

**Gaddesby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall**  
**on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, commencing at 6.45 pm.**

**Councillors Present**

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair  
 Mr Gary Fox – Vice-Chair  
 Mr Simon Hargrave

Mrs Pat Walton  
 Mr John Simon

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

Borough Councillor Mrs Janet Simpson

**Action**

**Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillor Mr Gordon Bigam

**Parishioner/Public Time**

There were no parishioners present.

Planning Application : Land to the North of Pasture Lane, Gaddesby (18/00145/OUT) – With reference to the outline planning application at land to the north of Pasture Lane, Gaddesby, Borough Councillor Simpson advised Councillors that a decision notice had not been issued because two section 106 agreements had yet to be approved. Once these had been granted a decision notice would then be published.

Circulation of letter and survey questionnaire from David Miller Homes – Councillors informed Borough Councillor Simpson of the letter and survey questionnaire from David Miller Homes which had been circulated to all the households within the Parish. The documents gave the impression that they were working alongside MBC in order to establish the requirements of the parishioners in relation to future housing development within the Parish. The documents were brought to the attention of Mr Jim Worley, Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services at MBC, to enquire if this was the case. Mr Worley advised that David Miller Homes carried out the exercise for their own purposes and did not have permission or authorisation from MBC to do so.

Mr Worley informed GPC that the MBC Legal Team would be writing to David Miller Homes to seek confirmation that the circulation of the documents would cease immediately and that any such documents would not be circulated in the future.

Mr Worley made Borough Councillor Simpson aware of the situation.

As parishioners were expressing their confusion, the Clerk was asked to put a notice on the village notice boards along with a notice in the church newsletter to advise parishioners not to return the survey questionnaire and that David Miller Homes are not acting ‘on behalf of’ MBC and it has not been authorised by MBC as stated.

Clerk

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no’s 2018/2019 35-40, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

1. **Crime Updates** – Councillor Fox reported that he had again emailed PC Jon Barlow at Melton Mowbray police station. The email expressed the disappointment in the current service provided and asked that if it is not possible to forward an update on the crimes in the area each month, then would it be possible to forward one each quarter?
2. **Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads** – As requested, the Clerk forwarded to County Councillor Orson an email as a reminder of the ongoing matter of the weakened carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads.
3. **Melton Local Plan** – Notification had been received from MBC that the government Inspector had approved the Melton Local Plan. The Plan includes the building of over 6000 new homes to increase availability and affordability of housing to meet local needs, a £60m relief road to ease congestion and unlock new housing and employment sites, the building of new schools and the potential to create new jobs through allocating land to enable existing businesses to expand and new business to invest. Full details could be found on the MBC website.
4. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Simon reported that the Theme Groups were working extremely hard to complete their respective work by the end of October 2018 and that once this has been concluded the Plan would be drafted. Councillor Simon commented that he was very grateful to a number of individuals who had put a great deal of work into the Groups. Councillor Simon reported that Parish Online had been purchased (see Finance) and that they were waiting on the result of the Lottery Funding application.
5. **Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Moss on the MUGA surface** - Nothing to report. It was understood that the moss on the MUGA surface had yet to be treated.
6. **Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Notification had been received from LCC, Highways Department that a Highways Officer had visited and assessed the site and that the Lane had been placed on a forward planning list for future works.
7. **Field near to Randals Close/Barsby Village, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby, (grid reference SK697115)** – Borough Councillor Simpson reported that the MBC Planning Officers were in the process of further investigating the legalities of the matter.
8. **Blocked Drains, Ashby Folville** – Nothing to report.
9. **PAYE/Payroll for Clerk** – A response had yet to be received from HMRC.
10. **Church Newsletter 'The Bridge'** – Mr Vic Allsop at the benefice office emailed GPC to ask when they could expect to receive the GPC contribution towards the church newsletter. Following which the Clerk emailed Mr Allsop to advise that the matter would be reviewed at the budget setting meeting in November and to enquire if the newsletter would continue to be focused on the church or would more village news be included?

**Matters Arising cont.**

**10. Church Newsletter ‘The Bridge’ cont.** - Mr Allsop advised that although the newsletter is produced by the Church, it is done for all the villages in the benefice and is open to everyone to make a submission. Therefore, the content is dependent on the community to provide their news. Mr Allsop suggested that GPC could provide different items of news for inclusion in the newsletter, other than meeting dates, etc. After discussion, Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Mr Allsop to advise that GPC may be willing to contribute towards the church newsletter, but feel that the other Parish Councils in the benefice should also contribute; these being Twyford and Thorpe and South Croxton.

Clerk

**11. Motor Vehicle Parking on Footpaths, Gaddesby** – Councillor Fox reported that he had emailed PC Jon Barlow regarding the motor vehicle parking on the footpaths in Gaddesby village but had yet to receive a reply. Councillors again expressed their concerns regarding the parking on the footpaths, especially around the area of the Cheney Arms Public House.

**12. Worn verge, Bunkers Hill, 2 Park Hill, Gaddesby** – Councillor Fox reported that he visited the site at the time when it was raining and was able to comment that not all the rainwater fell into the drain. However, it seemed that all the highway drains along Park Hill and Main Street were situated a specific distance from the edge of the highway. Councillor Fox could appreciate that in this particular instance the verge was eroding away due to the motor vehicles driving close to the verge. It was felt that a series of kerbs along the verge may be beneficial in order to prevent further erosion of the verge and to possibly encourage the rain water to run centrally into the drain. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to ask them if they would visit the site and consider installing some kerbs; the Clerk would forward some photographs of the area to LCC.

Clerk

**13. ‘Strathlene’, 4 The Lane, Barsby** – An email had been received from Mr Philip Ciuffardi, the homeowner of ‘Strathlene’ to express his disappointment in the way that the issue of his boundary wall had been dealt with by GPC and subsequently reported to LCC, Highways Department. The email was circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Ciuffardi’s email to clarify the points raised and to advise him of the guidelines, rules and regulations and the correct codes of practice which GPC, as a local authority, are required to follow.

Clerk

**14. Replacement Bench, Gaddesby Children’s Play Area** – Councillor Fox shared with Councillors some examples of benches/seating that he had found on the internet. Councillors considered the options and concluded that a bench made from recycled materials from Glasdon UK could be suitable for the location as it would require very little maintenance and would be safe for the play area users. It could also be fastened to the existing concrete base. Councillors asked Councillor Fox to further look into the purchase of a bench. Councillor Fox proposed that he would visit the play area to look at the site and to see if the other bench also required replacing. It was suggested that the grant funds held by GPC from LCC for the provision of the installation of the bus shelter in Barsby could be used for the purchase of the bench. All Councillors agreed to this suggestion.

Councillor  
Fox

## Correspondence

### **1. LCC, Highways Department, Various Road Closures within the Parish –**

Notification had been received from LCC, Highways Department of temporary road closures at various locations within the Parish. These included:

- South Croxton Road, Barsby
- Ashby Road, Gaddesby
- Gaddesby Lane, Ashby Folville
- Paske Avenue, Gaddesby
- Highfield End, Ashby Folville

The purpose of the closures would be to allow LCC to facilitate minor highway maintenance works. The closures would take place during February 2019.

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

## Planning Matters

### **‘For Information Only’**

**a. 3 Barrow Crescent, Gaddesby** – Application submitted by Mr James Goodwin, for a Lawful Development Certificate, for a proposed rear single storey sun room and the conversion of the garage into a dining room.

### **‘For Information Only’**

**b. The Arch House, 6 Folville Street, Ashby Folville** – Application submitted by Mr Barry Preston, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed:

- Crown reduction of one Horse Chestnut tree by 25% - previously heavily pollarded for safety reasons, new stays becoming unstable.
- Prune one Walnut tree – remove branches for weight reduction and crown lift to raise the canopy. Tree currently leans at an angle of 45 degrees, overhanging the carriageway of the B674.
- Crown uplift to raise the canopy and provide clearance above the boundary wall of one London Plane tree.

**c. Land to the South of the Lane, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mr Peter Featherstone and Mrs Stella Harvey for the proposed conversion of a barn into a dwelling. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

**d. ‘Holmefield House’, 30 Baggrave End, Barsby** – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs A and C Ross-Wilson for the proposed extension of the existing farm barn to form a workshop and farm machinery store. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

## Planning Decisions

**a. ‘Gledholt Cottage’, 1 Church Lane, Barsby** – Application submitted by Dr Catherine Haworth, for the proposed felling of one Rowan tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

## **Representative Reports**

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – Councillor Walton reported that the annual ‘Harvest Supper’ would be held in the Hall on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. At the recent committee meeting, the members agreed that hot food would be served this year. This would include a choice of either chicken or steak pie.

Councillor Walton advised that the Parish Hall AGM would take place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Finally, Councillor Walton reported that the monthly Social/Coffee morning would be held on Thursday.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 ‘Friends of the Village Hall Green’ would be planting bulbs, weeding and pruning. Councillor Hurst added the next two events planned, at the recent committee meeting, are a ‘pumpkin’ competition on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October and a skittles evening on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**3. Gaddesby Village Hall** – Nothing to report.

## **Finance**

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

Yourlocale Limited – Development of the Gaddesby Parish Neighbourhood Plan, £1,750.00 plus 20% VAT £350.00, total £2,100.00.

### **Accounts for payment:**

E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 30 September 2018, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30 September 2018, £464.01 plus 5% VAT £23.20, total £487.21.

GeoXphere Ltd – Parish Online (to assist with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan), £75.00 plus 20% VAT £15.00, total £90.00.

The Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership Renewal 2018/2019, total £100.00.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.07.2018 to 30.09.2018, salary £1,333.28 plus back pay to 01.04.2018 £39.52, plus expenses £101.92, total £1,474.72.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the direct debit to the Green Waste Club, for the two green composting bins for the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area, had successfully been arranged, with the total amount of £104.00 being debited from the Community Account at the beginning of September.

### **Payments Received:**

24.09.2018 – MBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment for 2018/2019, total £6,653.59.  
(Precept £6,600.00 plus Council Tax Support Grant £53.59).

### **Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account: £15,530.11.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £9,209.50.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

**Finance cont.****Bank Mandate:**

Confirmation had been received from Barclays Bank Plc that the new bank mandate should be operational and that, as agreed, Councillor Fox would be the authorised signatory on the GPC account.

**Transfer of Funds:**

Councillors agreed that £4,000.00 should be transferred from the Community Account into the Business Reserve Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

Clerk

**Other Business**

**1. Narrow footway adjacent to ‘The Oaklands’, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – It had been noted that the footway adjacent to The Oaklands, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby was narrow and that the Yew hedge which runs alongside the footway had become very wide.

**2. Ashby Pastures Wood** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that construction work was being carried out in Ashby Pastures Wood. An application for the proposed change of use of a building to Class C3, dwelling house, had previously been refused by MBC (application reference: 16/00730/GDOCOU) along with a subsequent appeal application, (reference: APP/Y2430/W/17/3170710) which had also been refused. Although it was understood that MBC had been informed of the work in the wood, the Clerk was asked to contact MBC to ask them to investigate the matter.

Clerk

**Arrangements for the next meeting –**

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Gaddesby Village Hall,  
commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair.