

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

Mrs Helen Prangley, Director of Prangley Planning Limited

**Action**

**Apologies** – Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Pat Walton and Mr Gordon Bigam, Borough Councillor Mr Robert Child and County Councillor Mr J T Orson.

**Parishioner/Public Time**

There were no parishioners present.

**Holme Farm, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby:**

Mrs Helen Prangley, Director of Prangley Planning Limited attended the meeting to outline to Councillors the planning application which she is working on for Charnwood Developments to develop the site at Holme Farm, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby.

Mrs Prangley explained that she is currently preparing a full planning application in relation to the site and that the type of dwellings would differ slightly from the application previously submitted.

Mrs Prangley advised that the total number of dwellings proposed would remain the same, this being 14 in number with the breakdown as follows:

One two-bedroom bungalow, two three-bedroom bungalows, two three-bedroom houses, one four-bedroom house and two five-bedroom houses. With the affordable houses allocated as follows:

Four three-bedroom houses and two, two-bedroom houses.

Mrs Prangley advised Councillors that an updated tree survey had been carried out the previous week.

Councillors highlighted their concerns regarding the entrance to the site, in relation to the speed of the motor vehicles travelling along Rearsby Lane. It was felt that along with the concerns of the speed in which vehicles travel, entering and exiting the site was also a concern. In addition, the footpath to the village is very narrow for pedestrians.

Councillors asked Mrs Prangley if she would consider the style of the dwellings when putting the application together. Councillors advised that further details could be found in the Gaddesby Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors also asked if Mrs Prangley could give consideration to the required space and suitability of the parking for motor vehicles within the development. Councillors commented that parking within the village was currently a concern with families having more and more vehicles.

Councillors thanked Mrs Prangley for taking the time to attend the meeting.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2019/2020 33-38, 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 continued to be ongoing and would run until Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
3. **Gaddesby Children’s Play Area : Tree Root** – Councillor Simon informed Councillors that a letter had been sent to Mr and Mrs Lockwood from DWF Law LLP to invite them to agree to the joint appointment of an arboreal expert. A response had been received from the insurance company acting on behalf of Mr and Mrs Lockwood, which requested information and documents relating to the play area and to the surrounding trees. Councillors discussed the points raised; Councillor Simon would respond accordingly on behalf of GPC. Councillor Simon
4. **Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
5. **Overgrown Ash Tree, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
6. **Clerk’s Contract of Employment** – The Clerk read through the draft Contract of Employment and had made notes of possible amendments. Councillor Fox would read through the Contract again and would liaise with the Clerk with a view to putting together a final copy. Councillor Fox & Clerk
7. **Leaning Street Light Column, outside The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby** – Councillors were pleased to note that the leaning street light column near to The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby had recently been re-aligned by E.ON.
8. **RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report** – The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received from Mr Lewis Baines of Playscape Playgrounds, this being:
  - Slide – Supply and install two grass mats at slide run-out as a wear reduction measure. Manufacture and install a handrail around deck at top of slide to assist in conforming with BS EN1176, at a cost of £350.00 plus VAT £70.00 total £420.00.
  - Multi-play Unit – Supply and install new cradle seat to replace one of the flat seats. Top up areas of wear with top soil. Supply and install grass saver safety mats around multi-play unit to assist with conformation of BS EN1176, at a cost of £850.00 plus VAT £170.00 total £1,020.00.
  - Single Bay Swing – Remove rubber tiles and timber edging from underneath swings. Fill area with top soil and level. Supply and install grass saver safety matting to comply with BS EN1176 underneath swings, at a cost of £975.00 plus VAT £195.00 total £1,170.00.  
Total cost £2,175.00 plus VAT £435.00 £2,610.00.
 Councillors resolved to proceed with the repair works. However, Councillor Simon would telephone Mr Baines to ask if he would consider completing the work at a cost of £2,000.00 plus VAT. Councillor Simon would liaise with the Clerk. Councillor Simon & Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

**8. RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report cont.** – The Clerk met with local handyman ‘Tave’ on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to discuss the necessary repair work to the wooden children’s play house. Following which Tave supplied GPC with a quotation for the following works:

- To replace the roof, cover the rotten ply around the base where required, treat with Cuprinol Ultimate Garden Wood Preserver and remove old bolts, at a cost of between £350.00 and £445.00 depending on the choice of plywood to be used. Tave quoted for Marine Plywood at a cost of £60.00 plus VAT per sheet and Hardwood Plywood at a cost of £33.00 plus VAT per sheet.

Councillors agreed to proceed with the repair work to the play house and agreed to ask Tave to use Marine Plywood for the roof repairs. The Clerk would advise Tave of the decision.

**9. Footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby** – The Clerk again 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.

Notification had been received from LCC, Highways Department to advise that the LCC Grass Cutting Team would be looking into the matter and that they would notify GPC once a decision had been made.

**10. Overgrown Footpath/Area around War Memorial : St. Lukes Church, Gaddesby** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the grass area surrounding the War Memorial at St. Lukes Church, Gaddesby had become overgrown. Councillor Fox volunteered to trim the area prior to Armistice Day.

**11. Additional Street Nameplate, Baggrave End, Barsby** – Notification had been received from Ms Jodie Farlow, Environmental Services Technical Officer at MBC to advise that a street name plate for Baggrave End, Barsby would be included in the next street name plate order.

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

**13. St.Lukes Church, Gaddesby : Transfer of the Responsibility of the ‘Closed’ Churchyard** – Following further discussions at the September meeting, the Clerk confirmed with Mrs Dawn Garton, the Director for Corporate Services at MBC that GPC wished to transfer the responsibility of the ‘closed’ area of the churchyard to MBC.

**14. Overgrown Hedge, Church Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RF** – Councillors were of the opinion that the overgrown hedge, Church Lane, Barsby had yet to be trimmed back; the Clerk was asked to remind Mr and Mrs Murray of their responsibility to trim back the hedge which is overhanging the footpath.

Clerk

Councillor  
Fox

Clerk

**Matters Arising cont.**

**15. Road Traffic Accident, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – A further email was sent to Mr Zubair Novsarka, Senior Technician, Traffic and Signal at LCC to advise that whilst GPC noted his comments, it was felt the response to be unsatisfactory. The email detailed the points discussed by Councillors at the September meeting and asked to meet with Mr Novsarka at the site. Additionally, following the visit from Mrs Helen Prangle, Councillors resolved to forward a further email to Mr Novsarka to draw to his attention that there is planning permission for the development of 14 dwellings on the Holme Farm site, Rearsby Lane. As the carriageway falls away close to the entrance to the site, it was the opinion of Councillors that this would increase the danger from speeding traffic when entering and exiting the site. Councillor Simon would forward a map of the site to the Clerk; the Clerk was asked to then forward the map with the email to Mr Novsarka.

Councillor  
Simon &  
Clerk

**16. Light Out – Street Light Column adjacent to the Dairy Farm, 2 Main Street, Barsby, LE7 4RH** – Councillors were pleased to note that the street light had been repaired by E.ON.

**17. Overgrown Hedge, Gaddesby Lane, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TG** – The Clerk was pleased to report that local farmer, Mr Alan Smith, had trimmed back the holly hedge which is situated along Gaddesby Lane, Ashby Folville. The Clerk expressed thanks to Mr Smith on behalf of GPC.

**18. Reinstatement of Traffic Calming Highway Markings, Ashby Road, Barsby, LE7 4RA** – Councillors were pleased to note that the traffic calming highway markings along Ashby Road, Barsby near to Barsby crossroads had been reinstated in blue, albeit in a slightly different location.

**Correspondence**

**1. LCC, Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS)** – An email had been received to advise that LCC have developed a new Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS) to ensure its passenger transport provision is fit for purpose and cost effective.

The review of Melton Mowbray services is now complete and the intended course of action is as follows:

To integrate Services 23 (Melton Mowbray – Nether Broughton), 24 (Melton Mowbray – Bingham/Bottesford) and 25 (Melton Mowbray – Strathern); to integrate Services 100 (Leicester – Melton Mowbray) and 113 (Melton Mowbray – Oakham) and to replace Service 128 (Leicester – Melton Mowbray) with a demand responsive transport (DRT) service. All other Melton Mowbray services would remain unchanged.

The email informed that LCC now plan to engage with affected communities to inform them about the intended changes.

Community Engagement Meetings would be held in local Village Halls.

Councillor Hurst would attend the meeting in Great Dalby Village Hall on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Further Community Engagement Meetings for all affected Melton Mowbray services would take place at the Melton Civic Suite, Melton Mowbray during week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Councillor  
Hurst

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

**Planning Matters**

**a. Firs Farmhouse, 11 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby, LE7 4WB** – Application submitted by Mr Terence Warom for a proposed rear single storey extension to the existing property. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

**‘For Information Only’**

**b. 26 Park Hill, Gaddesby, LE7 4WH** – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Williams for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension.

**‘For Information Only’**

**c. Agricultural Building to the South of The Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RH** – Application submitted by Mr Peter Featherstone for a proposed new agricultural building.

**‘For Information Only’**

**d. Thatch Cottage, 18 Baggrave End, Barsby, LE7 4RB** – Application submitted, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed crown reduction by 1.5 metres in length of one Silver Birch Tree and for the felling of one Conifer Tree.

**e. ‘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. Notification had been received that an application had been made to the Secretary of State in relation to the planning application. Councillors noted that since the development of the Gaddesby Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which is undergoing regulation 14 - consultation, it is identified that the construction of more than three units on any windfall site in Barsby is opposed. Therefore, the Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of State to advise this additional comment which refers to Policy HBE 3 – windfall sites. The comments submitted to MBC still being applicable.

Clerk

**Planning Decisions**

**a. 6 Barrow Crescent, Gaddesby, LE7 4WA** – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Richard Nicholls for a proposed single storey rear and side extension has been granted planning permission by MBC.

**Representative Reports**

**1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – It was understood that the Ashby Folville and Barsby Parish Hall Harvest Supper would be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 commencing at 7.30pm, with tickets available at a cost of £10.00 each.

**2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that the ‘Friends of the Village Hall Green’ would be meeting on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for further bulb planting and cutting back of the roses and ivy. Councillor Hurst advised that Mr Henry Black had inspected the condition of the trees with a view to carrying out some necessary tree work. Planning consent had been applied for.

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

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.

**Accounts for payment:**

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30.09.2019, £572.89 plus 5% VAT £28.64, total £601.53.

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 30.09.2019, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Replacement street light column opposite Kentucky, Park Hill, Gaddesby, £1,091.00 plus 20% VAT £218.20, total £1,309.20.

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Repairs to faulty street light, Baggrave End, Barsby, £36.00 plus 20% VAT £7.20, total £43.20.

Total cheque to E.ON Energy Solutions Limited - £1,571.58.

The Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership renewal 2019/2020, total £106.00.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019, salary £1,333.28, expenses £111.67, total £1,444.95.

**Payments Received:**

26.09.2019 – MBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment for 2019/2020, total £7,000.00.

02.09.2019 – Barclays Bank Business Premium Account - Interest from 03.06.2019 to 01.09.2019, total £5.97.

**Estimated Balances:**

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account: £11,063.79.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £9,765.06.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

**Transfer of Funds:**

Councillors agreed that £3,000.00 should be transferred from the Community Account into the Business Premium Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

Clerk

**Other Business**

**1. Light Out – Street Light Column situated along Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the street light column, situated along Ashby Road, Gaddesby – half way along Lawn Wall, was out. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to E.ON.

Clerk

**2. Speeding of Motor Vehicles, Gaddesby** – Councillor Simon advised that he had received an email from a parent of children attending Gaddesby Primary School, regarding the speeding of motor vehicles in Gaddesby. The email highlighted the concerns of parents and advised that as a Police Officer and also a parishioner of the village, Mr Steve Freer, would endeavour to arrange for speed checks to be carried out within the village. It was understood, from the email, that a meeting would take place at the School in order to discuss the matter further. Councillor Simon agreed to attend the meeting as a parishioner of the village.

Councillor  
Simon

**Other Business cont.**

**3. Re-Wilding of Highway Verges** – It was understood that, following a recent campaign, ‘Plantlife’ had launched new guidelines to transform the management of highway verges. The aim of the project is to work with highway authorities, industry, the public and conservation partners to manage all highway verges with wild flowers and subsequently the wildlife they support. Highways England had agreed to cut verges only half as much in order to allow wild flowers to grow and flourish. Councillors noted the details of the campaign.

**4. Reserve Funds** – Councillor Simon raised his concern regarding the matter of reserving funds for potential unexpected expenditure, such as replacement street light columns. The Clerk advised, that after having spoken with the GPC Internal Auditor, Mr Richard Willcocks, he suggested that as a guide 50% of the total precept could be a recommended reserve fund. Mr Willcocks commented that as GPC held almost a years precept as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, that at the present time, it would probably not be considered necessary to retain further funds.

Councillors resolved to review the matter further when discussing the 2020/2021 budget/precept in November and December 2019.

**5. Fallen Tree across the footpath from The Lane to the field entrance, Barsby, LE7 4RH** – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that a tree had fallen across the footpath from The Lane into the field entrance at Barsby. It was understood that the tree was situated in the field belonging to the East family of Barsby Farm. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for LCC.

Clerk

**Arrangements for the next meeting –**

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chair.