

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall
on Monday, 2nd July 2012, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair
 Mrs Pat Walton

Mr Neil Shorrocks
 Mr Howard Bakewell

County Councillor Mr J T Orson
 Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council
 Mr Peter Pritchard – Gaddesby Parishioner

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Councillor Mr Gordon Bigam and Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson.

Parishioner/Public Time

Mr Pritchard thanked GPC along with Borough Councillor Simpson for the support given to the village during the planning process in relation to the proposed development at Nether End, 7 Ashby Road, Gaddesby. Although the planning notice stated only one reason for refusal, it was thought that there may be other reasons/conditions why the planning application had been refused by MBC. It was suggested that Borough Councillor Simpson may know the answer to this query; so it would be brought to her attention upon her return.

Mr Pritchard brought to the attention of GPC that the village notice boards required replacing. Councillors informed Mr Pritchard that this matter was currently in hand. Mr Pritchard brought to the attention of GPC that during the storms of the previous week, the garage of no. 18 Ashby Road, had become flooded. It was thought that a contributing factor to this may have been that the dropped kerb at the entrance to the property had worn very low, thus enabling the storm water to run over the top of the kerb and into the garage. County Councillor Orson suggested that this matter is pointed out to LCC Highways Department.

County Councillor Orson advised that he had nothing to report this month.

It had been brought to the attention of GPC, that if a parishioner joined the MBC Green Waste Club, but instead of receiving a green composting bin they required bags, they had been advised by Biffa that they must purchase bio-degradable composting bags themselves. Councillors felt that this was unacceptable since the parishioner would be paying into the scheme; Councillors asked County Councillor Orson to look into the matter on behalf of GPC.

Clerk

County
Councillor
Orson

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2012/2013 15-20, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Community Speed Watch Scheme** – The Clerk had contacted Mr Mike Wilson, the co-ordinator for the LCC speed watch scheme to discuss the way forward. Mr Wilson advised that in order for the scheme to go ahead a co-ordinator would be required who would arrange a training session, draw up a suitable rota and who would ensure that all the volunteers knew when it would be their turn to operate the traffic speed gun.

Matters Arising cont.

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| <p>1. Community Speed Watch Scheme cont. – Following this information the Clerk had asked Mrs Annette Bond of Gaddesby if she would be willing to be the co-ordinator. Mrs Bond had advised that she would be happy to take on the role if necessary, but she had initially asked several other parishioners if they would be willing to be the co-ordinator. As yet the parishioners had not responded to Mrs Bond, but she would advise the Clerk the outcome of this very soon, hopefully. The matter could then progress forward.
The Clerk had written a letter of thanks to Mrs Bond.
With reference to the speeding traffic in Barsby, the Clerk had emailed Mr Graham Hancock at LCC to ask if it would be possible for LCC to install some ‘children playing’ triangle warning signs at the cross-roads in Barsby on the South Croxton to Ashby Folville stretch of the Highway. Mr Hancock had advised that this request had been passed to the relevant department.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>2. Street Light Programme – The Clerk advised Councillors that Ms Sandra Townson would visit the villages to ensure that the street light programme is nearing completion and to then provide GPC with a quotation for the necessary works.</p> | |
| <p>3. Unspent Funds : Gaddesby Recreation Committee – After considering the various types and styles of notice boards available, the Gaddesby Recreation Committee, had decided that they preferred a wooden notice board. The cost of which would be £265.00 plus VAT. This would allow the group to retain some funds to run future sporting events. The Clerk explained that it had been proposed that the replacement notice board would be set into a deeper outside frame so that the notices are protected from the weather conditions and if, in future, a protective cover was required then it would be possible to attach one to the existing framework. Councillors had concerns that it may be difficult to push drawing pins into a wooden board, but resolved to support the committee in their wish to purchase a wooden notice board.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>4. MBC, Parish Council Liaison – The Clerk advised that the next Parish Council Liaison meeting would take place on Tuesday, 17th July 2012 in Chambers one and two, at the Council Offices, commencing at 7.00pm. Councillor Bakewell agreed to attend on behalf of GPC.</p> | Councillor
Bakewell |
| <p>5. Replacement of trees in Ashby Folville – The Clerk had sent a letter to Mr Spooner, the Conservation Officer at MBC, copies of which had been sent to Mr J Worley, Head of Regulatory Services at MBC and to Borough Councillor Simpson. Mr Worley had written a letter of response which was circulated to all Councillors. In brief the letter stated that MBC have no powers to enforce that the trees are replaced due to the limitations available to them. The letter advised that the only way to protect the trees in Ashby Folville would be to request that they are considered for Tree Preservation Order’s (TPO’s), although trees in poor health or condition cannot be made the subject of a TPO. Councillors were disappointed with the response from Mr Worley and felt that perhaps a letter should be sent directly to the Ashby Carington Estate asking them if it would be possible to replace any trees that are felled. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write a letter to the agents for the Ashby Carington Estate, Brown and Co with this request; the Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the letter to Mr Alex Stroud.</p> | Clerk |

Matters Arising cont.

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| <p>6. Changes to the Local Bus Service 100 – The Clerk had forwarded a letter to the Public Transport Department at LCC with the comments and views of GPC in relation to the proposed changes to the local bus service 100.</p> | |
| <p>7. Unsociable gardening activities : No. 21 Baggrave End, Barsby – The Clerk had written to Mr Andrew Dudley, the Enforcement Officer at MBC, with copies being sent to Mr J Worley, Head of Regulatory Services at MBC, Ms Victoria Clarke, in the Environmental Health Department at MBC and to Borough Councillor Simpson. A reply had yet to be received. It was noted that the gardener/maintenance contractor continues to burn toxic waste on the site and also continues to shred garden waste. If a reply had not been received by Monday, 9th July, the Clerk was asked to remind Mr Dudley that the unsociable activities continue and to ask if he had yet to visit the site.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>8. Vintage Car Club Concerns – Following the meeting of the Car Club held on Tuesday, 12th June it was noted that there was no parking control in the Church Lane area and that the off duty WPC from Barsby failed to attend the event. A representative from the cricket club had informed the Clerk that at future events Church Lane could be taped off, in order to prevent the motorcycles parking and gathering in this area. Additionally, it was understood that the Police were in attendance at the meeting and that they were not proactive in enforcing orderly parking. Councillors understood that there was an ongoing problem with the motorcycles parking at Church Lane and that there was some anti-social behaviour around the properties, but were unsure what action should be taken in order to prevent this. It was decided that Councillor Shorrocks should talk the problem through with the parishioner who had initially brought the matter to the attention of GPC and Councillor Shorrocks would ask the parishioner if the matter should be reported to the Police.</p> | Councillor Shorrocks |
| <p>9. Blocked Drain : Near to Lawn Wall, Gaddesby – It had been noted that the drain near to Lawn Wall on Ashby Road in Gaddesby remained blocked. The Clerk had, therefore, telephoned LCC, Highways Department on a regular basis to advise them that the drain required their attention. LCC had informed the Clerk today, Monday, 2nd July, that an inspector had been out to look at the drain on Friday, 29th June and that the gully sucker would attend to clearing the blockage as soon as possible.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>10. Pot Holes : Gaddesby Lane, Barsby – It was noted that the pot holes along Gaddesby Lane, Barsby had become considerably larger, which Councillors felt could prove to be extremely hazardous, especially when cycling or horse riding along the Lane; the Clerk was asked to remind LCC that these required their attention.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>11. Overgrown footpath verges – The Clerk had emailed Mr Graham Hancock at LCC to advise that the grass on the footpath verges from the Church to Main Street in Gaddesby had become very overgrown. Mr Hancock had since informed the Clerk that he had passed the information to the relevant department. It was noted that the verges had not yet been cut back; the Clerk was asked to remind LCC that the verges had become very long and required their attention.</p> | Clerk |

Matters Arising cont.

12. Overgrown grass verge – The Clerk had emailed Mr Graham Hancock at LCC to advise that the grass verge at the Barsby cross-roads, when turning out of Baggrave End heading towards South Croxton, had become overgrown.

Mr Hancock had since informed the Clerk that he had passed the information to the relevant department. It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the grass footpath verge from Barsby to Ashby Folville had also become very long and overgrown; the Clerk was asked to draw this matter to the attention of LCC.

Mr Hancock had advised the Clerk that in future all matters must be reported to the main LCC switchboard so that they can be passed to the relevant department so that they can be dealt with as efficiently as possible.

Clerk

Correspondence**1. Gaddesby Children's Play Area : RoSPA, Play Area Safety Inspection Report –**

The Gaddesby Children's Play Area Safety Inspection Report had been received from RoSPA. The Clerk advised that the inspection had been carried out on Saturday, 19th May 2012, and had subsequently been circulated to all Councillors, via email. It was noted that some of the new play equipment, in particular, the MUGA had been classed as a medium risk which Councillors considered slightly strange. Councillors had read through the report and resolved that it would not be necessary to take any action at the present, but the report would be kept on file for future reference.

It had been brought to the attention of GPC that some parents wished to take their own portable skate board ramps onto the play area for their children to play with. Councillors had concerns with this suggestion as it was thought they would not be covered under the GPC insurance. Councillors were of the opinion that parents should be discouraged from taking any additional equipment onto the play area. The parents, in question, would be informed of this decision.

Councillor
Bakewell

Correspondence was made available to Councillors.

Planning Matters

None.

Planning Decisions

a. Ridgemere, 7 Park Hill, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs M Jones, for the proposed construction of an attached double garage, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – It was reported that the Ashby Folville Village Fete had taken place on Saturday, 16th June 2012 at the Cricket Pitch in Ashby Folville and although it was a wet afternoon, it had not been necessary to relocate into the Village Hall.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that a Cheese and Wine evening had been hosted by Mr and Mrs John Walton at Baggrave End in Barsby. This had proved to be very successful and had been enjoyed by many parishioners.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Bakewell reported that an electrical inspection would be carried out on the Village Hall shortly, as it had been brought to the attention of the committee members that the Hall had never been inspected.

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

E.ON UK – Street light maintenance, ¼ end 30th June 2012, £176.23 plus 20% VAT £35.25, total £211.48. Plus, supply and installation of PL26 Randals Close, Barsby, £1,820.00 plus 20% VAT £364.00, total £2,184.00.

Total cheque to E.ON UK, £2,395.48.

South Croxton Benefice – 1st ¼ payment towards the church newsletter, total £62.50.

Accounts for payment:

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.04.12 to 30.06.12, salary £1,201.20, expenses £87.06, total £1,288.26.

Payments Received:

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £19,974.61.

Barclays Bank Community Account £4,657.38.

Increase in Hire Charges:

Notification had been received from the Gaddesby Village Hall committee that as from the 1st September 2012 the cost of hiring the Hall would be increased to £15.00 per meeting. The Clerk was asked to inform Mrs Favell, the treasurer of Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall of this increase and to suggest that their rate charged to GPC should also increase.

Clerk

Other Business

1. Ashby and Barsby Produce Show – It was reported that the Ashby and Barsby Produce Show would take place on Saturday, 8th September 2012 in Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall.

Arrangements for the next meeting:

Monday, 6th August 2012 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chair.