

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall
on Monday, 10th December 2018, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair
 Mr Gary Fox – Vice-Chair
 Mr Gordon Bigam

Mrs Pat Walton
 Mr John Simon

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Councillor Mr Simon Hargrave.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2018/2019 47-54, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Leicestershire Constabulary** – In the absence of Councillor Hargrave, the Clerk advised Councillors that PCSO Tracey Biggs would be willing to hold a 'beat surgery' in the New Year. This would be held in a Village Hall and would give Councillors and parishioners the opportunity to raise any policing matters and concerns they may have with PCSO Biggs. Following discussion, Councillors believed that parishioners may not be sufficiently represented during the winter months. It was felt that, as a constructive way forward, Councillors Fox and Hargrave could liaise with PC Jon Barlow and PCSO Tracey Biggs and if parishioners did have specific issues, they could raise them with GPC. Councillors Fox and Hargrave could then forward them to PC Barlow or PCSO Biggs.

The Clerk was asked to advise Councillor Hargrave of the discussion and to suggest that the 'beat surgery' may be more worthwhile during the summer months. However, GPC would welcome either PC Barlow or PCSO Biggs to a Parish Council meeting at any time.

With regard to the parking of motor vehicles on the footways, primarily in Gaddesby, Councillor Fox asked Councillors to advise him of the areas where parking was seen to be a problem and the time of day when the cars were parked.

2. **Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads** – Councillor Hurst along with the Clerk met with LCC, Highways Officer, Mr Colin Marshall on Tuesday, 27th November 2018 to highlight the weakened area of the carriageway between Barsby crossroads and South Croxton crossroads. After looking at the area, Mr Marshall advised that he would report the matter to the LCC, Structures Team and would ask them to visit the site.

Councillors
 Fox &
 Hargrave
 & Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

3. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Simon reported that the Theme groups were near to completion with their work and that reports were in the process of being drafted. A full committee meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 23rd January 2019, when they would consider all three draft reports which would form the basis of the Plan. A response had yet to be received from the ‘Big Lottery’, although it was hoped a reply would be received shortly. Councillor Simon advised that the Locality Grant financially supported specific items, which did not include the GeoXphere Parish Online, mapping software at a cost of £75.00. Councillors asked if it would be of benefit to GPC? Councillor Simon advised that it may be of use by someone who was familiar with the software package.
4. **Gaddesby Children’s Play Area : Moss on the MUGA surface** - The moss on the MUGA surface had yet to be treated. The Clerk emailed a thank you to Gaddesby parishioner, Mr Rob Hunt, for sweeping the leaves off the surface of the MUGA.
5. **Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
6. **Field near to Randalls Close/Barsby Village, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby, (grid reference SK697115)** – Nothing to report.
7. **Leaves on the footways, Ashby Folville** – The Clerk emailed MBC to report that the footways within Ashby Folville village were covered with fallen leaves and required cleaning. Councillors were pleased to note that both the highways and footways in Ashby Folville had been cleaned.
8. **PAYE/Payroll for Clerk** – A response had yet to be received from HMRC.
9. **Church Newsletter ‘The Bridge’** – Nothing to report. The Clerk was waiting for further information from Mr Vic Allsop at the benefice office.
10. **Worn verge, Bunkers Hill, 2 Park Hill, Gaddesby** – While in the area, the Clerk asked LCC, Highways Officer, Mr Colin Marshall to look at the worn verge. The Clerk explained the problem to Mr Marshall and highlighted that as the verge was eroding, the rain water on the carriageway did not run into the highway drain. The Clerk asked if it would be possible to install a series of kerbs in order to prevent further erosion of the verge and to possibly encourage the rain water to run centrally into the drain. After looking at the area, Mr Marshall advised that it may be possible to have some kerbs installed and subsequently took some measurements whilst at the site.
11. **Replacement Benches, Gaddesby Children’s Play Area** – Councillor Fox reported that he had placed an order with Glasdon UK for two replacement benches made from recycled materials at a cost of £875.04 plus VAT. It was considered that the existing concrete base would be suitable for the installation of two new benches. Councillor Fox advised that the benches would be delivered week commencing Monday, 7th January 2019. Councillor Fox arranged for local handyman ‘Tave’ to remove the old existing bench and to install the two new benches at a cost of approximately £150.00.

Councillor
Fox

Matters Arising cont.

Clerk

11. Replacement Benches, Gaddesby Children's Play Area cont. – As the old bench was still in reasonable condition, Councillors were in agreement that it may be of benefit to a parishioner or a local organisation. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with a representative of the cricket club at Ashby Folville, Mr Alan Smith, to ask if they may be interested in having the bench for use at the cricket pitch.

12. Ashby Pastures Wood – With reference to application no: 16/00730/GDOCOU and appeal application reference: APP/Y2430/W/17/3170710.

The Clerk reported that MBC planning officers, Mrs Deborah Wetherill and Ms Joanne Lunn visited the site in Ashby Pastures Wood at the end of November. Where initial investigations concluded that works were being undertaken to convert the building into a holiday let as permitted in the application 03/00906/COU. Mrs Wetherill advised that the permission still applied subsequent to the highway works being implemented some time ago. The highway access had been created for the provision of a holiday let only, not for use as a residential dwelling.

MBC would continue to be in discussion with the owners to ensure that the building is constructed and used in accordance with the permission. Councillors resolved to also monitor the site.

13. Water Leak, Baggrave End, Barsby – After looking into the matter, the Clerk concluded that the water was leaking from the stop cock cover which was situated in the footway. The Clerk reported the leak to Severn Trent Water.

14. Street Nameplates – The Clerk emailed MBC to report that two street nameplates required attention. These being:

- Randall Close, Barsby – requires repairing.
- Church Lane, Gaddesby – a replacement is required.

15. Braunstone Town Council : Shakespeare Park Pavillion Project – As requested the Clerk voted for the Braunstone Town Council, Shakespeare Park Pavillion Project on the link provided by LRALC.

Correspondence

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

Planning Matters

a. 'Capon Gate', Pasture Lane, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr Evans for the proposed demolition of the existing stable building, the erection of replacement stables and an agricultural barn. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

b. 8 Pasture Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mrs Wendy Sutton for a proposed extension to the rear of the dwelling and loft conversion with new elevational treatment. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

Planning Matters cont.

Clerk

c. Field OS 8900, Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr Joe Mitson (GHM Planning Ltd), on behalf of Mr and Mrs Carduss for the proposed erection of two single storey dwellings.

After looking at the application, Councillors noted that Mr Joe Mitson was working on behalf of Mr and Mrs Carduss. Councillors asked the Clerk to make enquiries with MBC to ask if Mr Mitson was still an employee of MBC.

Following discussion, Councillors asked the Clerk to forward the following comments/observations to MBC:

- The proposed dwellings, which are situated within the conservation area of Ashby Folville, are not in keeping with other properties in the village. The buildings and materials are inappropriate for the surrounding area.
- The nature of Ashby Folville village means that it has many sharp bends. Visibility would be limited as the proposed entrance would be situated on one of the bends. Safety would be a concern when entering and exiting the properties.
- The applications states that the site is not at risk of flooding. However, there has been flooding in Ashby Folville in the past.
- GPC are of the opinion that there is a requirement for bungalows and relatively lower cost housing in the area.

Planning Decisions

a. ‘Holmefield House’, 30 Baggrave End, Barsby – Application submitted by Mr A and Mrs C Ross-Wilson for the proposed extension of the existing farm barn to form a workshop and farm machinery store, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

b. The Arch House, 6 Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Application submitted by Mr Barry Preston for the proposed:

- Crown reduction of one Horse Chestnut tree by 25%.
- Prune one Walnut tree.
- Crown uplift to raise the canopy of one London Plane tree,

has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

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, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

d. 7 Park Hill, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr Matthew Jones, for the proposed pruning of two Yew trees, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

e. Wisteria House, 1 Main Street, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr David Batchelor, for the proposed pruning of one Cedar of Lebanon tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

f. Wild Orchard Cottage, 6 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr Peter Frost, for the proposed felling of one Prunus Kanzan tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

g. 7 Park Hill, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mrs Jones, for the proposed pruning of three Hornbeam trees, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

Planning Decisions cont.

h. 7 Park Hill, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mrs Jones, for the proposed pruning of one Yew tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

i. The Firs, 10 Main Street, Barsby – Application submitted by Mrs Jackie Jesson, for the proposed crown lift to 4.5 metres of one Ash tree, the reshaping and pruning of one Conifer tree and the felling of an additional Conifer tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

j. 17 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr K Carver, for a proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear and front extension to the existing dwelling. Councillors resolved to support the application, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – Councillor Walton reported that at the Parish Hall AGM held on Thursday, 15th November 2018, all the current committee members were re-elected and that a Christmas lunch would be served at the December Social/Coffee morning. Councillor Walton also advised Councillors that the defibrillator training held in the Hall in November had been well attended.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that the skittles evening held on Saturday, 24th November 2018 was well attended and that the next event would be ‘Carols on the Green’, which would be held on Sunday, 16th December 2018 at 6 pm. Mince pies and mulled wine would be served.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Councillor Simon reported that he emailed the Charity Commission to ask why it was a requirement that Village Halls situated within the Parish were required to forward reports to Parish Councils for the information to be recorded within the minutes of the meetings? Councillor Simon was unsure if the Charity Commission would respond to his email. As the secretary of the Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, Councillor Walton agreed to contact the Charity Commission to raise the question.

Councillor
Walton

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

Mr N.G Pick – Playground Maintenance from 01.05.2018 to 31.10.2018, total £500.00.

Yourlocale Limited – Development of the Gaddesby Parish Neighbourhood Plan, £1,500.00 plus 20% VAT £300.00, total £1,800.00.

Accounts for payment:

E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 31st December 2018, £182.18 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

Notification had been received from E.ON to advise that from 21.01.2019 there would be an increase in the energy charges.

Currently the charges are: 17.900p per kWh, with an increase to 22.100p per kWh.

Yourlocale Limited – Development of the Gaddesby Parish Neighbourhood Plan, £1,000.00 plus 20% VAT £200.00, total £1,200.00.

Finance cont.**Payments Received:**

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account: £17,537.85.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £2,538.39.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Transfer of Funds:

Councillors agreed that £2,000.00 should be transferred from the Business Premium Account into the Community Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

Clerk

Discussion of Budget/Precept 2019:

The Clerk circulated to all Councillors the amended draft 2019/2020 budget prior to the meeting.

Clerk

As previously advised, Councillor Simon reported that a response had yet to be received from the 'Big Lottery' and it was his opinion that a grant would be unlikely to be forthcoming. Councillor Simon advised that approximately £6,000.00 would be required to complete the Neighbourhood Plan and that after having explored other grant options it was likely that these too would be unavailable.

As the Neighbourhood Plan consultant, Mr Gary Kirk, had previously expressed that his fees would be covered by grant funding, Councillor Simon proposed to have discussions with Mr Kirk in order to suggest that GPC would be willing to fund £2,000.00 towards the completion of the Plan. Following discussions, all Councillors supported the proposal by Councillor Simon. It was agreed that the £2,000.00 would be taken from GPC reserve funds and would not be included in the precept calculations. Councillors discussed the precept and resolved to increase the 2019/2020 precept to £14,000.00 – this would cover any possible election costs which may be incurred. Councillors asked the Clerk to reduce the miscellaneous/contingency figure from £2,000.00 to £1,000.00.

The Clerk completed and signed the MBC precept request form, with the Chair, Councillor Hurst, along with Councillors Walton and Bigam countersigning the form. The Clerk would forward one copy to MBC and would retain a further copy which would be kept on file for future reference.

Councillors thanked the Clerk for her time and efforts in preparing the budget.

Other Business

1. Additional Street Light Column, The Lane, Barsby – As several new dwellings had been constructed along The Lane, Barsby, it was suggested that an additional street light column may be required. Enquiries were currently being made with the new homeowners.

Arrangements for the next meeting –

Monday, 14th January 2019 at Gaddesby Village Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair.