

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall
on Monday, 8th February 2016, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mr Gordon Bigam - Chair
 Mrs Jenny Hurst
 Mr Gary Fox

Mrs Pat Walton - Vice-Chair
 Mr Howard Bakewell
 Mr Edward Kitson

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council
 Gaddesby Parishioners - Mrs Daphne Tucker, Mrs Jane Winterton,
 Mrs Liz Grigalis, Mr Andrew Geeson.

Action

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

Parishioner/Public Time

Mrs Daphne Tucker and Mrs Jane Winterton attended the meeting to address Councillors with a proposal to install a commemorative bench in Gaddesby to mark the 75th anniversary of the Women’s Institute (WI). Mrs Tucker explained that the WI had met with a LCC Highways Department senior engineer to discuss a suitable location. At the meeting it was agreed that a possible location would be on the small green area behind the post box at the corner of Cross Street and Main Street. This would, of course, be subject to the local residents’ approval. Several other locations were looked at, but it was concluded, that for various reasons, these would not be suitable.

Mrs Tucker went on to explain that, as the bench would be situated on land owned by LCC, a licence would have to be applied for at a cost of £50.00. This licence would agree to the terms and conditions set out by LCC, prior to installing a structure in the Highway. The matter of future maintenance of the bench was raised; it was resolved that Councillors would discuss the matter later in the meeting. Otherwise Councillors did not foresee any issues or concerns with installing a commemorative bench at this chosen location in Gaddesby.

All
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Mrs Liz Grigalis and Mr Andrew Geeson attended the meeting in relation to the planning application at The Hall, 2 Main Street, Gaddesby. Notification had been received from MBC that the application would be considered by the MBC Planning Committee on Thursday, 18th February 2016 at 6pm at the Council Offices, Parkside. Mrs Grigalis and Mr Geeson confirmed with Councillors the format of the planning meeting. Councillor Bigam explained the procedure and advised that parishioners should represent themselves and that GPC would be represented. Councillors advised that they should present MBC with solid evidence and factual points and that one parishioner should address the planning committee on behalf of the other parishioners.

Councillors went on to inform Mrs Grigalis and Mr Geeson that they should notify MBC of their wish to speak at the meeting.

Parishioners understood that the Great Crested Newt Survey had yet to be completed; Councillors suggested that this matter should be raised with the Planning Committee.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no’s 2015/2016 57-61, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **New Bus Shelter, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
2. **Dog Fouling : Gaddesby** – Councillor Hurst read to Councillors the draft letters. However, the Clerk had yet to contact MBC with regard to the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras and their protocol and process if a parishioner is caught not cleaning up after their dog. The Clerk would endeavour to contact MBC so that Councillor Hurst could finalise the letters. Councillor Hurst & Clerk
3. **White Centre Line Road Markings from the Rearsby Business Park to the Rearsby Bypass Junction (A607)** – The Clerk had again emailed LCC, Highways Department to report that the white centre line road markings from the Rearsby Business Park to the Rearsby Bypass junction had worn away and required reinstating.
4. **GPC current website arrangements** – The Clerk had yet to ask Mr Tucker, the Editor for the Church newsletter, to include the GPC email address in the Church newsletter, but would endeavour to do so in the next few weeks. The Clerk had advised Councillor Kitson that GPC would be happy to pay £33.38 for the Gaddesby Village website. Following which, the Clerk was waiting for an invoice from Mr Simon Hargraves, the website co-ordinator. Clerk
5. **‘Slow’ wording on Highway requires reinstating, Gaddesby** – Councillor Fox was pleased to report that the word ‘SLOW’ had been repainted onto the Highway just before Gaddesby brook bridge.
6. **Muddy footpath gateway, Barsby/Ashby Folville** – As the maintenance contractors for LCC had yet to spread some stone in the muddy gateway on the public footpath from Barsby to Ashby Folville, the Clerk was asked to email Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for the Melton area for LCC to remind him of the matter. Clerk
7. **GPC ‘Flyer’** – Following the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk had contacted Councillor Kitson with the agreed changes to the GPC ‘flyer’. Councillor Kitson had circulated the amended ‘flyer’ to all Councillors for their attention. All Councillors had given their approval. The Clerk was asked to arrange, with Mr Tucker, the editor of the Church newsletter, to circulate the ‘flyer’ to all households within the three villages, via the newsletter. Councillors also asked the Clerk to laminate four copies to attach to each of the village notice boards. Clerk
8. **Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC)** – After having read through the information received in relation to the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC), Councillor Fox explained to Councillors that, in his opinion, LRALC had three main points which could be of interest to GPC, these being:
 - Training.
 - Information Sharing.
 - Law Updates.
 Councillor Fox explained that Mr Jake Atkinson, the LRALC Chief Officer would be happy to attend a GPC meeting to address Councillors about the benefits of becoming a member of LRALC and NALC.

Matters Arising cont.

- 8. Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) cont.** – Councillors thanked Councillor Fox for taking the time to read through the information received, but, following discussion, resolved not to join the LRALC at the present time.
- 9. Land Between 15 and 21 Folville Street, Ashby Folville** – The Clerk had written to MBC Development Control, to enquire if they would be able to ask the Ashby Folville Land Trust if it would be possible for them to consider the provision of the waste refuse bins within the development site boundary.
- 10. Notification of Planning Applications** – Nothing to report.
- 11. Gaddesby Children’s Play Area** – The Clerk had yet to obtain any quotations for cleaning the surface of the MUGA. Councillor Bakewell had visited the children’s play area and had looked at the playhouse and was able to conclude that the wooden slats on the playhouse bridge were all safe and secure, they had just moved along the chains slightly. Councillor Bakewell eased the slats back in place along the chains.

Correspondence

1. MBC, Melton Local Plan – Emerging Options (Draft Plan) – Notification had been received from MBC that a public consultation on the Melton Local Plan Emerging Options (Draft Plan), would run from Monday, 11th January 2016 to Monday, 4th April 2016. Two copies of the Plan had been received from MBC, these would be circulated to Councillors. The Plan could also be viewed on the MBC website.

2. Hoby with Rotherby Parish Council : Neighbourhood Plan – An invitation had been received from Hoby with Rotherby Parish Council to attend a public information evening on Monday, 15th February 2016 at Hoby and District Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Where the purpose of the evening is to inform and explain to members of the community and the neighbouring Parish Councils of the proposed Hoby with Rotherby Parish Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of the invitation had been circulated to all Councillors.

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

Planning Matters**‘For Information Only’**

a. Paske Grove, 4 Main Street, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr Garry Black, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed removal of one Maple tree.

‘For Information Only’

b. Orion, 4 Park Hill, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mrs D Stoddart, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed reduction of an Oak tree by up to 30%.

c. Firs Farm, 13 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs King, for the proposed addition of a new balcony to the rear first floor bedroom. Councillors resolved to support the application.

All
Councillors

Planning Matters cont.

d. The Hall, 2 Main Street, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Jinks for the proposed construction of one new dwelling.

Notification had been received from MBC, that the application would be considered by the MBC Planning Committee on Thursday, 18th February 2016, at 6pm at the Council Offices, Parkside.

Councillors Bigam and Bakewell agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of GPC, with Councillor Bigam addressing the committee with the comments of GPC; the Clerk would inform MBC of this.
See Parishioner/Public Time.

Councillors
Bigam,
Bakewell &
Clerk

Planning Decisions

a. Carington Cottages, 21 Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr J R Walton of Brown and Co, for the proposed general maintenance work to one Ash tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

b. Wootton Cottages, 9 Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Ashby Folville Estate for the proposed felling of one Lawson Cypress tree to ground level, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

c. Grooms Cottage, 4 Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr Gordon Bigam for the proposed crown reduction of a Cherry tree from 12m height and diameter to 9m height and diameter. The crown reduction and shaping of a further Cherry tree from 8m height and diameter to 6-7m height and diameter. The crown reduction of a purple leaf plum tree from 10m height to 8m height and diameter, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

Representative Reports

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

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that the ‘Race Night and Supper’ held on Saturday, 23rd January 2016 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, had been very entertaining and well organised by the committee. Councillor Hurst commented that the food, which had been provided by the Carington Arms Public House, was very good.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Village Hall lettings continued to be good and that the Hall floor would be re-varnished and the front door would be re-painted. Councillor Bakewell advised that a third quotation had been received in relation to the replacement of the existing kitchen.

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

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, from 01.10.2015 to 31.12.2015, £321.44 plus 5% VAT £16.07, total £337.51.

South Croxton Benefice – 4th ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.10.2015 to 31.12.2015, salary £1,281.28 expenses £102.40, total £1,383.68.

Accounts for payment:

None.

Finance cont.**Payments Received:**

07.09.2015 – Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account – Interest from 08.06.2015 to 06.09.2015, total £2.15.

07.12.2015 – Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account – Interest from 07.09.2015 to 06.12.2015, total £2.00.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £14,005.76.

Barclays Bank Community Account £1,106.41.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Other Business

1. Road Closure, Gaddesby – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that there had been a notice in the Leicester Mercury recently to advise a forthcoming road closure. It was understood that the notice, which had been inserted by LCC, gave details that a Road Race would take place on Wednesday, 25th May 2016 and that Main Street/Park Hill in Gaddesby would be closed between the hours of 8pm and 10pm. Councillor Bakewell agreed to look into the matter further.

Councillor
Bakewell

Arrangements for the next meeting :**Annual Parish Meeting following by the Parish Council Meeting:**

Monday, 14th March 2016, at Gaddesby Village Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chair.