

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall
on Monday, 9th September 2019, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

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

Mr John Simon
 Mr Gordon Bigam

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council
 Borough Councillor Mr Robert Child
 County Councillor Mr J T Orson

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Pat Walton.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road:

County Councillor Orson reported that the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road would run to the east and north of Melton Mowbray, beginning on the A606 Nottingham Road to the north before re-joining the A606 Burton Road to the south of the town.

County Councillor Orson advised that the Distributor Road would unfortunately be delayed by 12 months and that it was estimated that the Road would be due for completion by 2023.

County Councillor Orson went on to report that MBC had submitted an application to the ‘Housing Infrastructure Fund’ (Hifbid), which would help to pay for housing infrastructure upfront and would unlock additional housing in the area.

MBC Development Control Customer Service:

County Councillor Orson reported that the MBC Development Control Customer Service had been significantly improved.

Changes to the MBC Recycling System:

County Councillor Orson reported that from Tuesday, 1st October 2019, recycling which contains contaminants (non-recyclable material) would not be collected by the crews until the contaminants have been removed.

A complete list of items which can be recycled could be seen at:

www.lesswaste.org.uk/items-accepted-for-recycling-at-casepack/

Councillors asked the Clerk to ask for a notice to be included in the October edition of ‘The Bridge’ to remind parishioners of the change.

Clerk

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no’s 2019/2020 27-32, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Councillor Vacancy** – The vacancy for a Gaddesby Councillor continued to be advertised on the village notice boards.

2. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Simon advised that the formal consultation on the Gaddesby Neighbourhood Plan would run for six weeks, commencing on Monday, 16th September 2019 until Monday, 28th October 2019. The draft plan and supporting documents could be viewed or downloaded from the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Gaddesby Neighbourhood Plan website: www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/np/gaddesby.
Councillors Simon and Hurst would both keep paper copies of the draft Plan, to enable those parishioners who do not have access to the internet to look at the Plan, if they so wished.
Councillor Simon reported that a notice had been included in the September edition of ‘The Bridge’ and that the Plan had been advertised on the village notice boards. All comments were welcome.

3. **Gaddesby Children’s Play Area : Tree Root** – Councillor Simon reported that the original copy of the play area deeds had been received from Gateley Plc, Solicitors in Leicester.
Councillor Simon went on to report that he had spoken with a representative from DWF Law LLP to discuss the way forward. Following which, Councillor Simon advised that it was suggested that a letter should be sent from DWF Law to invite Mr and Mrs Lockwood to agree to the joint appointment of an arboreal expert. An arboreal report would establish if the tree root damage had been caused by the Poplar trees situated in the grounds of their property. It was estimated that the cost of an arboreal report would be between £750.00 and £1250.00. Councillor Simon advised that, although GPC would be required to pay for this initially, if the insurers were in support of the claim, GPC would be reimbursed for this charge. Councillors agreed to proceed with this advice from DWF Law and to pay the necessary fees for the arboreal report.
Councillor Simon suggested that the play area land should be registered with the land registry – Councillor Simon agreed to look into the cost of this.

4. **Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.

5. **Overgrown Ash Tree, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – The Clerk spoke with Mr Stewart Marshall, the Forestry and Arboriculture Officer at LCC, who confirmed that several of the large trees which were situated along Gaddesby Lane, Barsby required cutting back and making safe.
Mr Marshall agreed to write to Everards Brewery Limited and to also write to several other landowners along The Lane to remind them of their responsibility to keep their trees suitably maintained and trimmed back.

6. **Clerk’s Contract of Employment** – Following the August meeting, Councillor Fox made some amendments to the sample Contract of Employment; this was forwarded to the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to read through the draft copy and would liaise with Councillor Fox regarding any further details and amendments.

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Matters Arising cont.

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| <p>7. Street Lighting, Gaddesby – Leaning Street Light Column, The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – After making a site visit to the leaning street light column near to The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby, Ms Sandra Townson at E.ON forwarded a quotation to GPC for the re-alignment of the leaning column. This being: £167.00 plus 20% VAT £33.40, total £200.40. All Councillors agreed to proceed with this work – the Clerk would advise Ms Townson of this.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>8. RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report – The Clerk along with Councillor Hurst met with Mr Lewis Baines and Mr Iain Mantle of Playscape Playgrounds on Wednesday, 4th September 2019 to discuss the necessary safety repairs/ requirements at the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area. Mr Baines would provide GPC with a quotation for the works in due course. The Clerk arranged to meet with local handyman ‘Tave’ on Wednesday, 11th September 2019 in order to discuss the necessary repair work to the wooden childrens play house.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>9. 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. It was noted that the footway had again been mown with a tractor mounted mower. Councillors remained extremely dissatisfied and disappointed with the level of workmanship carried out by LCC in this particular area. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department again to ask if the footway could be included in the mowing schedule as an ‘urban’ cut.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>10. Overgrown Footpath from St. Lukes Church to Main Street, Gaddesby – It was understood that the footpath from St. Lukes Church to Main Street, Gaddesby no longer required mowing.</p> | |
| <p>11. Additional Street Nameplate, Baggrave End, Barsby – Nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to contact MBC to remind them of the request for an additional street nameplate, Baggrave End, Barsby.</p> | Clerk |
| <p>12. Telephone Kiosk, Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Nothing to report in the absence of Councillor Walton.</p> | |
| <p>13. St.Lukes Church, Gaddesby : Transfer of the Responsibility of the ‘Closed’ Churchyard – Following the letter sent to Mrs Kathryn Deacon, the Church Warden at St. Lukes Church, Gaddesby, a response was received, which as requested, provided GPC with a copy of the minutes of the PCC meeting held on the 20th June 2019, when the decision was made to transfer the responsibility of the ‘closed’ area of the churchyard to GPC. The letter of response provided GPC with an explanation of the decision behind the transfer of the responsibility. A letter and notice to transfer the responsibility to MBC was forwarded to Mr Raman Selvon at MBC with a copy of the letter being sent to the Chief Executive, Mr Edd De Coverly.</p> | |

Matters Arising cont.

13. St. Lukes Church, Gaddesby : Transfer of the Responsibility of the ‘Closed’ Churchyard cont. – Following this the Clerk spoke with Mrs Dawn Garton, the Director for Corporate Services at MBC who explained the financial implications to consider when transferring the responsibility of the ‘closed’ area of the churchyard to MBC. The key points were forwarded to GPC in an email; this was circulated to all Councillors for consideration. After further discussions, Councillors agreed to continue with the transfer of the responsibility of the ‘closed’ area of the churchyard to MBC; the Clerk would inform Mrs Garton of the decision made by GPC.

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14. D66 Footpath, Baggrave End, Barsby, LE7 4RB – An email had been received from Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for LCC to advise that he visited the D66 Footpath, Baggrave End, Barsby and found only a few nettles around the entrance to the footpath, which he subsequently trimmed back. Mr Bye commented that the footpath is open and appears to be reasonably well maintained by the landowners.

15. Overgrown Hedge, Church Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RF – Councillors were unsure if the overgrown hedge had been trimmed back.

16. Request for Hedgehog Warning Traffic Sign – An email had been received from Mr Zubair Novsarka, Senior Technician, Traffic and Signals at LCC to advise that LCC would not be able to place signs without full consideration of the matter. Hedgehogs, like any animal, can appear anywhere on the network, therefore if LCC are to consider these signs, as per the stipulations set out by the Department For Transport, the Wildlife Officers would be required to identify accident and wildlife hotspots and limit signs to these locations only. This is a consistent approach used across the Leicestershire network in order to not dilute the effectiveness of necessary warning signs.

17. Road Traffic Accident, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby – Following the recent road traffic accident, the Clerk emailed, LCC Highways Department to ask if it would be possible to move the 30mph speed limit signs beyond the entrance to Gaddesby village? A response had been received from Mr Zubair Novsarka, Senior Technician, Traffic and Signals at LCC to advise that when considering speed limits, whether it’s introducing a new speed limit or proposing a change to an existing limit, the Council does so in accordance with the guidance set out by the Department For Transport (DfT). Whilst LCC were saddened to hear of a fatal accident at this location, a major consideration to any change in speed limit is compliance ie, given the surrounding environment, would motorists adhere to the speed limit. Having analysed the local environment, the road heading towards the village is surrounded by fields on both sides of the road, in addition to the good condition of the carriageway and the fact it is a C class road, accordance to the DfT guidance, would suggest that the national speed limit is the appropriate limit. Given these reasons, LCC would be unable to consider the request made by GPC at the present time.

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Councillors felt the response to be unsatisfactory as it was felt that Rearsby Lane was very busy stretch of highway, with a number of sharp bends, along with an adverse camber. There is also the additional hazard of Coles Nurseries to take into consideration. Councillors believed a site meeting with LCC would be necessary. Councillor Simon agreed to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Mr Novsarka at LCC with the concerns of GPC.

Correspondence

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

Planning Matters**‘For Information Only’**

a. Land to the South of The Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RH – Application submitted by Mr Peter Featherstone and Mrs Stella Harvey for the proposed erection of a dwelling. Notification had been received from MBC for the discharge of conditions 3 (Ground levels and materials), 4 (Drainage), 5 (Boundary Treatments) and 6 (Finished site levels – adjacent site levels). Relates to application number 19/00396/FUL.

Planning Decisions

a. The Hall, 2 Main Street, Gaddesby, LE7 4WG – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Jinks for a proposed new dwelling. (Replaces previously approved application number: 15/00826/FUL), has been granted planning permission by MBC.

b. 38 Paske Avenue, Gaddesby, LE7 4WJ – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs W Gadd for a proposed first floor rear extension, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

c. Street Record, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 – Application submitted 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, 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 ‘Feast Day’ held on Saturday, 31st August 2019, had been very successful.

Finance**Accounts paid since the last meeting:****Payment by Direct Debit:**

01.08.2019 – Biffa Municipal – Two green composting bins for the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area, total £104.00.

Accounts for payment:

Mr J N Simon – Reimbursement for the Neighbourhood Development Plan expenses, £131.91 plus reimbursement for the completion of a land search £6.00, total cheque £137.91.

Finance cont.**Payments Received:**

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account: £11,057.82.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £2,902.97.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Other Business

1. Street Light Columns – In view of the recent replacement of the street light column on Park Hill, Gaddesby, it was suggested that it may be beneficial to protect the bottom of the existing columns in order to prevent any further corrosion.

2. Light Out – Street Light Column adjacent to the Dairy Farm, 2 Main Street, Barsby, LE7 4RH – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the street light adjacent to the Dairy Farm, 2 Main Street, Barsby was out. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to E.ON.

Clerk

3. Overgrown Hedge, Gaddesby Lane, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TG – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the holly hedge situated along Gaddesby Lane, Ashby Folville opposite the Dalby Road junction had become overgrown. The Clerk would ask local farmer, Mr Alan Smith if he could trim back the hedge.

Clerk

4. Reinstatement of Traffic Calming Highway Markings, Ashby Road, Barsby, LE7 4RA – It had been noted that the yellow traffic calming highway markings along Ashby Road, Barsby near to Barsby crossroads had yet to be reinstated following the recent surface dressing of the highway. The Clerk was asked to email LCC, Highways Department to ask if they could reinstate the markings.

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Arrangements for the next meeting –

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

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chair.