

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall**  
**on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012, commencing at 6.45 pm.**

**Councillors Present**

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair  
 Mrs Pat Walton

Mr Neil Shorrock  
 Mr Howard Bakewell

County Councillor Mr J T Orson  
 Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council  
 Mr Peter Pritchard – Gaddesby Parishioner  
 Mrs Caroline Baker – member of the Thorpe Say No steering group  
 Mrs Carole Dale – Councillor for Twyford and Thorpe Parish Council

**Action**

**Apologies** – Apologies were received from Vice Chair, Councillor Mr Gordon Bigam.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

County Councillor Orson had previously emailed to Councillors data in connection with the local bus service review. The information received gave a breakdown of costs relating to the type of bus service, ie, rural rider, service 100, etc and then gave a breakdown of the costs per passenger per journey. Councillor Orson advised that the data had been collated prior to the end of July and that according to the figures the rural rider service makes the biggest loss. County Councillor Orson went on to advise that LCC had received between 1300 and 1500 responses in relation to the recent local bus service consultation and that it was thought that the current services would continue until early 2013. County Councillor Orson reported that he would be meeting with senior officers at LCC on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September to put various case studies forward; namely, parishioners whose everyday lives would be significantly effected by the changes. County Councillor Orson explained that the various options which may be considered are, combining two services/routes together and to have a reduction in the number of buses per day.

Mrs Caroline Baker and Mrs Carole Dale attended the meeting to ask for the support of GPC in relation to the two proposed wind turbine applications in Thorpe Satchville.

These being:

- The proposed erection of a temporary Endurance E3120 wind turbine, with a maximum height of 46.1m and access track and cable trench at Hall Farm, Klondyke Lane, Thorpe Satchville, and
- The proposed erection of a single wind turbine, with a 50m hub height, temporary track and substation at field no. 0726, Park Farm, Klondyke Lane, Thorpe Satchville.

Mrs Baker and Mrs Dale explained that, in their opinion, the turbines were too close to the village of Thorpe Satchville and were too large for the area. They advised that other local Parish Councils and villages were strongly objecting to the two applications and they asked if GPC would write letters of objection to MBC in support of their concerns. Mrs Baker and Mrs Dale also requested that representatives of GPC attend their meeting on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012 when it was hoped that all the interested parties would get together in order to gather all the objective information to put forward to the MBC Development Committee meeting on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012. They were also asking GPC if a member could address the Development Committee at this meeting.

**Parishioner/Public Time cont.**

Mrs Baker and Mrs Dale explained that they were concerned that if these applications were to be approved by MBC then it could set a precedent for future applications. They also felt that the turbines would compromise the architectural heritage site of Burrough Hill Fort and that the turbines were in fact, as high as Burrough Hill. They went onto comment that if the turbines were less than 30m then the parishioners of Thorpe Satchville would not be so concerned.

Councillors advised Mrs Baker and Mrs Dale that the two applications would be discussed under Planning Matters later in the meeting and at that point Councillors would decide if they would be willing to attend the meeting on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September and if they would also be willing to address the Development Committee meeting on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

Councillors thanked Mrs Baker and Mrs Dale for attending the meeting and for bringing their concerns to the attention of GPC.

Mr Peter Pritchard attended the meeting to draw to the attention of GPC that the white line on the sharp bend when entering Ashby Folville village has become very worn and is barely visible. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to LCC Highways Department.

Clerk

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2012/2013 26-31, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed

**Matters Arising**

1. **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – Councillor Bakewell reported that the community speed watch scheme currently running in Gaddesby was proving to be very positive and that a van travelling through the village had been recorded at a speed of 61mph.
2. **Street Light Programme** – The Clerk had yet to place an order with E.ON UK for the replacement of the two remaining concrete columns, PL17 and PL22 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby, but would endeavour to do so shortly. Councillor Shorrocks reported to Councillors that he had discussed the various suggestions available to GPC with the electrical engineers at his place of work and they concluded that if E.ON had provided alternative options then it would be recommended that GPC either choose one of their options or keep the lanterns as they are. They advised GPC not to look for an alternative supplier as this could put at risk the maintenance contract that GPC already have with E.ON. With this in mind, the Clerk was asked to write to E.ON to express the disappointment with the various options available and to advise that GPC have decided to keep the lanterns as they are until such time when a more suitable alternative becomes available. The Clerk was asked to request that perhaps E.ON could recommend a supplier who could provide GPC with replacement lanterns that are the same or similar to the ones with the swan neck bracket. Following discussion Councillors resolved not to have the lantern, PL36 Baggrave End, Barsby, switched off but to wait until the bulb goes out. Councillors also resolved to have the Philips M126 lantern PL20, Paske Avenue, Gaddesby, fitted with the retro fit gear tray in order to convert the orange light to a white light as per the quotation received from E.ON, at a cost of £140.00 plus 20% VAT £28.00, total £168.00.
3. **New Wooden Notice Board : Ashby Road, Gaddesby** – Councillor Bakewell advised Councillors that the Gaddesby parishioner had offered to manufacture and install a new wooden notice board, on Ashby Road, near to the Cheney Arms Public House in Gaddesby.

Clerk

**Matters Arising cont.**

4. **Changes to the Local Bus Service 100** – Data received from County Councillor Orson; see Parishioner/Public Time.
5. **Unsociable gardening activities : No. 21 Baggrave End, Barsby** – The Clerk reported that Mr Dudley, Enforcement Officer at MBC, had met with Mr Adcock, the gardener/maintenance contractor at no.21 Baggrave End, Barsby on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012. The outcome of the meeting was that Mr Adcock had advised that he had been using the site for many, many years in order to carry out chain sawing, shredding and burning, etc. Mr Dudley had subsequently asked the Clerk if this was the case. The Clerk advised Mr Dudley that Mr Adcock had only been using the site since approximately 2006, at the latest and certainly not before this time. Mr Dudley advised the Clerk that he would write to Mr Adcock to try to establish some further details.
6. **Vintage Car Club Concerns** – Councillor Shorrock advised Councillors that he had spoken to the Ashby Folville parishioner regarding the concerns of intimidation and inconsiderate parking at the vintage car club meetings. Councillor Shorrock reported that the parishioner had concerns that if an emergency vehicle required access or if a parishioner wished to leave the area in an emergency then it would be virtually impossible due to the inconsiderate parking and the volume of motorcyclists in and around the Church Lane area. Councillor Shorrock advised that he had attended the August meeting and that there did not seem to be any problems regarding the poor parking of vehicles despite there being many cars and motorcycles in attendance. Councillor Shorrock suggested that some temporary signs could be situated, around the Church Lane area, which state ‘Please leave vehicle access’ or similar. Councillor Shorrock advised that the parishioner living in the Church Lane area did not wish to officially report the matter to the Police and that it was an observation and concern rather than a complaint. Councillor Shorrock would make some signs for use at the car club meeting in September.
7. **Pot Holes : Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – It was reported that the pot holes along Gaddesby Lane, Barsby had been repaired.
8. **Overgrown footpath verges** – The Clerk had asked LCC if the grass footpath verge from the Church to Main Street in Gaddesby is included in the current LCC grass mowing contract. Mr Graham Hancock of LCC had since confirmed that it is included and that it should be cut back next time the contractors are in the village.
9. **Code of Conduct** – The Clerk had circulated to all Councillors the Code of Conduct adopted by MBC, which Councillors had read. The Clerk had looked at the current Code of Conduct for GPC which was a model copy for Local Authorities which GPC had previously adopted without making any amendments or alterations. As the information had been forwarded to GPC from Mrs Christine Marshall at MBC, the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Marshall to ask if the new Code of Conduct could be adopted as it is without making any amendments.

Councillor  
Shorrock

Clerk

## Correspondence

**1. MBC, Neighbourhood Planning** – A letter had been received from MBC, which stated that at the Parish Council Liaison meeting held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, MBC would be willing to discuss with any Parish how it could assist with consideration and development of a local planning approach to Neighbourhood Planning. Any Parish Council who would be interested in participating in discussions are asked to contact Morag Timbrell, Executive Support Officer to the Corporate Management Team at MBC, who would be able to co-ordinate the work. After reading the letter, Councillors felt that additional guidance should be obtained so that the matter could be discussed in a more informed manner. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Christine Marshall at MBC to ask for further guidance.

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Correspondence was made available to Councillors.

## Planning Matters

**a. Nether End, 7 Ashby Road, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Westminster Developments for the proposed construction of five new properties. Following discussion Councillors considered that the proposed five bedroom detached dwelling on plot four is still too large for the size of the overall development. Councillors remained of the opinion that there is a lack of visibility when turning out of Church Lane and felt that there is insufficient space for visitors to the properties to safely park their cars. Councillors also had concerns that, due to the lack of parking provision within the development, that visitors may park on the highway or even slightly onto the footpath which is well used especially at both ends of the School day. The Clerk would forward the comments of GPC to MBC.

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**b. Sunnybank, 14 Highfield End, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by Mr Michael Bennett for the proposed erection of a timber building for use as a Granny Annexe. Councillors resolved to support the application.

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**c. Hall Farm, Klondyke Lane, Thorpe Satchville** – Application submitted for the proposed erection of a temporary Endurance E3120 wind turbine, with a maximum height of 46.1m and access track and cable trench.

And,

**d. Park Farm, Klondyke Lane, Thorpe Satchville** – Application submitted for the proposed erection of a single wind turbine, with a 50m hub height, temporary track and substation at field no. 0726.

Councillors  
Shorrocks &  
Bakewell &  
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Councillors noted the comments and information raised earlier in the meeting by Mrs Baker and Mrs Dale and resolved to support Twyford and Thorpe Parish Council by objecting to the two applications. The Clerk was asked forward two letters of objection to MBC and to include the following observations:

- The scale of the proposed turbines are too large for the area and will dominate the landscape. The turbine at Hall Farm is too large in relation to the size of the Farm.
- The proposed turbines are too close to the village of Thorpe Satchville.
- They will compromise the architectural heritage site of Burrough Hill Fort.
- If permission is granted then a precedent could be set for future applications.

Councillor Shorrocks agreed to attend the preparation meeting on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September (but would confirm this) and Councillor Bakewell agreed to address the Development Committee on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The two Councillors would liaise in order to put together some objective points to put to the Development Committee. The Clerk would advise Councillors of any additional information which may be forwarded to GPC.

## Planning Decisions

**a. Gaddesby Lodge Farm, Pasture Lane North, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr Cliff Walker for the proposed erection of a 15kw prototype wind turbine on a 19.4m monopole mast with a total height of 25.1m, plus 20.9m tall meteorological mast for measuring wind speed, 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 information regarding the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Fund had been passed to Mr John Gordon-Saker. It was thought that in order for an outdoor recreational space to be considered under the scheme it should be half an acre in size and that the Village Hall Green was only a third of an acre. Councillor Hurst reported that currently some pruning of the shrubs was being carried out on the Green.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell reported that W.T Hume and Son of Melton Mowbray had carried out the necessary electrical testing on the Village Hall.

## Finance

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

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy from 01.04.12 to 30.06.12 £211.28 plus 5% VAT £10.56, total £221.84.

South Croxton Benefice – 2<sup>nd</sup> ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.

Rural Community Council (RCC) – Annual membership 2012/2013, total £40.00.

E-Sports UK Ltd - 5% retention fee, total £2150.00.

Plus a further invoice for the installation of a ball catchment net and basketball lines, £850.00 plus 20% VAT £170.00, total invoice £1020.00.

The total cheque to E-Sports UK = £3170.00.

### **Accounts for payment:**

E.ON UK Plc – Street light maintenance, ¼ end 30.09.2012, £178.51 plus 20% VAT £35.70, total £214.21.

### **Payments Received:**

06.06.2012 – Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account, interest to 05.06.2012, total £2.54.

South Croxton Parish Council – Contribution for the delivery of the life education programme at Gaddesby Primary School, total £15.00.

Gaddesby Playground Fund – Contribution towards the E-Sports UK Ltd invoice, total £520.00.

### **Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £16,977.15.

Barclays Bank Community Account £3,409.78.

### **Bank Reconciliation : 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012:**

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

**Other Business**

**1. Gaddesby Children's Play Area** – Councillor Bakewell had been asked by the Gaddesby Children's Playground Supporters Group if it would be possible to install two springy horses on the play area. Councillor Bakewell advised that the Group were currently obtaining quotations for the horses; one from E-Sports UK and one from Schoolscapes. Councillors confirmed that they were happy for the Group to proceed with the purchase and installation of two springy horses; Councillor Bakewell would inform the group of this decision.

Councillor  
Bakewell

**Arrangements for the next meeting:**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair.