

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall
on Monday, 12th September 2016, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Pat Walton – Chair
 Mrs Jenny Hurst – Vice-Chair
 Mr Gordon Bigam

Mr Howard Bakewell
 Mr Gary Fox

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

Action

Prior to the meeting, Councillors met at the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area to discuss some concerns raised by Councillor Bakewell. See Matters Arising no.9.

Apologies – Apologies were received from Councillor Mr Edward Kitson, Borough Councillor Mrs J Simpson and County Councillor Mr J T Orson.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no’s 2016/2017 24-28, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **New Bus Shelter, Barsby** – Mr James Walton, land agent for Brown and Co had reported to GPC that the proposed bus shelter at Barsby had been discussed at the recent Trustees meeting, where the tenant of the Dairy Farm, Barsby was also present.

Mr Walton advised that the proposed location of the bus shelter conflicts with the current use of the Dairy Farm as a working farm yard and more particularly the likely impact on the visibility when leaving the farm yard by the entrance to the north of the proposed shelter. Mr Walton reported that the matter had been discussed and that they felt that the proposed shelter should be situated elsewhere. Councillors were disappointed with Mr Walton’s response on behalf of the Trustees and the Dairy Farm tenant. Councillors were unsure if the Trustees had discussed the previous proposal made by GPC, to set the bus shelter further back level with the wall, as suggested in a letter dated November 2015. This would require the Ashby Carington Estate donating a small piece of the Dairy Farm garden to accommodate the shelter.

Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Mr Walton to express the disappointment of GPC and to advise that GPC had looked into erecting a new bus shelter at various other site locations within the area of the bus stop, but were unfortunately either not logistically possible or would incur considerable financial implications. The Clerk would draft a letter and would forward it to Councillor Hurst for approval prior to sending it to Mr Walton.

Councillor
Hurst &
Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

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| <p>2. White Centre Line Road Markings from the Rearsby Business Park to the Rearsby Bypass Junction (A607) – Nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to again email LCC, Highways Department to remind them that the white centre line road markings from the Rearsby Business Park to the Rearsby Bypass junction had yet to be re-instated.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>3. Extension at Overleys, 1 Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby – After again emailing Mr Joe Mitson of Development Control at MBC, he reported that he had not received a written response to his letter from the homeowner. However, a message had been left on his telephone although unfortunately a contact number had not been left. Mr Mitson advised that he would endeavour to contact the homeowner again.</p> | |
| <p>4. Unsafe Footpath Bridge, Ashby Folville – Following the August meeting the Clerk emailed Mr Paul Wroblewski of the LCC, Structures and Assets Team, to ask if he would like Councillors to meet with him at the site and to advise him that the bridge may have deteriorated during the recent spell of dry weather. Mr Edwin McWilliam of LCC reported that he had received initial feedback from the Bridges Team and that some works are proposed and will be scheduled shortly. These being; repairs to the sub structure and the re-building of parts of the wing walls. The removal of some of the vegetation had taken place with more work to come. Mr McWilliam advised that the proposed works may last up to three weeks and may require a temporary path closure. Details of when the work would commence would be forwarded in due course. Mr McWilliam reported that reclaimed bricks were being sourced by LCC.</p> | |
| <p>5. Crime Updates – Councillor Fox reported to Councillors the information which he had found in relation to the service provided by the Police force when reporting an incident, crime or anti-social behaviour and the updates and experiences that individuals had received. In general individuals were very dissatisfied with the Police service and had similar experiences to that of Councillor Fox and other parishioners. It was understood that updates on incidents of crime should be reported in line with the Victims Code and that this should be updated every 28 days. It was generally felt that this was not the case. Councillor Fox was still collating information and hoped that County Councillor Orson would be attending the October meeting so that he could report his findings directly to him.</p> | Councillor
Fox |
| <p>6. Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads – The Clerk advised Councillors that LCC had reported to GPC that the Highways Team had visited the location on Friday, 22nd July 2016 and that they had carried out the necessary remedial works to the carriageway. Following this the Clerk was unsure if work had been carried out and asked for an officer to telephone. As no response had been received the Clerk resent the email and was waiting for a response from a Highways Officer. Councillors were unsure if any carriageway repairs had been carried out, but when passing the location would have a look at the Highway and would inform the Clerk.</p> | Councillors
& Clerk |

Matters Arising cont.

7. **MBC/Parish Council Liaison Meeting** – Councillor Bakewell reported that he had attended the Parish Council Liaison Meeting on Monday, 5th September 2016, in the Council Chamber, Parkside, where the following items were discussed:

- Waste Collection – Speculation that the black bin waste collection would be changing to once every three weeks, were untrue. Changes may need to be considered as waste collection/disposal accounts for 36% of the Councils budget. Further options will be discussed September 2018.
- Planning Resources – MBC have a large staff turnover, primarily due to the heavy workload caused by the Local Plan preparation. This is due to be presented to the Council on the 14th October 2016. A new Planning Officer, Mr Glen Baker, has been appointed.
- Delegation of Planning Enforcement – There has been little interest by Parish Councils, which is generally due to the concerns of the involvement and lack of interest in the community.

Councillor Bakewell reported that due to the low turnout for the agenda setting meetings, MBC intend to trial the agenda by use of emails – it is hoped that this will save everyone's time.

8. **Request for Dog Waste Bin** – The Clerk was pleased to report that Councillors Bakewell and Kitson had installed the dog waste bin at the agreed location near to the electricity substation opposite Gaddesby Village Hall and car park. Councillors present thanked Councillors Bakewell and Kitson for giving their time to install the bin.

The Clerk had informed the MBC, Environmental Maintenance team that an additional bin had been installed in Gaddesby. The Clerk advised Councillors that the bin had now been included in the MBC emptying schedule and was being emptied on a regular basis.

9. **Gaddesby Children's Play Area** – Prior to the meeting, Councillors met at the Gaddesby Children's Play Area to discuss some concerns raised by Councillor Bakewell, these being:

Rotten timber on slide – Mr Nathan Myring had yet to provide GPC with a quotation for the necessary repairs to the slide. Councillor Bakewell would remind Mr Myring.

Overgrown Trees and Shrubs – Councillors looked at and discussed the trees and shrubs which were growing between the MUGA fence and the Play Area boundary fence. The trees and shrubs had become overgrown and required trimming back – although it was felt that it may be preferable to wait until the leaves had fallen in the autumn before trimming. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Henry Black of Dalby Tree Care to ask him to meet at the site with a view to providing GPC with a quotation for the necessary works.

Moss on the MUGA surface – Councillors noted that moss had again formed on the surface of the MUGA. The Clerk was asked to enquire with Mr Black if he would be able to treat the surface of the MUGA in order to destroy the moss or if he knew of anyone who would be able to carry out this task.

Broken picnic bench – Mr Richard Toon, Gaddesby parishioner had repaired the broken picnic bench, but felt that it would be preferable if the bench was fixed to the ground in order to prevent parishioners from moving it to different locations on the grass area.

Councillor
Bakewell

Clerk

Clerk

Matters Arising cont.**9. Gaddesby Children's Play Area cont. –**

Two broken benches, on the concrete slab – Councillors looked at the other two broken benches and felt that they may be too worn and weak to repair. It was therefore, decided to dispose of the two benches and to fix the picnic bench to the concrete slab as a replacement for the two benches. Councillors Bakewell and Kitson agreed to undertake this task.

Councillors
Bakewell &
Kitson

10. Overgrown Hedge, Gaddesby Hall - The Clerk had written to Mr and Mrs Jinks of Gaddesby Hall to ask if they could arrange for their boundary privet hedge, which runs along the public footpath from Main Street to St. Lukes Church in Gaddesby, to be trimmed back. Parishioners had drawn to the attention of GPC that the hedge had become overgrown.

Councillors were pleased to note that the hedge had been trimmed.

Correspondence

1. LCC, Consent for roadside bench : Cross Street and Main Street Junction, Gaddesby – A letter had been received from Emily Berrington, a Legal Assistant for LCC in relation to consent for the installation and maintenance of a roadside bench at the Cross Street with Main Street junction, Gaddesby .

Clerk

Back in early spring Gaddesby WI attended a Parish Council meeting to put forward a suggestion to Councillors that they would like to install a new commemorative bench on the small green area behind the post box at the corner of Cross Street and Main Street, Gaddesby. As agreed the LCC licence form was completed by GPC, although the installation and maintenance of the bench would be the responsibility of the Gaddesby WI.

After reading through the letter of consent, Councillors were in agreement that the letter should have been sent to the Gaddesby WI not GPC. The Clerk was asked to telephone Emily Berrington to request that a copy is sent to the WI.

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

Planning Matters

a. The Cheney Arms Public House, 2 Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Everards Brewery Ltd for listed building consent and consent to display an advertisement, for the proposed refurbishment and updating of the existing signage. After consideration of the application, Councillors resolved to forward the following comments to MBC:

Clerk

- Two of the signs are still in place and are being illuminated, despite having been refused planning consent – this has been pointed out to MBC on several occasions.
- GPC understand that there are national regulations in relation to advertisements and signage, which would be applicable to a Grade II listed building situated within a conservation area – the proposed signage does not comply with these regulations.
- The proposed signage does not meet with the recommendations outlined to the applicant by Mr Joe Mitson. This being, the fascia being flush with the wall and externally illuminated, a far smaller sign on the side elevation and external illumination only for the freestanding sign.

Planning Matters cont.**'For Information Only'**

b. Barsby Farm, 11 Main Street, Barsby – Application submitted by Mrs Kathryn Shorrocks for the proposal to increase the number of bedrooms, in the proposed dwelling, from two to three.

Planning Decisions

a. Branbury Farm, Ashby Road, Gaddesby – Application submitted by James Coles and Sons Nurseries Limited for a proposed new access to the farm land, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

b. Ashby Pastures, Pasture Lane, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr Darrell Fowler for the proposed conversion of the existing barns into two house dwellings, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

c. Wedmore House, 16 Highfield End, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs P Hensman for the proposed replacement of four roof windows with dormer windows and for the erection of a porch, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

d. Sycamore Farm, 15 Main Street, Barsby – Application submitted by Mr A Cresswell-Black, for the proposed removal of one section of the split trunk and reduction of the height of part of the remaining Eucalyptus tree, 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 a committee meeting would take place on, Monday, 19th September 2016, when the following items would be discussed: committee changes, clarification of the bank changes and future events.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Bakewell had nothing to report this month.

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

Glasdon UK Limited – One dog waste bin, £126.69 plus 20% VAT £25.33, total £152.02.

Melton Borough Council – RoSPA Playground Safety Inspection, £49.50 plus 20% VAT £9.90, total £59.40.

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

Accounts for payment:

E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 30 September 2016, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

Payments Received:

06.06.2016 – Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account – Interest from 07.03.2016 to 05.06.2016, total £1.58.

Finance cont.**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £15,009.19.

Barclays Bank Community Account £822.32.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Transfer of Funds:

Councillors agreed that £1,000.00 should be transferred from the Business Reserve Account into the Community Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

Clerk

Other Business

1. Overgrown Hedge, Pasture Lane, Gaddesby – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that a section of hedgerow along Pasture Lane, just outside Gaddesby village had become overgrown. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to ask them if they could arrange to have the hedge cut back.

Clerk

2. Apologies for October meeting – Councillor Bigam gave his apologies for the October meeting.

Arrangements for the next meeting :

Monday, 10th October 2016, at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Chair.