

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall**  
**on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 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

**Action**

**Apologies** – Apologies, via email, were received from Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson. Borough Councillor Simpson wished Councillors a happy and peaceful Christmas.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

None.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2015/2016 45-51, 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 requested a drawing and site plan of the proposed shelter. Councillor Hurst drew up a plan and a location map, which the Clerk forwarded to Mr James Walton. In the meantime, however, Mr Alex Stroud had advised GPC that the Trustees meeting arranged for Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015 would have to be postponed, due to the ill health of one of the Trustees. The meeting would be re-arranged.
2. **Dog Fouling : Gaddesby** – The Clerk had worked with Councillor Kitson to produce a dog fouling flyer for inclusion in the church newsletter. The flyer had been distributed to all households in Gaddesby at the beginning of December. All Councillors expressed their thanks to Councillor Kitson. It had been reported to the Clerk that the dog fouling problem continued to be ongoing. It was reported that, whilst out walking her dog, Mrs Jinks of Gaddesby Hall had been seen allowing her dog to foul a public verge/footpath. It was understood that Mrs Jinks had not cleaned up after her dog. Following discussion, it was agreed that GPC should draw up a standard letter which could then be sent to anyone seen not cleaning up after their dog. Councillor Bigam would liaise with the Clerk with a view to putting together a suitable letter. All Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to Mrs Jinks.
3. **Bench, in memory of Mrs Jean Cane** – A new bench had been installed on Main Street, Gaddesby near to the Cheney Arms Public House in memory of the late Mrs Jean Cane and her late husband Cliff.

Councillor  
Bigam &  
Clerk

**Matters Arising cont.**

- 4. Gaddesby Lane with Rearsby Bypass junction (A607)** – The Clerk had emailed LCC, Highways Department to ask if they could visit the Gaddesby Lane with Rearsby Bypass (A607) junction to have a look at the current signage and lighting arrangements.

The Clerk had also reported to LCC, Highways Department that the white centre lines from the Rearsby Business Park to the junction had worn away and required re-instating.

- 5. GPC current website arrangements** – It was reported that the Parish Council page on the Gaddesby Village website had been updated with Parish Council minutes and Councillor details. Councillors discussed the possibility of having a website for the sole use of GPC; all Councillors agreed that currently it would not be necessary as some of the information, which parishioners may require, is on the Gaddesby Village website and parishioners could then contact individual Councillors or the Clerk when required. The main items for inclusion on the Gaddesby Village website would be: Councillor Details, Meeting Dates, Minutes and Accounts – from 2017.

Councillor Kitson advised Councillors that Mr Simon Hargraves of Gaddesby, had given him authorisation to update the Gaddesby Village website with minutes, etc when necessary.

The Clerk was asked to email Mr Tucker, the Editor for the Church newsletter to ask him to include the GPC email address in the Church newsletter in the future.

The Clerk asked Councillors if they would be happy to receive copies of their minutes via email. The majority of Councillors preferred to receive their minutes as paper copies; therefore, the Clerk would continue to send out the minutes as per the current arrangement.

**Smaller Authorities Transparency Code** – After having read through the information received, Councillors discussed publishing the GPC accounts online. Councillors concluded that the accounts could be published on the Parish Council page of the Gaddesby Village website. Councillors resolved to wait for further clarification and information to be received.

- 6. Letter received from Mr David Patton of Ashby Folville** – The Clerk had forwarded a letter of acknowledgement to Mr Patton.

**Correspondence**

- 1. Rearsby Parish Council : Neighbourhood Plan** – Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated to all Councillors an email received from Rearsby Parish Council regarding their application to Charnwood Borough Council for their proposal to draw up a neighbourhood plan for Rearsby and the surrounding area. The email explained that as the Parish Boundary had now been approved by Charnwood Borough Council, the reason for consulting with GPC is that the Rearsby boundary of the neighbourhood plan area meets with the Gaddesby boundary.

Councillor Bigam reminded Councillors of the previous discussions regarding the feasibility of GPC producing a neighbourhood plan.

After having read through the email and then looking at the Rearsby neighbourhood plan boundary, Councillors did not wish to make any comments at the moment, but wished to ask Rearsby Parish Council to keep GPC informed as the plan progressed.

Clerk

Clerk

**Correspondence cont.**

**2. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated to all Councillors an email received by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The email gave details of the Draft Recommendations of the Electoral Review of Leicestershire. Councillors noted receipt of the document.

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

**Planning Matters**

**a. Ashby Pastures, Pastures Lane, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by Mr Darrell Fowler, for the proposed conversion of the existing barns into two house dwellings. Notification had been received that the application had been withdrawn.

**‘For Information Only’**

**b. Mill Farm, Ashby Road, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr Richard Smith for the proposed erection of a purpose built agricultural building to cover the existing grain dryer.

**‘For Information Only’**

**c. Carington Cottages, 21 Folville Street, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by Mr J R Walton, Brown and Co, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed general maintenance work to one Ash tree.

**‘For Information Only’**

**d. Wootton Cottages, 9 Folville Street, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by Ashby Folville Estate, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed felling of one Lawson Cypress Tree, to ground level.

**e. Tree Preservation Order (TPO) –**

**Grounds of verge adjacent to 1A Cross Street, Gaddesby** – Formal notification had been received from MBC that a Tree Preservation Order had been confirmed on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 on the Cedar tree situated in the grounds of the grass verge adjacent to 1A Cross Street, Gaddesby.

**Planning Decisions**

None.

**Representative Reports**

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – Nothing to report.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that there would be carols on the green on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Councillor Bakewell reported that the Village Hall committee had obtained two quotations for the replacement of the existing kitchen and were currently waiting for a third quotation to be received. Councillor Bakewell informed that the Hall lettings were good and that the ‘Gaddesby Gallopers’ would be using the Hall to take the entries for the cross country running event on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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

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

**Accounts for payment:**

E.ON UK Plc – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 31.12.2015, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

The Clerk reported that the annual street light maintenance check was carried out by E.ON on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015, where all the lamps were replaced and the bowls were cleaned.

N.G.Pick – Playground maintenance, 01.05.2015 to 31.10.2015, total £425.00.

**Payments Received:**

None.

**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account £15,999.34.

Barclays Bank Community Account £1,534.28.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

**Discussion of Budget/Precept 2016:**

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated the amended and revised budget for 2016/2017 to all Councillors. As requested the Clerk had included £500.00 for the provision of a new notice board in Barsby. As previously decided the precept of £13,200.00 would remain and confirmation had been received from MBC that the Council Tax Support Grant would be £249.84, making a total budget of £13,449.84. The budgeted estimated total for 2016/2017 being £14,210.00. The Clerk had completed and signed the MBC precept request form, with Councillors Bigam, Walton and Kitson also signing the form. The Clerk would take a copy of the form, which would be kept on file and would forward the original copy to MBC.

Clerk

**Other Business****1. Wind Turbines : Hall Farm and Park Farm, Klondyke Lane, Thorpe Satchville –**

Notification had been received from the Thorpe Satchville working group ‘Thorpe Says No’, that the appeal applications submitted to the Secretary of State in relation to the installation of the wind turbines have been refused planning permission. As part of the process both the applicants now have to decide if they will challenge the decision. If the decision at Hall Farm is not challenged then the owners will have to remove the wind turbine and failure to do so will mean that MBC may have to instigate enforcement action.

**2. ‘Slow’ wording on Highway requires reinstating, Gaddesby** – It had been brought to the attention of Gaddesby Parish Council that the ‘slow’ road marking just before Gaddesby brook bridge had become worn, has been covered with a patch of new tarmac and requires reinstating. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to report the matter.

Clerk

**Other Business cont.**

**3. Muddy footpath gateway, Barsby/Ashby Folville** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the area around the kissing gate situated on the public footpath from Barsby to Ashby Folville had become very muddy again. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for the Melton area for LCC to ask if it would be possible for the maintenance contractors to put some stone in the muddy area.

Clerk

**4. GPC ‘Flyer’** – Councillor Kitson reported that he had recently updated the GPC flyer. Councillor Kitson would email the flyer to Councillors for their attention.

All  
Councillors

**Arrangements for the next meeting :**

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Chair.