

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall**  
**on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012, commencing at 6.55 pm.**

**Councillors Present**

Mr Howard Bakewell – (Chair)  
 Mr Neil Shorrocks

Mrs Jenny Hurst – (Vice Chair)  
 Mrs Pat Walton

Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson  
 Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

Mr Vic Smart – Gaddesby Parishioner  
 Mr Simon Hargrave – Gaddesby Parishioner

**Action**

**Apologies** – Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr J T Orson and Councillor Mr Gordon Bigam.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

Mr Simon Hargrave, a Gaddesby parishioner, attended the meeting to discuss the Gaddesby Village website. Mr Hargrave explained that the website had been set up many years ago, but unfortunately had not been kept up to date, then just before Christmas the Gaddesby Village Hall committee and the Gaddesby Gallopers asked if it would be possible to have some publicity information loaded onto the website.

Mr Hargrave explained that as he had a little time to spare, over the Christmas holidays he revived the existing Gaddesby Village website and that the site had been online since the end of January 2012. Mr Hargrave advised Councillors that he had contacted LCC regarding their village websites but had learned that LCC now charge for this service.

Mr Hargrave, therefore, asked Councillors for their thoughts regarding having their names and contact details posted to the website and also if it would be possible to include some basic Parish Council information, such as minutes and agendas on the site. The only concern Councillors had was that Gaddesby Parish Council does incorporate the other villages of Barsby and Ashby Folville. Mr Hargrave did not see this as a problem and advised that along with Councillors names and contact details he could include which village they represent. Mr Hargrave explained that he could include a notice board type link on the website, so that parishioners could post any comments/observations they may have. The Parish Council could then respond to the points raised if necessary.

Following discussion, all Councillors were in agreement that the minutes and agendas should be posted to the website. Councillors Walton, Hurst and Bakewell preferred to have their names and telephone numbers included on the site, but Councillor Shorrocks commented that he would be happy to his telephone number and email address included. As Councillor Bigam was absent from the meeting, the Clerk would ask him what details he would prefer to have publicized, if any. Councillors considered it a good idea to let parishioners know the role that Gaddesby Parish Council plays within the local community and hoped that the website proved to be popular.

Mr Vic Smart attended the meeting on behalf of the Gaddesby Children's Playground Supporters Group. It had been brought to the attention of the Group and the Clerk that before Groundwork UK would release the final payment relating to the MUGA, that Groundwork UK required confirmation that adequate asset insurance has been taken out in the event that the gates, fencing and the artificial surface are damaged.

Clerk

**Parishioner/Public Time cont.**

Since an invoice had been received from Mr Peter Featherstone for the extension to the paled fencing and the installation of a new disabled access ramp, it had become a necessary requirement to supply this information to Groundwork UK. Following this request the Clerk had previously informed Mr Rob Hunt that Councillors had discussed the matter and it was decided that since Aon would only insure the gates and the fencing for impact only, this would not be beneficial as the likelihood of any impact damage being caused, was minimal. Additionally, Councillors had resolved not to insure the artificial surface, again because it was felt that any damage caused would be minimal.

Mr Smart had therefore, attended the meeting to ask if GPC could confirm in writing to Groundwork UK that if in the event of any damage being caused to the gates, fencing or surface then GPC would cover the cost of the necessary repairs. Councillors all agreed to this request, which was proposed by Councillor Hurst and seconded by Councillor Walton; the Clerk would forward a confirmation letter to Mr Rob Hunt, which could then be passed to Groundwork UK.

Mr Smart asked if anyone knew where he could get a table tennis table from; Councillors suggested that he contacted LCC.

Clerk

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2011/2012 63-68, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

- 1. MBC, Changes to the Waste Management Services** – County Councillor Orson had circulated to Councillors further information relating to the MBC, Waste Management Services. Borough Councillor Simpson had advised that MBC would collect the spare brown bins on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

It had been noted that there was a petition on the MBC website, which parishioners could add their names to in order to declare an objection to the proposed changes. Although, it was noted that if a parishioner shares a web address with another member of their household then only one name can be added to the petition. Therefore, in order to add more than one name, a separate web address must be used. Councillors felt that this was not really a fair way of operating the system.

- 2. Closure of Syston fire station** – The Clerk had emailed the fire services to ask if Gaddesby, Barsby, Ashby Folville and all the surrounding villages would have adequate cover by the fire service if the station at Syston closed and was relocated to Birstall; a reply had yet to be received.

Clerk

- 3. Street Light Programme** – Councillor Walton reported that the low energy bulb had yet to be installed in the lantern at Baggrave End, Barsby; the Clerk would telephone Sandra Townson to ask when the conversion is likely to be carried out.

Clerk

- 4. Gaddesby Children's Playground** – See parishioner/public time.

- 5. LCC, Melton West Community Forum** – Councillor Bakewell advised that, along with Councillor Hurst, he had attended the LCC, Melton West Community Forum held on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Frisby Village Hall. Councillors felt that the meeting had been interesting and informative. Councillor Hurst gave Councillors a report on the evenings meeting; a summary of which is as follows;

**Matters Arising cont.****5. LCC, Melton West Community Forum cont. –**

- The new MBC Leader, Mr Byron Rhodes gave an update on the Council's achievements since the fire, including the move to Parkside and the sale of the land on Nottingham Road to Sainsbury's. Additionally, that Waterfield Pool and Leisure Centre is to be refurbished with a fitness suite added. The Local Development Framework to be completed in two to four years and the Core Strategy has been agreed. A new site is required for the Ambulance Station and Day Centre; the existing site, which is owned by MBC, to be redeveloped.
- Mr Raman Selvon outlined the new Waste Management services and commented that hopefully the recycling rate will increase.
- Ms Sabrina Malik outlined the criteria for the next LCC, Community Forum budget, the deadline for which being the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Projects must be registered with LCC as before.
- Inspector John Gray, from the Leicestershire Constabulary, gave an update on the latest crime figures, including a recent theft of a farm vehicle in Ashby Folville. Fortunately the vehicle was recovered and the criminals apprehended.
- Ms Alison Hodson from Voluntary Action Leicester outlined opportunities for the volunteers who take part in the test torch relays for the Olympics 2012.
- Mr Matthew Kempson, from LCC advised of the proposed superfast Broadband to be introduced to Leicestershire, which will largely be funded by Virgin and British Telecom. Although, hopefully DEFRA will fund the more rural areas. Mr Byron Rhodes would lead the initiative, which was hoped that 100% cover would be in place by 2017.

**6. Bus Shelter in Barsby** – The Clerk had written to Mr Alex Stroud to ask if the Ashby Carington Estate would be willing to donate a piece of the Dairy Farm garden and hedge to enable the installation of the proposed bus shelter in Barsby. As a reply had yet to be received Councillor Shorrocks agreed to contact Mr Stroud to enquire if he had been able to give the matter some thought and to put the proposal forward to the other trustees of the Estate.

Councillor  
Shorrocks

**7. Update of GPC Flyer** – The GPC flyer had been distributed to all the households in Ashby Folville, Barsby and Gaddesby.

**8. Unspent Funds : Gaddesby Recreation Committee** – Nothing to report. It was agreed to discuss the matter with the representatives of the Gaddesby Recreation Committee following completion of the Gaddesby Children's Play Area.

**9. MBC, Parish Council Liaison** – Nothing to report.

**10. Replacement of trees in Ashby Folville** – Mr Richard Spooner, the Conservation Officer at MBC had emailed the Clerk to advise that he had left a message for Mr Alex Stroud asking him to consider replacing any trees which are removed. Mr Spooner had yet to receive a reply from Mr Stroud but would inform GPC of any response received.

**Matters Arising cont.**

**11. MBC, Environmental Maintenance** – The Clerk had emailed MBC to ask if their environmental maintenance team would be able to collect litter from the highway verges around the three villages. MBC had advised that they would be able to get some of their operatives and the Probation Service to do some litter picking in the area. However, due to health and safety reasons, the Probation members are not allowed to work in areas with a speed limit higher than 30 mph, so they would only be able to work within the villages. MBC could ask Biffa to litter pick outside the village boundaries. The Clerk had confirmed with MBC that this arrangement would be satisfactory.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was made available to Councillors.

**Planning Matters**

**a. Messengers Lodge Farm, Rotherby Lane, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by M.R and M Taylor for a proposed new farm driveway. Amended plans had been received from MBC to show a deeper ditch running along the proposed new driveway. It was understood that a deeper ditch had already been dug. MBC were aware of this but felt that amended plans should be sent out in order to comply with planning regulations. Councillors did not wish to make any further comments in relation to the application.

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**‘For Information Only’**

**b. ‘Wisteria’, One Main Street, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr David Batchelor, for works to trees within a conservation area, for the proposed crown reduction of one Cedar, one Bramley apple and one Horse Chestnut tree, all by one to two metres.

**Planning Decisions**

None.

**Representative Reports**

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – It was understood that arrangements were being made in relation to the vintage car club, which is held on the second Tuesday of the month during the summer months. It was noted that official stewards would organise the car parking and would generally co-ordinate and officiate the event in a more controlled manner. Councillors understood that the Carington Arms Public House had been broken into recently.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that pruning work was being carried out on the trees and shrubs on the Village Hall Green and that a committee meeting would be held the following week.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell reported that the terms and conditions relating to the hire of the Hall, which are printed on the reverse of the booking form are currently being rewritten and that in future GSC would have to clear the Hall of all their equipment and pictures at the end of each day. Councillor Bakewell advised that the funds from the LCC Community Forum had been received and that a new wall mounted water heater had been ordered. Councillor Bakewell also advised that there were ongoing problems with the sewage pump and that the Village Hall AGM would be held in May/June, when Gaddesby parishioners would be invited to attend.

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

E.ON UK Plc – Street light repairs, lamp at the top of Church Lane, Gaddesby £35.50 plus 20% VAT £7.50, total £42.60.

**Accounts for payment:**

Ashby and Barsby Village Hall – Hire of Hall, 5 meetings @ £12.00 each, total £60.00.

Gaddesby Village Hall – Hire of Hall, 7 meetings @ £12.00 each, total £84.00.

St. Mary's Ashby Folville, PCC – Churchyard maintenance grant, total £75.00.

St Luke's Gaddesby, PCC – Churchyard maintenance grant, total £75.00.

Barsby Village Hall Green – Green maintenance grant, total £75.00.

E.ON UK Energy Services – Street light maintenance, ¼ end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, £176.23 plus 20% VAT £35.25, total £211.48.

Leicestershire and Rutland Playing Fields Association – 2012/2013 annual subscription, total £14.00.

Rural Community County (RCC) – Membership 2012/2013, total £40.00. Councillors agreed not to subscribe to the RCC for the forthcoming year as they felt that the membership had not been beneficial to GPC during the last six months.

**Payments Received:**

05.12.2011 – Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account, interest from 05.09.2011 to 04.12.2011, total £1.56.

**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £19,972.61.

Barclays Bank Community Account £3,844.26.

**Review of Internal Financial Controls (Financial Regulations) and Internal Audit:**

As it had been recommended previously by Mr Ian Fraser, Internal Auditor, for GPC that the internal financial controls (Financial Regulations) and the internal audit are reviewed on an annual basis, the Clerk had read through the current financial regulations and was able to advise Councillors that it would not be necessary to make any amendments at the present time, but Councillors agreed to review them annually at the March meeting. Councillors considered the effectiveness of the system of internal audit and resolved to approve the current arrangements, again it was agreed that these should be reviewed annually at the March meeting.

**Other Business**

Councillors present did not wish to raise any further business.

**Arrangements for the next meeting : -**

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chair.