

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall
on Monday, 12th August 2019, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

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

Mr John Simon

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

	<u>Action</u>
<p><u>Apologies</u> – Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Pat Walton and Mr Gordon Bigam and Borough Councillor Mr Robert Child.</p>	
<p><u>Parishioner/Public Time</u> There were no parishioners present.</p>	
<p><u>Minutes</u> – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2019/2020 20-26, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.</p>	
<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Vacancy – The vacancy for a Gaddesby Councillor continued to be advertised in the church newsletter and on the village notice boards. 2. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Councillor Simon advised that two printed copies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan would be required. This would enable those parishioners who do not have access to the internet to look at the Plan, if they so wished. Councillors Simon and Hurst would both keep a copy. Councillors gave approval for Councillor Simon to have two colour copies printed at the local Print Shop and to re-charge GPC for them. 3. Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Tree Root – Councillor Simon along with the Clerk met with Mr Brian Brookes from BHIB and a Loss Adjuster from Sedgewick Insurance Company. The outcome of the meeting concluded that GPC would be unable to pursue an insurance claim as the matter would not be covered under the material damage section of the policy. Councillor Simon reported that a solicitor had been appointed by BHIB - DWF Law LLP and that they would assess the details within the claim in order to pursue a claim against Mr and Mrs Lockwood via the legal expenses cover within the GPC policy. A letter had been received from DWF Law LLP, which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. As part of the process, Councillor Simon advised, he would require the original copy of the deeds for the play area. It was understood that Gateley Plc, Solicitors in Leicester, held the deeds – the Clerk was asked to write to Gateley Plc to request the deeds. Councillor Simon asked Councillors for their approval to obtain a copy of the deeds from Mr and Mrs Lockwood and for their approval to complete a land search at a cost of £6.00. All Councillors agreed to this request. 	<p>Councillor Simon</p> <p>Councillor Simon</p>

Matters Arising cont.

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| <p>4. Gaddesby Lane, Barsby – Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>5. Overgrown Ash Tree, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby – The Clerk emailed Mr Stewart Marshall at LCC to report that the Ash Tree, situated along Gaddesby Lane, Barsby had become very overgrown and required attention. The Clerk understood that an LCC Officer had looked at the tree – as yet we have not heard if any action is required. The Clerk was asked to email Mr Marshall again.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>6. Clerk’s Employment – After researching the internet, Councillor Fox reported that he found two different Contracts of Employment which may be suitable for the requirements of GPC. These were forwarded to the Clerk prior to the meeting in readiness for discussion at the meeting. It was agreed that one of the Contracts could be adapted with some minor amendments. Councillor Fox agreed to make the necessary changes in order for the Contract to fulfil the requirements of GPC. Councillor Fox would then circulate the amended Contract of Employment to all Councillors and the Clerk, prior to the September meeting.</p> | All Councillors & Clerk |
| <p>7. Water Leak, Baggrave End, Barsby – It was reported that the water leak had been repaired.</p> | |
| <p>8. Street Lighting, Gaddesby –
 Corroded Street Light Column, Park Hill, Gaddesby – The Clerk was pleased to report that the corroded street light column had recently been replaced by E.ON. The Clerk advised Councillors that an accurate quotation for the conversion of the existing light bulb to an LED warm white light bulb and gear tray suitable for the Iffley lantern had been received from Ms Townson at E.ON – this being £695.00 plus 20% VAT £139.00, total £834.00. Following much discussion, Councillors favoured the principle of the conversion but felt it to be too costly, therefore, resolved not to proceed with the conversion at the present time.</p> <p>Leaning Street Light Column, The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – The Clerk reported that the overgrown tree situated in the garden of The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby had blown over in the recent windy weather. As the leaning street light column was now clearly visible, Ms Townson at E.ON would visit the column and would forward a quotation to GPC in readiness for the September meeting.</p> | |
| <p>9. Community Active and Rural Enterprise (CARE) – Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>10. RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report – Due to other commitments the Clerk had yet to arrange to meet with local handyman ‘Tave’ and also ‘Playscape Playgrounds’ but would endeavour to do so prior to the September meeting.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>11. Footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby – The Clerk emailed LCC, Highways Department to ask if the footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby village could be included in the mowing schedule as an ‘urban’ cut rather than a ‘rural’ cut. As the area remained very overgrown, the Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department again to remind them of the matter.</p> | Clerk |

Matters Arising cont.

12. Overgrown Footpath from St. Lukes Church to Main Street, Gaddesby –
The Clerk emailed, LCC, Highways Department to report that the footpath from St.Lukes Church to Main Street, Gaddesby had become overgrown, particularly the area surrounding the War Memorial and this required cutting back. As the area had yet to be mown, the Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department again to remind them of the matter.

Clerk

13. Broken Fence, on the Bridle path from Pasture Lane, Gaddesby to Ashby Road, Gaddesby – Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for LCC, emailed the Clerk to thank GPC for reporting the matter to them. Mr Bye advised that following an inspection he had written to the landowner to ask them to either remove or repair the structure.

Whilst at the site Mr Bye carried out some limited vegetation clearances and removed the two timbers with the protruding nails.

14. Additional Street Nameplate, Baggrave End, Barsby – Nothing to report.

15. Telephone Kiosk, Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Nothing to report in the absence of Councillor Walton.

16. St.Lukes Church, Gaddesby – Churchyard mowing/maintenance – An email and subsequent letter had been received from Mrs Kathryn Deacon, the Church Warden at St. Lukes Church, Gaddesby to advise that at a meeting of St. Lukes PCC held on the 20th June 2019 – in accordance with Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972 – it was agreed to transfer the responsibility for the maintenance of the ‘closed’ area of St. Lukes Churchyard to GPC. Supporting documents were included. The email and documents were circulated to all Councillors.

All
Councillors
& Clerk

After having read through the email and documents, Councillors felt the request to be unjustified and disappointing. It was the understanding of Councillors that the General Synod had indicated that an informal 12 months’ notice should be given before such notice is served. In addition, it was understood that Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972 places on the PCC the responsibility of keeping the closed churchyard in ‘decent order’ including its walls and fences. Therefore, the overgrown holly hedge and footpath would be the responsibility of the PCC to keep it in ‘decent order’, which it had failed to do.

Following discussion, Councillors resolved to transfer the responsibility for the maintenance of the ‘closed’ area to MBC. Councillor Simon would draft a letter, which the Clerk would send to MBC – this would be circulated to Councillors beforehand. Councillor Simon also agreed to draft a letter to Mrs Deacon to advise of the outcome of tonight’s discussions and to advise that the matter would be transferred to MBC – this would be circulated to Councillors beforehand.

17. St.Lukes Church, Gaddesby – Overgrown Holly Hedge – As per above – Matters Arising number 16.

Matters Arising cont.

- 18. Development of a GPC Website** – Councillor Simon reported that the offer from LCC was to include the Gaddesby Parish Neighbourhood Plan on the LCC website and not to produce and develop an individual website for GPC. This being that LCC host the site and Parish Councils include their Neighbourhood Plans on the Leicestershire Communities website. Councillor Simon volunteered to be trained in order to post the Gaddesby Plan to the website. Following discussion, Councillors resolved not to pursue the development of a GPC website at the present time.
- 19. GPC Information Leaflet** – The Clerk contacted Mr Simon Hargrave to ask him to remove the GPC information leaflet from the Gaddesby village website.
- 20. D66 Footpath, Baggrave End, Barsby, LE7 4RB** – The Clerk emailed LCC, Highways Department to report that the entrance to the D66 footpath, Baggrave End, Barsby, where the top of the steps joins with the driveway, had become very overgrown with stinging nettles and required trimming.
- 21. Overgrown Hedge, Church Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RF** – The Clerk had written to Mr and Mrs Paul Murray of Orchard House, 3A Church Lane, Barsby to ask if they could arrange for the overgrown hedge to be trimmed back.
- 22. Request for Hedgehog Warning Traffic Sign** – The Clerk emailed LCC, Highways Department to ask if it would be possible to have a new hedgehog warning traffic sign installed at the Barsby crossroads.

Councillor
Simon**Correspondence**

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

Planning Matters

a. Land adjacent to 7 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF – Application submitted by Mr K Watson for the proposed construction of a residential development of eight dwellings (two and one and a half storey houses) and a proposed garage to number two Church Lane.

Notification had been received from MBC that the application had been withdrawn.

b. 6 Barrow Crescent, Gaddesby, LE7 4WA – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Richard Nicholls for a proposed single storey rear and side extension. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

c. 38 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby, LE7 4WJ – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs W Gadd for a proposed first floor rear extension. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

‘For Information Only’

d. Cheney House, 4 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby, LE7 4WB – Application submitted by Mrs Hayley Bartlett, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed crown reduction of one Rowan Tree.

Planning Matters cont.**‘For Information Only’**

e. Street Record, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 – Application submitted for, consent to work on trees, for the proposed removal of the stub of a broken branch extending towards the road and broken branches. Cut back the remaining south-western section of the crown by up to 3 metres and the north-eastern section by 1.5-2 metres to improve the overall shape of the tree and appearance and reduce its susceptibility to further branch failure. To reduce the weight supported by the northern limb by selectively thinning and cutting back the outer growth by up to 1.5 metres. Remove the descending secondary branches overhanging the adjacent immature Golden Lawson cypress to give approximately 2 metres clearance over its crown.

Planning Decisions

a. ‘Penlan’, 21 Baggrave End, Barsby, LE7 4RB – Application submitted by Mr Cassa Miller, for the proposed demolition of the existing dwelling, the erection of a replacement dwelling, the demolition of outbuildings/farm buildings and the erection of three dwellings, alterations to access, provision of parking and associated works, has been refused planning permission by MBC.

b. Entrance to The Track Off The Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RH – Application submitted by Mr Peter Featherstone and Mrs Stella Harvey for the proposed erection of a dwelling, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

c. Estate Grain Store Site, Great Dalby Road, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TU – Application submitted by the Smith Carington Settlement 1988 for a proposed new general purpose agricultural/livestock building, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

d. Nether End, 7 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF – Application submitted by Mr S Middleton for a proposed single storey side extension and pergola structure to the rear of the dwelling, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

e. ‘Cedarholme’, 13 Church Lane, Gaddesby, LE7 4WE – Application submitted by Mr Keith Wilby for the proposed crown lift, by the removal of four selected branches of one Cedar Tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

f. ‘Gledholt Cottage’, One Church Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RF – Application submitted by Dr Catherine Haworth for the proposed felling of one Conifer Tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

g. Cheney House, 4 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby, LE7 4WB – Application submitted by Mrs Hayley Bartlett for the proposed crown reduction of one Rowan Tree, has been granted consent to work on trees by MBC.

Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – Nothing to report in the absence of Councillor Walton.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that the next event on the Village Hall Green would be a ‘Feast Day’, which would be held on Saturday, 31st August 2019.

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

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 30.06.2019, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30.06.2019, £566.66 plus 5% VAT £28.33, total £594.99.

Melton Borough Council – RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection, £54.00 plus 20% VAT £10.80, total £64.80.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.04.2019 to 30.06.2019, salary £1,333.28 plus expenses £111.54, total £1,444.82.

Accounts for payment:

None.

Payments Received:

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account: £11,057.82.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £3,006.97.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Bank Reconciliation : 30th June 2019:

A copy of the latest bank reconciliation was circulated to Councillors.

Other Business

1. Road Traffic Accident, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby – Following the recent road traffic accident which resulted in the death of a 34 year old Gaddesby man, a request had been received from a Gaddesby parishioner to extend the 30 mph speed limit traffic signs further out of the village. Councillors were in agreement with the request and asked the Clerk to email LCC, Highways Department to ask if it would be possible to move the 30 mph speed limit traffic signs beyond the entrance to the village?

Arrangements for the next meeting –

Monday, 9th September 2019 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Chair.

Clerk