the Enforcement Officer at MBC with as much information regarding the noise and unsociable gardening activities as possible. Councillor Simpson suggested that it may be a good idea to arrange a meeting with Mr Dudley and the residents. The Clerk would contact Mr Dudley towards the end of January, to enquire how the matter is progressing.

3. **Code of Conduct 2012** – The Clerk had forwarded the amended copies of the Registration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Interests forms to MBC for their records. One copy would be retained on file by GPC.

4. **Parish Hub, Community Lunches** – The Clerk had contacted a representative of the Community Lunches Team, Mr Vic Allsop, to advise that GPC would be willing to donate £100.00 towards the Community Lunches Programme. Mr Allsop expressed his sincere thanks to GPC for the kind offer. Mr Allsop advised that the representatives of the team would be inviting a member of GPC to join them for lunch in the very near future. Councillors commented that they were pleased to be able to support such a worthwhile and beneficial programme.

5. **Council Precept 2013/2014** – Due to the uncertainty regarding the Council Tax support for the forthcoming year, a letter and notification of a precept discussion meeting had been received from MBC; this was circulated to all Councillors. The letter advised that, at the meeting, Officers of the Council would be available to provide an explanation of how the changes impact on the Council Tax-Base and the implications to Parish Councils and to provide Parish Councils with the information required to assist with their precept setting process. The letter went on to advise that the meetings would take place at the Council Offices, Parkside on Tuesday, 8th January 2013, with one session taking place at 4pm and the other session taking place at 6.30pm.

   Councillor Hurst agreed to attend the 4pm session on behalf of GPC.

   Councillors were confused and unclear as to the implications to GPC and were hopeful that further information would be gained at the guidance meeting the following evening. It was thought that it may be necessary to arrange an extraordinary Parish Council meeting to give Councillor Hurst the opportunity to explain the outcome of the MBC meeting to all Councillors and to discuss the setting of the precept for GPC further. It was understood that the precept 2013/2014 form should be forwarded to MBC by Friday, 25th January 2013.
Correspondence

1. MBC, Parish Council Liaison Meeting – The Clerk reminded Councillors that the next Parish Council Liaison meeting would be held on Tuesday, 15th January 2013 at the Council Chamber, Parkside, commencing at 7.00pm. Councillor Bakewell agreed to attend on behalf of GPC.

Correspondence made available to Councillors.

Planning Matters

a. Morton House, 2 Highfield End, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs A Stroud for the proposed removal of the existing wood store and the construction of a single storey extension to the existing shoot room. Councillors resolved to support the application.

b. The Stables, 16A Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Goddard for proposed internal alterations to form an additional bedroom, bathroom and w.c and the erection of a small porch to the front entrance of the property. Councillors resolved to support the application.

c. Hall Farm, Klondyke Lane, Thorpe Satchville – GPC had been informed that an appeal had been submitted to the Secretary of State for the proposed erection of a temporary Endurance E3120 wind turbine, with a maximum height of 46.1m and access track and cable trench. Details of the appeal had been received from MBC, following which a letter of objection had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate from GPC.

d. Park Farm, Klondyke Lane, Thorpe Satchville – GPC had been informed that an appeal had been submitted to the Secretary of State for the proposed erection of a single wind turbine, with a 50m hub height, temporary track and substation at field no. 0726. Details of the appeal had been received from MBC, following which a letter of objection had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate from GPC.

Planning Decisions

a. Messengers Lodge, Rotherby Lane, Gaddesby – Re-submission of previous application, submitted by Mr Neal Ashton, for proposed extensions and alterations to the existing dwelling to provide a separate annex and enlarged living space, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Representative Reports

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

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that the ‘carols on the green’ had been very well attended, with £127.00 being raised in aid of the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Village Hall lettings were good and that the party held in the Hall on New Year’s Eve had been well attended. Councillor Bakewell advised that the slabs had yet to be laid between the Village Hall and the School and that the problems with the sewage pump continued and that an area of the Car Park would be dug up in order to rectify the problem. Councillor Bakewell reported that the Gaddesby Gallop had taken place on Saturday, 22nd December 2012 and that the Village Hall facilities were used on this occasion.
Finance

Accounts paid since the last meeting:
None.

Accounts for payment:
Parish Community Hub – Donation towards the Community Lunches Programme, total £100.00.
E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy from 01.10.2012 to 31.12.2012, £213.60 plus 5% VAT £10.68, total £224.28.
Street light repairs – Paske Avenue, Gaddesby £36.00 plus 20% VAT £7.20, total £43.20.
Two new street light columns, PL17 and PL22 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby, £3,370.00 plus 20% VAT £746.00, total £4,476.00.
Total cheque to E.ON UK Plc : £4,733.41.
South Croxton Benefice – 4th ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.

Payment Received:
20.12.2012 – Groundwork UK – Refund in respect of painting the ball court lines onto the MUGA at the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area, total £887.60.

Estimated Balances:
Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £22,979.47.
Barclays Bank Community Account £2,332.17.

Transfer of Funds:
Councillors agreed that £6,000.00 should be transferred from the Business Reserve Account into the Community Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

Other Business

1. Mud on the Highway, Baggrave End, Barsby – It had been bought to the attention of GPC that the bottom end of Baggrave End, Barsby had become very muddy and thus making the highway slippery. It was thought that the reason for this was because the road sweeper only sweeps the highway to the entrance of Springwell Farm and then turns round and misses the bottom end of Baggrave End. As a result of this the leaves remain on the highway and mud and debris is washed off the verges and fields and causes the highway to be muddy and generally untidy. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC, Highways Department to ask if the road sweeper could sweep the highway at the bottom end of Baggrave End.

2. Slippery Surface on Footbridge, Ashby Folville – GPC had received complaints from parishioners and walkers visiting the area, that the surface on the footbridge in Ashby Folville had become worn thus making it very slippery. The footbridge passes over the brook in Ashby Folville near to the Church and it was felt that it had become precarious when crossing from the village on to the footpath. The Clerk was asked to contact LCC to draw the matter to their attention.
Arrangements for the next meeting:
Monday, 4th February 2013 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chair.