

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall**  
**on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015, commencing at 6.45 pm.**

**Councillors Present**

Mr Gordon Bigam - Chair  
 Mrs Jenny Hurst  
 Mr Edward Kitson

Mrs Pat Walton - Vice-Chair  
 Mr Howard Bakewell  
 Mr Gary Fox

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council  
 Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson  
 County Councillor Mr J T Orson  
 Gaddesby Parishioners – as per attached appendix 1.

**Action**

**Apologies** – There were no apologies received.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

Gaddesby Parishioners attended the meeting to voice their views in relation to the new planning application submitted by Mr and Mrs Jinks, The Hall, 2 Main Street, Gaddesby, for the proposed construction of one new dwelling. Councillor Bigam welcomed the parishioners and explained that Councillors would listen to their comments, but would not be able to engage in any form of debate and that GPC would be submitting an independent letter to MBC.

Firstly, the parishioners thanked GPC for the support given when responding to the previous planning applications. All parishioners in attendance were against the construction of the dwelling and raised the following concerns:

- The proposed new dwelling is near to two Grade I listed buildings.
- With the proposed removal and re-alignment of the yew hedge, the visual impact on the street scene would be detrimental to the village. A picture of the village in the 1890's shows the yew hedge, at about 7 metres high at the time.
- Highway safety was a serious concern. No provision had been made to make improvements to the vision splay to the right. The motor vehicles travel at great speeds along Main Street, which would make it particularly hazardous when turning out of North Hall Drive – this being a narrow single track lane.
- With the single track of North Hall Drive, parishioners had concerns that delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles would have difficulty in attending to the properties. Currently the waste disposal lorries, collect the refuse at the entrance to the drive as it is difficult for the lorry to use the drive.
- Parishioners were of the opinion that the proposed garage was too large in relation to the proposed dwelling.
- It was felt that the plans were not to scale and were inaccurate. Additionally, it was understood that two Environmental Survey's had been submitted and it was considered that these were inaccurate.
- The entrance to the new dwelling is too close, in proximity, to the neighbouring property and it would overlook the existing properties.
- The parishioners advised that a section of the Hall garden had been fenced off, which could indicate that this could lead to further development in the future.

**Parishioner/Public Time cont.**

The parishioners present asked about the Conservation Area; Borough Councillor Simpson explained that Conservation Areas still applied, although any application submitted would have to remain in keeping with the village.

It was brought to the attention of GPC that a previous application, of this nature, had been submitted 25 years ago and was refused on Appeal, by the Secretary of State. This document would be forwarded to the Clerk for information.

Councillor Bigam encouraged as many parishioners as possible to write to MBC and when writing to ask that the application be considered by the MBC planning committee. Prior to leaving, the parishioners thanked Councillors for listening to their comments.

Before the formalities of the meeting began, Councillor Bigam welcomed Councillor, Mr Gary Fox to GPC and introduced County Councillor Orson and Borough Councillor Simpson. Councillor Bigam also thanked Councillor Walton for taking the Chair in his absence at the October meeting.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2015/2016 39-44, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

1. **Public Footpath 189b, Gaddesby** – The Clerk was pleased to report that two coats of slurry seal had been applied to the public footpath, which leads from Main Street to St.Lukes Church, Gaddesby. It was reported that the application of the seal had much improved the surface of the footpath.
2. **Street Light Replacement Programme** – The Clerk reported that shortly after the October meeting, the replacement lantern at Highfield End, Ashby Folville, the replacement lantern at Baggrave End, Barsby and the new column at Baggrave End, Barsby, were all in full working order; this now completes the street light replacement programme.
3. **New Bus Shelter, Barsby** – The Clerk had written a letter to Mr Stroud, with a copy being sent to the land agent Mr James Walton, to outline the wish of GPC to install a new bus shelter in Barsby.
4. **MBC, Parish Council Liaison** – Notification had been received from Mrs Lynn Aisbett, the Chief Executive at MBC stating that items raised for the agenda for the forthcoming Parish Council Liaison meeting were very low, with only one item being raised by email and with no Parish Councils attending the agenda setting meeting. Therefore, MBC had regrettably made the decision to cancel the Parish Council Liaison meeting due to the lack of business notified. Mrs Aisbett commented that Parish Councils may wish to consider another way of ensuring items of relevance to Parishes are discussed, in which case MBC would be willing to arrange a meeting on this particular topic.  
The one item raised was the draft scheme for the establishment of a Leicester and Leicestershire Combined Authority – an email had been forwarded with details of the full consultation proposal; the Clerk had circulated the email to all Councillors.

Matters Arising cont.

5. **Dog Fouling : Gaddesby** – A notice had been included in the November edition of the Church newsletter, to remind parishioners of their responsibility to clean up after their dogs. Councillor Bakewell reported that he had discussed the possible installation of a dog waste bin, with local dog walker, Mr Sam Burdett and that following discussion Mr Burdett had agreed to look to see if he could find a suitable location. It had been brought to the attention of GPC, that if children walk the family dog, they may not have been told of their responsibility to clean up after them. With this in mind, Councillors felt that parishioners should be reminded of their responsibilities and to remind them that if their children walk the family dog, then they should provide them with dog waste bags and should teach them how to clean up and dispose of the dog waste. It was thought that it may be a good idea to target the whole village of Gaddesby not just specific areas. After discussion, Councillors agreed that it may be a good idea to ask Mr Tucker if a flyer could be inserted into the next Church newsletter. The Clerk would ask Mr Tucker if this would be possible and the Clerk would then liaise with Councillor Kitson, with a view to producing a flyer for inclusion in the next edition.
6. **E.ON UK Plc : Prices For Un-Metered Supply (UMS) Tariff** – The Clerk had telephoned E.ON to enquire if they could provide GPC with a more competitive energy price. Unfortunately, however, the operator from E.ON advised that as the GPC energy use was relatively low and below the threshold of the minimum consumption per year, the price could not be improved. Additionally, currently GPC are charged for supply only with no additional charges, therefore it would not be beneficial to take out a fixed term contract. Following discussion and taking into consideration the alternative options and quotations, all Councillors agreed to remain with E.ON for the energy supply. Councillors were mindful of the maintenance contract with E.ON whereby a very good and efficient service in maintaining and repairing the street lights is provided.
7. **Bench, in memory of Mrs Jean Cane** – The Clerk had written to Mr David Cane and family to advise that GPC would be pleased for them to replace the bench, situated on Main Street, Gaddesby near to the Cheney Arms Public House and to undertake any necessary maintenance work to the bench in the future years.
8. **Gaddesby Lane with Rearsby Bypass junction (A607)** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that when turning off the A607 at the Rearsby bypass junction onto Gaddesby Lane, when travelling from Melton Mowbray, the visibility at the junction is quite poor. It was reported that it is difficult to see the signage at the junction as it is not lit and when making this particular left-hand turn, the fact that the junction is not lit, makes it difficult to see and quite hazardous. Also, the white centres lines from the Rearsby Business Park to the junction have worn away and the lines required re-instating. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to ask them to go and have a look at the junction; the Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the email to Rearsby Parish Council for their information.

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Correspondence

Correspondence was either emailed or made available to Councillors as necessary

Planning Matters

**a. Plum Cottage, 5 Cross Street, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Tyers-Smith, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed removal/felling of one Cedrus Libani Tree.

Notification had been received from MBC that a Tree Preservation Order had been placed on the above tree on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Any objections/comments, should be forwarded to MBC, in writing, by Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Following discussion it was considered that the Order was incorrectly worded and that it should read a provisional notice not a formal notice. Nonetheless, GPC did not wish to submit any comments to MBC.

**Councillor Bigam declared an interest in this planning matter, therefore, it was agreed to be discussed following ‘Other Business’, after which time Councillor Bigam had left the Hall.**

**b. Land between 15 and 21, Folville Street, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by the Ashby Folville Land Trust for the proposed demolition of the derelict mushroom sheds and the construction of four cottage dwellings, gardens and parking. The remaining five Councillors discussed the application at length, whilst taking into consideration the LCC Highways Authority report and resolved to forward the following concerns to MBC:

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- Sustainability – Ashby Folville is a small rural village, with a limited bus service and virtually no employment within the village.
- Councillors agreed to support all five of the conditions in the LCC Highway Authority report in relation to amendments to the existing access and for the provision of motor vehicles within the development site.

Councillors asked the Clerk to include in the letter recognition of the time and effort the applicant had taken in making the improvements to the existing access arrangements.

**c. Ashby Pastures, Pastures Lane, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by Mr Darrell Fowler, for the proposed conversion of the existing barns into two house dwellings. Councillors resolved to support the application.

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**d. The Hall, 2 Main Street, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Jinks, for listed building consent and full planning consent, for the proposed construction of one new dwelling. Following on from the comments made by the parishioners and careful consideration of the plan received, Councillors agreed to make the following comments to MBC:

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- The dwelling is adjacent to two important Grade I listed buildings – within the Conservation Area.
- No provision has been made to improve the vision splay to the right. Motor vehicles travel at speed along Main Street – as shown by the Community Speed Watch study carried out in 2012.
- The yew hedge has been removed and re-aligned by an insignificant amount, so will not address the visibility for access onto the public highway.
- The current single lane drive is unsuitable for the current usage, so would be even more unsuitable for an increase in motor vehicles.
- Concerns regarding the drive and access for delivery and emergency vehicles.
- Refuse disposal bags are currently placed at the entrance to the drive.
- The proposed garage is too large in relation to the dwelling. Ask MBC to look carefully of the accuracy of the plans submitted, in particular the elevations.
- The entrance to the new dwelling is too close in proximity to the existing dwelling on North Hall Drive.

The Clerk was also asked to include in the letter a request that MBC arrange for an independent Environmental Survey to be carried out.

**Planning Matters cont.****‘For Information Only’**

**e. White Cottage, 17 Main Street, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mrs Janet Garley, for a non-material planning amendment, for the re-positioning of the off street parking. In relation to the amendment; a copy of an email sent to MBC by Mr and Mrs Rudkin, had been received by GPC. The email gave details and photographs of seven planning issues and concerns forwarded to MBC by Mr and Mrs Rudkin. A copy of the email was forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councillors resolved to support the concerns raised; the Clerk was asked to write to MBC.

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**Planning Decisions****Application submitted within the Borough of Charnwood:**

**a. Land off Main Street, South Croxton** – Application submitted by Mr John Connors, for the proposed formation of hard standing and the use of land for the siting of up to three additional (five in total) mobile homes and access, has been refused planning permission by Charnwood Borough Council.

**Representative Reports**

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – It was understood that the Ashby and Barsby harvest supper held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015, was enjoyed by those who attended.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that a skittles evening, with supper, would be held on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall to raise funds for the Village Hall Green.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell reported that the charity fundraising event held in Gaddesby Village Hall on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 was very well attended, with a provisional total of £1,900.00 being raised. Councillor Bakewell advised that the committee were looking at having the Village Hall car park resurfaced, although it had been noted that flooding was a problem in two areas. Councillor Bakewell went on to advise that the committee were obtaining quotations for the replacement of the Hall front doors and for the replacement of the existing kitchen.

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

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30.06.2015, £282.78 plus 5% VAT £14.14, total £296.92 (cheque re-issued).

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30.09.2015, £321.44 plus 5% VAT £16.07, total £337.51.

Total cheque to E.ON £634.43.

Melton Borough Council – RoSPA, Play Area Safety Inspection 2015, £49.50 plus 20% VAT £9.90, total £59.40.

E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd – Two new lantern replacements Barsby and Ashby Folville, one new column, Barsby, £4,524.00 plus 20% VAT £904.80, total £5,428.80.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.07.2015 to 30.09.2015, salary £1,281.28, expenses £103.94, total £1,385.22.

The Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership renewal 2015, total £103.00.

**Finance cont.****Accounts for payment:**

South Croxton Benefice – 3<sup>rd</sup> ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.

**Payments Received:**

None.

**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £15,999.34.

Barclays Bank Community Account £1,596.78.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

**Discussion of Budget/Precept 2016:**

The Clerk circulated to all Councillors the proposed 2016/2017 budget. Following discussion Councillors resolved that the current precept of £13,200.00 should remain and that there should not be an increase for the forthcoming year. Notification had been received from MBC that the provisional Council Tax Support Grant for 2016/2017, for GPC would be £249.84; confirmation of the final figure would be forwarded during December.

The Clerk was asked to include £500.00 for the provision of a new notice board in Barsby to the proposed budgeted expenditure.

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**Other Business**

**1. GPC current website arrangements** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the Parish Council minutes and Councillor details, on the Gaddesby Village website were out of date. Councillors discussed the feasibility of creating a website just for GPC. Councillor Kitson agreed to look into the LCC, Leicestershire Parish Councils organisation for websites to see if a website for GPC still existed and the current availability. The Clerk was asked to see if Mr Simon Hargraves, the Gaddesby parishioner responsible for updating the village website, could update the GPC minutes and Councillor details.

Councillor Kitson advised Councillors that he had updated the GPC flyer.

Additionally, the Clerk was asked to arrange for the GPC email address to be included in the Church newsletter.

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In conjunction with Parish Council websites, the Clerk provided Councillors with details of the Smaller Authorities Transparency Code, which came into force on 01 April 2015. The main aim of the Code is to provide parishioners with the on-line publication of information that the Government requests, to provide taxpayers with a clear insight of the authorities activities, spending and governance, with the aim of holding local public bodies to account. Councillors would read through the information and the matter would be discussed at the December meeting.

All  
Councillors

**2. Planning Process for Councillors** – Councillor Bigam had forwarded to Councillors an email which provided Parish Councils with guidance in relation to planning procedures and protocol and how to put together a response.

**Other Business**

**3. Letter received from Mr David Patton of Ashby Folville** – Mr David Patton of Ashby Folville had written to GPC in relation to the application submitted by the Ashby Folville Land Trust for the proposed demolition of the derelict mushroom shed and the erection of four cottage dwellings, gardens and parking.

After discussing the contents of the letter, Councillors asked the Clerk to write a brief letter of acknowledgement to Mr Patton and to state that his comments had been noted.

**Following on from Other Business the Planning Matter – Land between 15 and 21 Folville Street, Ashby Folville was discussed. See Planning Matters.**

**Arrangements for the next meeting :**

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, at Gaddesby Village Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chair.

Clerk